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



RECIPIENT: Washington State Department of Commerce

STATE: WA

PROJECT TITLE : Energy OutWest Peer Exchange

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
NA (DNFA)	EE0006298	GFO-0006298-001	

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 Washington State Department of Commerce, to fund the Energy OutWest (EOW) Peer Exchange Network. The EOW would provide technical assistance and training to the Weatherization Assistance Program network of providers. The Western states and tribes currently in the network include Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Washington, as well as the Navajo Nation and Tribes served by the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, and encompasses over 100 local agencies providing low-income weatherization service. Additional Western states could join the network. The proposed project would provide support for EOW regional peer exchange meetings, peer mentoring, and technical and programmatic training and conferences which is not covered by individual state weatherization training and technical assistance funding. The goal of EOW is to enhance and improve the quality of work performed under the Weatherization Assistance Program.

This project would include planning, paper studies, outreach, and information dissemination, as well as training workshops in the Western states.

DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions covered under DOE CX A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination" and CX 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 :

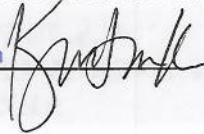
This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Diana Heyder 2/21/2014

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

Electronically Signed By: **Kristin Kerwin**
NEPA Compliance Officer



Date: 2/21/2014

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: _____

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