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



RECIPIENT:American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

STATE: DC

PROJECT TITLE : State Energy Efficiency Policy Benchmarking, Technical Assistance, and State & Local Economic Development Analysis

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number **Procurement Instrument Number** **NEPA Control Number** **CID Number**
 EE0006546 EE0006546 GFO-0006546-001

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:

The Department of Energy is proposing to provide funding to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), located in Washington D.C. for a variety of technical assistance activities with states and undertake new research and analysis on economic development relating to energy efficiency.

The proposed project would allow ACEEE to provide technical assistance to states where it has already completed an efficiency potential study, with a State Energy Efficiency Policy Database and State Energy Efficiency Scorecard. ACEEE would also target several new states that are ramping up energy efficiency activities, with technical assistance that would include energy efficiency potential assessments, policy analyses, and educational toolkits. Finally, the project would undertake new research and analysis on economic development to assist state and local governments to move energy efficiency and other clean energy projects and policies forward with quantitative analysis of economic development impacts.

This project would include literature searches and information gathering, data analysis, computer modeling, information dissemination, conceptual design, paper studies, technical advice and planning assistance.

DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions covered under DOE CX A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and A11 "Technical advice and assistance to organizations" and therefore is 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 :

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Submitted by Diana Heyder 9/18/2014

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: _____