

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



**RECIPIENT:** National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)

**STATE:** VA

**PROJECT TITLE:** Supporting State and Territory Energy Offices and the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs to Implement State Energy Program – Supported Technical Assistance Activities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DNFA	DE-SE0001072	GFO-0001072-001	

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), 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 (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO). Proposed efforts would include technical assistance to the State and Territory Energy Offices (hereinafter "State Energy Offices"), as well as provide communication and coordination assistance between DOE and the State Energy Offices on the implementation of DOE's State Energy Program (SEP). Efforts would be directed to activities supported under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and SEP annual formula funding.

Key NASEO activities would include facilitating a best practice exchange among State Energy Offices on clean energy planning and implementation through IIJA. Additional support would be provided with rapid-response technical assistance to address planning, implementation, and administrative needs of the states, with a focus on elevating challenges faced by the State Energy Offices. Strategic planning and implementation support on a multi-state basis to deliver efficient and coordinated energy program implementation would also be available. Lastly, NASEO would enhance state-federal collaboration with SEP annual formula funding and other IIJA-supported formula funding to help the State Energy Office's build capacity for program implementation by leveraging local expertise.

All activities in this award would be limited exclusively to intellectual, academic, or analytical activities. Based on the types of activities, DOE does not anticipate any impacts to resources of concern.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

Office of State and Community Energy Programs – State Energy Programs  
(State Energy Program Transformation & Planning)  
NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder, 3/12/2024

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D,

Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Signed By: **Casey Strickland**

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 3/12/2024

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

- Field Office Manager review not required
- Field Office Manager review required

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_