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

RECIPIENT: South Carolina Energy Office (SCEO) **STATE:** SC

PROJECT TITLE : State Energy Program - 2012 Formula Grant

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	EE0003884	GFO-0003884-001	

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.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $414,000 of federal funding to the state of South Carolina (SC) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. SC will match the federal funding with $362,000 in state funds. Additionally, SC will carry over $142,611.89 in Recovery Act SEP funds.

SC proposes to fund the following market titles:

Buildings:
Under this Market Title, SC would use federal funding for staff support and program administration, as well as providing educational workshops and limited travel. One renewable energy demonstration project would be funded by this market title. Upon selection, this project will be submitted for additional NEPA review and is conditioned pending a final NEPA review and determination.

Industrial Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:
Under this Market Title, SC would use federal funding for contractual services for workshops.

Operations, Strategic Planning, and Emergency Preparedness:
Under this Market Title, SC would use federal funding for staff support for data review, technical assistance, website maintenance, State Energy Emergency Plan activities, and supplies.

Public Information and Outreach:
Under this Market Title, SC would use federal funding for informational presentations to the public.

Renewable Energy Market Development:
Under this Market Title, SC would use federal funding for participation in various local technology councils, providing information to the public, and administering other energy programs.

Transportation Energy Efficiency, Conservation, and Alternative Fuels:
Under this Market Title, SC would use federal funding for providing information to the public, technical assistance, data collection, and other administrative activities.

SC would also continue to administer its two Recovery Act-funded financing programs: Energy Retrofits and Energy Efficiency Loan Fund. Both programs were previously CX'd.

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:
Buildings Market Title:
Upon selection, the renewable energy demonstration project will be submitted for additional NEPA review and is conditioned pending a final NEPA review and determination.

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.

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: $414,000
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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: 8/22/2012
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