

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



RECIPIENT: EERE

STATE: DC

PROJECT TITLE : Clean Energy Careers for All Workforce Development Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number
PIA NA GFO-CleanEnergyCareersPIA-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:

A8 Awards of certain contracts	Awards of contracts for technical support services, management and operation of a government-owned facility, and personal services.
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:

In November 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a Broad Agency Announcement indicating an interest in entering into one or multiple agreements with Partnership Intermediaries (PI) to work with DOE's Office of Technology Transitions (OTT), other DOE programs, and DOE National Laboratories and Facilities. Through one or more Partnership Intermediary Agreements (PIA), DOE would expand its capabilities to connect and engage with the broader energy and national security ecosystem and address gaps facing companies, organizations, and communities seeking to engage with DOE and/or develop, scale, commercialize, deploy, and adopt technologies relevant to DOE's mission.

OTT and DOE's Integrated Strategies Office are proposing to enter into an agreement with EnergyWerx to serve as the PI for the Clean Energy Careers for All workforce development project. The project would fund proposals from non-profit organizations, including engineering and technical societies, that are qualified to reach and best develop strategic programs that meet the need for a diverse American energy workforce.

DOE is proposing to utilize the PIA to administer a competitive solicitation process to determine grant selectees. Activities related to this solicitation would include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

1. Complete market research to identify potential Track 1 applicants.
2. Publish and publicize the solicitation.
3. Coordinate public information sessions during the open solicitation period.
4. Provide technical application support.
5. Support DOE in DOE's efforts to evaluate applications and select awardees.
6. Support the award negotiation and funding process, including planning for future Track 2 solicitation awards.
7. Meet regularly with DOE program staff.

The program would have two phases. It is anticipated that 7-10 participants would be selected in Phase 1. The top 3-5 participants would have the option to continue in a Phase 2, which would be subject to availability of funds. Selected organizations would perform outreach, promote exposure to, and provide future growth of, the clean energy workforce sector while working with K-12, community college, undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, and other important potential future clean energy workforce stakeholders.

Proposed award activities would consist exclusively of intellectual, academic, and analytical activities, technical

assistance, information dissemination, and community engagement. Based on the type of activities proposed, DOE does not anticipate any adverse impacts to sensitive resources as a result of the utilization of the PIA as described above.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

Integrated Strategies Office
NEPA review completed by Brittany White, 7/8/2024

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: _____

 Electronically Signed By: **Andrew Montano**

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 7/9/2024

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: _____