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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: Pinellas County, FL **STATE:** FL

PROJECT TITLE: Pinellas County, FL

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0000795.001(S)		0

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 (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The following activities fall within the bounds of the signed SOW and therefore are categorically excluded under NEPA:

Activity 2. Community Energy Program - Educational/Outreach activities
Activity 4. Solar Powered Traffic Control Device Replacements
Activity 5. Land Development Code Modifications to incorporate Energy Conservation Provisions
Activity 6. Green Homes Program (with the exception of the following sub-activities: natural gas on demand water heaters and installation of reflective roof replacements
Activity 7. Retiming of Traffic Signals
Activity 8. Energy Analysis and Outcomes

The following activities fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW, but qualify for a categorical exclusion under NEPA:

Activity #6 Green Homes Program (sub-activities that fall outside the bounds of the SOW, but can be categorically excluded):

Installation of natural gas on demand water heaters. This activity involves replacement of existing energy inefficient residential electric water heaters with efficient natural gas water heaters. This activity is categorically excluded under NEPA under B5.1 (Actions to Conserve Energy). DOE has made a final NEPA determination on this activity.

Replacement of existing roofs with reflective roofs. This activity involves replacement of existing energy inefficient residential roofs with energy efficient reflective roofs. This activity is categorically excluded under NEPA under B5.1 (Actions to Conserve Energy). DOE has made a final NEPA determination on this activity.

Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds to implement Activity #6 sub-activity residential roof replacement, Lee County has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that it has a waste management plan addressing waste generated by their proposed actions. The plan will describe the plan to dispose of any sanitary or hazardous waste, e.g. construction and demolition debris, old light bulbs, lead ballasts, piping, roofing materials, discarded equipment, debris, asbestos, etc. generated as a result of the proposed project. The recipient must ensure that it will comply with all federal, state and local regulations for waste disposal.

NHPA Requirements

Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds to implement Activity #6 sub-activity residential roof replacement, Lee County, the RECIPIENT has the affirmative responsibility to ensure compliance with Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The RECIPIENT must contact the State Historic Preservation Officer in regards to the potentially historic buildings listed above. Supporting document will be reviewed by the DOE as part of its post-award monitoring.

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW, with the exception of the two Activity #6 sub-activities categorically excluded herein) will require a separate NEPA determination review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:
Activity #3 Clearwater District Cooling requires a separate NEPA review determination.
This restriction does not preclude you from:

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 3/31/10
NEPA Compliance Officer

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: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager