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



RECIPIENT: Window Coverings Manufacturing Association (WCMA)

STATE: NY

PROJECT TITLE : Certification and Rating of Attachments for Fenestration Technologies (CRAFT)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0001000	DE-EE0006632	GFO-0006632-001	GO6632

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	Description
	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.)

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the Window Coverings Manufacturing Association (WCMA) for the development of a Fenestration Attachment Rating and Certification Program (tentatively called FARCP). The WCMA by-laws will be amended to establish a FARCP under its existing business structure. FARCP will ensure the program delivers unbiased, credible, comparable, relevant, and cost-effective fenestration attachment energy rating and certification procedures for both the residential and commercial sectors.

The FARCP would deliver a consistent set of energy performance-based rating and certification standards and procedures for residential and commercial fenestration attachments, in collaboration with stakeholders. The FARCP would include implementation of rating, certification, labeling, and performance verification procedures for residential and commercial fenestration attachment products. These tasks would be completed solely through the use of computer modeling and website/ database design.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed research and development activities described herein 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 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.

Note to Specialist :

This NEPA determination does not require a tailored provision.
Review completed by Rebecca McCord 08/07/2014.

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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

 Electronically Signed By: Lori Gray / *Lori Gray*
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 8/7/2014

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: _____