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



**RECIPIENT:** Performance Systems Development of New York, LLC

**STATE:** NY

**PROJECT TITLE:** The OpenEfficiency Initiative: Piloting an open source solution to overcome market barriers to commercial energy savings

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-001168	DE-EE0007067	GFO-0007067-001	GO7067

**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 Performance Systems Development of New York, LLC to increase the range and depth of energy savings from whole building commercial energy efficiency programs through reduced program administrative costs and better alignment of program operations with private-sector market experience.

The proposed activities would include project management, network development, program design, open efficiency platform (OEP) configuration, launch and delivery of pilot OEP, review, optimization and market expansion of OEP. Performance Systems Development of New York LLC would handle software development, project management and coordination efforts from their office in Ithaca, NY. As part of the outreach strategy on-site training would be offered at the conclusion of this project. However, all other associated activities would be limited exclusively to intellectual, academic, or analytical activities.

The proposed project would use no physical materials beyond basic office supplies and software. There are no known or potential health and safety hazards to the public or project workers that may occur at any of the chosen locations. Emissions from stationary sources, such as boilers, process heaters, generators and mobile sources, such as vehicles, would occur from typical office environment work. Garbage including typical office trash would be generated and they would be recycled where possible.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined 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, analysis, and dissemination" and A11 "Technical advice and assistance to organizations" 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 :

Building Technologies Office

This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Review completed by Rebecca McCord on 06/04/2015

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:



Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin

Date: 6/11/2015

NEPA Compliance Officer

**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:

Date:

Field Office Manager