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

**RECIPIENT:**The Solar Foundation**STATE:** DC**PROJECT TITLE**
: Solar Training Network and Solar Ready Vets

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0001329	DE-EE0007319	GFO-0007319-001	

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 Solar Foundation to increase understanding of the solar jobs market, industry needs, and costs and potential savings associated with training; create a model for interested military bases and local training providers to establish or participate in a Solar Ready Vets (SRV) program; and create a self-sustaining framework for greater connection between solar employers, training institutions, workforce investment boards, and trainees.

The proposed project would establish a Solar Jobs Strategy Commission comprised of industry and other stakeholders and convene quarterly meetings to increase the visibility of the Solar Training Network (STN) and SRV program. The project would analyze existing data, gain insights on industry needs, and plan and organize events to engage training providers, trainees, and employers. The project would also conduct outreach activities to increase partnership and program creation between training providers and military bases for SRV by providing a national curriculum and starter-kits to military bases, training providers, and employers. Proposed activities would be limited exclusively to intellectual, academic, or analytical activities. Project participants would use no physical materials beyond basic office supplies and software.

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.

