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

RECIPIENT: Massachussetts Institute of Technology **STATE:** MA

PROJECT TITLE : MIT Clean Energy Prize

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000570	DE-EE0005596	GFO-0005596-001	EE7335

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.)

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide funding to support the Clean Energy Business Plan Competition. DOE funds would be used as award money to support the development of business plans. $100,000 of DOE funds will be used as prize money each year for three years. The remaining DOE funds would be used to support the administration and marketing of the competition.

The competition would provide student teams with professional networks, a mentorship program, education services, and media exposure to selected prize winners. DOE would have no involvement in any projects resulting from the prize competition.

This project comprises information gathering and dissemination, document preparation, publications, and informational programs. The proposed project is consistent with actions outlined in A9 (information gathering) and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further 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.

Note to Specialist :

John DuWaldt 12-07-2011

DOE Funds: $360,000
Cost Share: $ 0
Total Funds:$360,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Kristin Kerwin Date: 12/12/2011