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

RECIPIENT: Franklin County Commissioners **STATE:** OH

PROJECT TITLE : Franklin County ARRA-EECBG (S) - Act 1 (Energy Retrofit Program)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
81.128	DE-EE0000709		OH0

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.

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

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.

Rational for determination:

The following Project Acitivity Sheet (PAS) submitted by Franklin County, Ohio, is bounded by the signed SOW: Energy Retrofit Program - Franklin County Government Center Retrofit Program. This PAS includes the purchase of energy efficient HVAC equipment to be used in the replacement of existing inefficient equipment in buildings that comprise the Franklin County Government Complex. The installation of the purchased equipment will not be funded through the EECBG Program.

The HVAC equipment to be purchased with EECBG funding includes energy efficient cooling towers, chillers, heat exchangers, pumps, and associated piping. Although these types of HVAC equipment are not explicitly listed in Part I (Bounded Categories) of the SOW, they are integral to the existing HVAC systems, are more energy efficient than the existing equipment, and are therefore categorically excluded from further NEPA review under A9, A11 and B5.1.

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW, other than the PAS identified above, will require a separate NEPA determination review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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You are required to:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 4/21/10
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