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



**RECIPIENT:** DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001042

**STATE:** Mult

**PROJECT TITLE :** National Incubator Initiative for Clean Energy (NIICE)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0001042		GFO-FOA0001042-001	

**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:**

DOE is providing to issue a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) titled the "National Incubator Initiative for Clean Energy." The FOA invites applications that would:

- Improve the performance of existing and new clean energy business incubators across the country by setting a high performance standard, fostering best practices, and improving coordination of the incubator community;
- Strengthen support for early-stage companies developing high-risk technologies and scaling from prototype to domestically-based production; and
- Catalyze investment in early-stage clean energy businesses by improving information regarding capital access for incubators, including the disseminating analysis and materials on philanthropic funds, corporate venture, and other innovative financing mechanisms.

The purpose of this FOA is to fund projects in two topic areas:

- Topic #1: National Clean Energy Incubator Organization - support a national organization to advise and coordinate existing regional incubators, develop innovative early-stage financing mechanisms, provide performance tracking and analysis, foster best practices, and offer other supporting services.
- Topic #2: Individual Clean Energy Incubators - support the development of new and existing nonprofit clean energy incubators through direct cooperative agreements with regional organizations.

All activities completed under this FOA would be limited to "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination", and "technical advice and assistance to organizations". Therefore, CX A9 and A11 apply to the FOA and the projects selected for award.

This NEPA Determination applies to the issuance of the FOA and all projects funded through the FOA. If a selected applicant proposes to conduct work that is not consistent with the categorical exclusions in this determination, further NEPA review will be required.

**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 :

This NEPA Determination applies to the issuance of the FOA as well as all awards selected under the FOA, provided the scope of the selected awards remains consistent with the intent of the FOA as currently described. If selected applicants propose to use project funds for activities outside the scope of this NEPA Determination, additional NEPA review will be required.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 1/2/2014  
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