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



RECIPIENT: National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCS) STATE: DC

PROJECT TITLE National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCS) Training and Technical Assistance Contract

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number
DE-EE0007239 GFO-0007239-001

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 National Association for State Community Services Programs to provide training and technical assistance. The proposed efforts would include: training and orientation to new and existing Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) state directors and staff, conduct and coordinate energy related conferences and training, technical assistance for WAP state directors, assist with Grantee Communications to increase program awareness and recognized value of the WAP, and plan and organize regional conferences to provide training and information on DOE initiatives specific to each region.

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 :

Weatherization & Intergovernmental Programs Office
This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.
NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder 09/29/2015

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 9/30/2015

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: _____ Date: _____
 Field Office Manager

DOE has determined that this project is categorical with actions covered under DOE CX A8. 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 action based on the following language in the statute:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objectives of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer (identified in Item 11 of the Project Assistance Award Notice) regarding your request for modification approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing work beyond that currently approved.

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The NEPA determination does not require a formal NEPA provision

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Signature of this Memorandum: _____

Signature of Contract Officer: _____

Date: 9/30/2015