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



RECIPIENT: Association of Village Council Presidents

STATE: AK

**PROJECT TITLE :** Sharing Information and Providing Directed Technical Assistance and Other Energy Project Development Support to Alaska Native village Tribal Governments

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
Non-competitive DNFA	DE-EE0006759	GFO-0006759-001	

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 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), located in Bethel, Alaska, to support Alaska Native villages and corporations through information sharing, education, capacity building, and technical assistance.

AVCP will provide information to 56 Alaskan Native tribal governments in remote western Alaska along the Yukon River, Kuskokwin River and Bering Sea, to help promote clean energy and energy efficiency projects that reduce the cost of energy for rural, remote Alaskan Native villages.

## Tasks include:

- Sharing information through regional meetings or workshops;
- Providing education and outreach materials through web announcements and webinars;
- Providing technical assistance for community based energy planning, project evaluation, and prioritization;
- Increasing the capacity of the AVCP staff to support clean energy and energy efficiency training.

For all tasks identified no new construction, permits, licenses, authorizations, or modifications to existing facilities will be required to conduct the work in these tasks.

No additional affects to resources or additional concerns were found to exist during this review.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the project would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, data analysis and computer modeling," 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 :

Tribal Energy Program  
This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA Provision.  
NEPA review completed by Roak Parker, 11/13/2014

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 11/13/2014

**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: \_\_\_\_\_