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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Salt Lake Community College

STATE: UT

PROJECT TITLE : Rocky Mountain Solar Instructor Training Provider

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA 0000078	DE-EE0005677	GFO-0005677-001	GO5677

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

- A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)
- A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rationale for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide federal funding to the Salt Lake Community College to continue advancing the Solar Instructor Training Network (SITN). DOE funding would be used to implement internet-based "train the trainer" courses for photovoltaics (PV) and ongoing professional development and networking opportunities for trainees and other key partners.

DOE made two previous NEPA determinations for Phase 1 (GFO-10-165; CX A9, A11 and B5.1; signed 2/1/10) and Phase 2-4 (GFO-0002090-003; CX A9, A11 and B5.16; signed 8/8/12), which involved curriculum development, the establishment of programs through instructor training, and selection of additional institutions to include in the SITN. The purpose of this NEPA determination is to review the funding of Phases 2-4 through a new award, DE-EE0005677.

Phases 2 – 4 would continue to facilitate the creation of a well-trained, solar energy workforce by selecting additional institutions to include in the SITN. The Rocky Mountain Solar Training Provider Network would be offering updated and advanced training and consultation to instructors at existing schools to maintain and increase their knowledge of current industry workings. Participating schools and associated instructors would then offer training to students by integrating learning objectives, instructional curriculum and training pertaining to installation and maintenance of solar arrays into new and/or existing courses and programs.

Based on a review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined that the proposed project would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "information gathering" and A11 "technical advice and assistance" and is therefore categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Review completed by Logan Sholar on 09/15/14.

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____


NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

9/18/2014

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____