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

RECIPIENT: CA Community Colleges **STATE:** CA

PROJECT TITLE : CA/Hawaii Provider of Solar Instructor Training

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-EE0002092	DE-EE0005679	GFO-0005679-001	

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, 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.
B5.16 Solar photovoltaic systems	The installation, modification, operation, and removal of commercially available solar photovoltaic systems located on a building or other structure (such as rooftop, parking lot or facility, and mounted to signage, lighting, gates, or fences), or if located on land, generally comprising less than 10 acres within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide federal funding to the California Community College to continue advancing the Solar Instructor Training Network (SITN). DOE funding would be used to implement internet-based "train the trainer" courses for photovoltaics (PV) and ongoing professional development and networking opportunities for trainees and other key partners.

DOE made a previous NEPA determination for Phase 1 (GF0-10-165; CX A9, A11 and B5.1; signed 2.1.2010), which involved curriculum development and the establishment of programs through instructor training. This NEPA determination applies to Phase 2 – 4.

Phase 2 – 4 would continue to facilitate the creation of a well-trained, solar energy workforce by selecting additional institutions to include in the SITN. At the selected institutions, instructors would teach the developed curriculum using existing equipment already at the schools. The proposed project would include hands-on training for PV and on-going professional development and networking opportunities for trainees and other key partners within the multi-state region.

Based on this information, DOE has determined the work outlined is consistent with activities identified in A9 (Information gathering, analysis and dissemination), A11 (technical advice and assistance) and B5.16 (solar photovoltaic systems).

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Cristina Tyler 8.6.2012

DOE Funding: $975,000
Cost Share: $0
Total Project Cost: $975,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 8/9/2012
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