

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



RECIPIENT: TBD through PIA

STATE: Mult

PROJECT TITLE: IEDO Industrial Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, and Decarbonization (ISEED) Workforce Development Collaborative

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0011472	GFO-0011472-001	

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.)
A8 Awards of certain contracts	Awards of contracts for technical support services, management and operation of a government-owned facility, and personal services.
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) entered into a Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) with Partnership Intermediary (PI) EnergyWerx to establish the Industrial Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, and Decarbonization (ISEED) Workforce Development Collaborative. This funding would be limited to technical assistance and outreach activities and would support workforce development programs. These programs would strengthen the ability of the workforce to decarbonize the US industrial sector while prioritizing American workers and preparing them for good-paying middle-class jobs.

The ISEED Collaborative would convene and support several training and workforce development organizations (Collaborative members) to help grow the workforce knowledge and skills needed to decarbonize the US industrial sector. More specifically, they would scale existing and proven programs more broadly. They plan to integrate energy efficiency and decarbonization content into established national/broad sectoral workforce development networks and create programs to close critical gaps in manufacturing workforce development. They would additionally work towards improvements in manufacturing training accessibility for workers and align training programs to industry needs.

The ISEED Collaborative would use its outreach networks to notify potential applicants of the funding opportunity, run the solicitation and manage the contracting process. They would also serve as the facilitator and collaborate, as appropriate and as approved, with third-party performers on efforts that support ISEED objectives. These objectives include conducting market research, publishing and publicizing the solicitation, coordinating public information sessions during the open solicitation period, providing technical application support, assisting with application evaluations to select collaborative members, supporting award negotiation and funding, and meeting regularly with IEDO program staff. The selection of specific awards based on this solicitation and are yet to be determined.

All activities from selected projects would consist exclusively of intellectual, academic, analytical activities and technical advice/assistance. DOE has determined that any project selected for financial assistance through this PIA would consist of activities that would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. Thus, based on the types of activities proposed, DOE does not anticipate any adverse impacts to sensitive resources as a result of the execution of this PIA.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization Office
NEPA review completed by Chris Akios, 07/16/2024

This NEPA Determination applies to the issuance of this PIA as well as all awards selected under this PIA, provided the scope of the selected awards remains consistent with the intent of the PIA as currently described. If selected applicants propose to use project funds for activities outside the scope of this NEPA Determination, additional NEPA review would be required. Applicants would also be required to contact their Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization Office Project Officer regarding any proposed changes in scope.

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:



Andrew Montano

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 7/15/2024

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: