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

RECIPIENT: CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection **STATE:** CT

PROJECT TITLE : CONNECTICUT SEP ANNUAL PY12

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	DE-EE0005301	GFO-0005301-001	

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:

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

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $453,000.00 of federal funding to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. DEEP will match the federal funding with $496,281.53 in state funds. Additionally, DEEP will carry over "Evergreen" funds from its Recovery Act SEP financing programs under this annual SEP award. These funds are not included in the annual SEP budget but will be tracked in this award.

DEEP proposes to fund the following market titles:

Administration:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used for management and coordination of state, local and federal energy programs, and for various policy and legislative initiatives.

Consumer Markets:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used to promote energy efficiency to the general public, both residential and commercial/industrial. Energy efficiency retrofits or renewable energy projects implemented under this market title are subject to additional NEPA review.

SEP Recovery Act Financing Program:
Under this Market Title DEEP would track and report on the use of Evergreen funds. No new activities or federal funds are associated with this Market Title.

State Facilities:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used for promoting energy efficiency in State facilities. Examples include a database to track energy usage and costs in state buildings, training on building codes, developing policy initiatives to reduce state agency energy usage, and using benchmark results to better target funds for efficiency projects. Energy efficiency retrofits or renewable energy projects implemented under this market title are subject to additional NEPA review.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact the human environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering" and CX A11 "technical advice." Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA 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:
Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Energy efficiency retrofits or renewable energy projects implemented under the Consumer Markets market title are subject to additional NEPA review.

Energy efficiency retrofits or renewable energy projects implemented under the State Facilities market title are subject to additional NEPA review.

This restriction does not preclude you from:
Activities that are administrative in nature, and activities under market titles that are limited to information gathering, analysis and dissemination, techincal advice and assistance.
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 :

DOE funding - $453,000.00
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin Date: 8/7/2012
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