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



RECIPIENT: James Madison University

STATE: VA

PROJECT TITLE : Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Opportunity Center

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000854	DE-EE0006932	GFO-0006932-001	GO6932

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.)

Rationale for determination:

James Madison University would utilize DOE and cost share funding to develop and populate a database that features a supplier tool prepared by gathering national supplier information and releasing and maintaining a public directory tool for interaction with the data. Also, a web portal would allow users to identify suppliers that meet their needs for fuel cell parts and services. Concurrently, an outreach strategy and educational material would be used to drive interested companies to the database where they can learn, advertise, and make business to business connections.

All activities would occur within existing facilities. Activities include website content and database development. Personnel would gather national supplier information, encourage suppliers to become engaged in the hydrogen industry, and maintain a public directory tool for interaction with the data. Primary activities would be creation of online tools, maintenance of a website and project management.

Based on review of the project information, DOE has determined that the proposed project activities would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined that these activities are consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and are categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

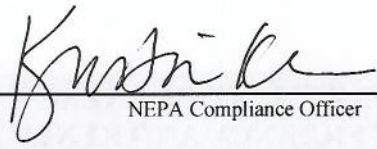
Insert the following language in the award:

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 :

Fuel Cells Technologies Office
This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.
Casey Strickland 03/31/15

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 4/1/2015

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: _____