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

RECIPIENT: Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security **STATE:** ME

PROJECT TITLE : State Energy Program Year 2012 Formula Grant

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	R130272	GFO-0130272-001	

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 $271,000 of federal funding to the State of Maine (ME) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. ME will match the federal funding with $54,200 in state funds.

ME proposes to fund the following market titles:
Administration:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used to collaborate with other agencies to coordinate state energy policy, to prepare energy policy reports and presentations, and to provide technical assistance to the Governor and the Legislature. Additionally, partnerships to support state energy policy goals would be sought and monitoring of energy transmission policy and capacity planning would be conducted. The Maine Energy Assurance and Emergency Management Plan would be updated. Federal funds would also be used to promote the state on various energy committees. Finally funds would be used to explore the feasibility of ocean energy projects and to work with state utilities to develop policy for a pilot program (no federal funds will be used for final design or to fund the pilot program).

Comprehensive State Energy and Oil Reduction Planning:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used to revise Maine's energy plan and to establish a new plan for reducing oil consumption throughout Maine.

Energy Education:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used to provide training programs for trade organizations (HVAC, electricians etc.).
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 final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:
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.

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding - $271,000
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By Lori Gray / Lori Gray Date: 8/30/2012
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