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



RECIPIENT: Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

STATE: WI

PROJECT TITLE : The Grow Solar Partnership

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DEFOA0000788	DE-EE0006544	GFO-0006544-001	

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 Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) to strengthen the Midwest Grow Solar Partnership to develop the relevant authority, coordination, and reach to scale the solar PV market across the Midwest.

The proposed project would provide technical assistance to municipal jurisdictions, utilities, developers, and policymakers to streamline approval processes, demonstrate scalable financing arrangements, and clarify the impacts of policies related to the installation of solar photovoltaic arrays on residential, commercial, and utility sites.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined that the proposed activities would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, analysis and dissemination" and A11 "technical advice and assistance to organizations," and 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 :

Review completed by Logan Sholar on 07/31/14.

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____



Kristin Kerwin

Date: _____

7/31/2014

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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

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