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

RECIPIENT: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Energy Affairs Administration **STATE:** PR

PROJECT TITLE : Puerto Rico State Energy Program for PY2012

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	DE-EE0004807	GFO-0004807-001	GO4807

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 $372,000 of federal funding to Puerto Rico (PR) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. PR will match the federal funding with $74,409 in territory funds. Additionally, PR will carry over $312,500 in SEP funds from PY2011, and $62,500 in local match, also from PY2011 funds.

PR proposes to fund the following market titles:
Administration and Management:
Under this Market Title, federal funds would be used to administer and manage the activities carried out under the State Energy Program, including planning and coordination of SEP activities, supervision of personnel, monitoring of the programs, reporting on the programs, and administrative procedures.

Energy Audits Program:
Under this Market Title, federal funds would be used to conduct energy audits in at least three facilities, with a maximum allowable cost in any one facility of $5,000. Audited facilities would be eligible for energy efficient retrofits or renewable energy projects, which would be funded under the Renewable Energy and Retrofit Program Market Title.

Renewable Energy and Retrofit Program:
Under this Market Title, federal funds would be used to provide grants and rebates for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems at government facilities. The primary technology to be acquired under this program would be photovoltaic electric generation equipment, but other renewable energy technologies are eligible. Energy efficiency retrofits would also be funded under this market title. Once facilities are selected, a list of those site(s) and the type of energy efficiency/renewable energy technology to be implemented will be submitted to DOE for further NEPA review.

Workshops, Trainings, and Education Program:
Under this Market Title, federal funds would be used to expand current energy conservation and public awareness activities, including the effort to provide an energy information community service, and to promote energy efficiency through the mass media. The program would consist of workshops for the public, activities for schools and non-profit groups, and training for government agencies
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:
Projects selected to receive funding under the Renewable Energy Market Title will be submitted for further NEPA review.
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.

DOE has not made a NEPA determination for this award, and funding for 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.
This restriction does not preclude you from:
DOE funding - $372,000
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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: 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 :