

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



RECIPIENT: Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize Winners

STATE: DC

PROJECT TITLE: Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize

**Funding Opportunity Announcement
Number**

**Procurement Instrument
Number**

NEPA Control Number
GFO-GoodJobsCleanEnergyPrize-
001

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Number**

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 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to authorize the administration of a prize competition (the Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize, or Prize) to advance economic justice in the clean energy transition by ensuring that new and existing clean energy jobs would be accessible to everyone, including to individuals with a barrier to employment and underrepresented populations. Awards would be provided for eligible entities to form coalitions to take steps to close gaps in place-based economic and workforce development and build partnerships and pipelines to the clean energy sector.

DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is launching the Prize under the umbrella of the American-Made Challenges Program. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (Golden, Colorado) is administering the Prize, which is a three-phased competition with up to 15 winners in Phase One (\$50k each), up to 10 winners in Phase Two (\$100k each), and up to 10 winners in Phase Three (\$300k – first place; \$250k – second place; \$200k – third place, and \$125k – seven runners-up). Winners would be awarded for collaborating and securing partnerships to share information, resources, and knowledge, and for developing and implementing a Coalition Action Plan detailing how to incorporate training and address employment and workforce challenges.

Based on the review of the Prize Official Rules and a description of the anticipated activities and goals associated with each Phase, DOE has determined that no adverse impacts to resources of concern are expected as a result of the administration of this Prize. Any work proposed to be conducted at a federal facility may be subject to additional NEPA review by the cognizant federal official and must meet the applicable health and safety requirements of the facility.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

Integrated Strategies Office
NEPA review completed by Brittany White, 7/16/2024

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:  Andrew Montano Date: 7/17/2024
NEPA Compliance Officer

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: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager