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



RECIPIENT: University of Central Florida

STATE: FL

PROJECT TITLE : SOUTHEAST PROVIDER OF SOLAR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING (Southeast Solar Training Network)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000078	DE-EE0005678	GFO-0005678-001	

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:

This NEPA determination applies to Phase 2. DOE is proposing to provide federal funding to the University of Central Florida to continue developing the solar "train-the-trainer" program. DOE funds would be used to support the education, training and professional development of solar instructors

DOE made a previous determination for Phase 1 (GFO-10-093; CX A9 and B5.1; signed 2.1.2010). Phase 1 included assembly of photovoltaic (PV) modules on a 6 feet X 6 feet trailer.

UCF proposes to further develop a collaborative process used to train solar instructors. The training would involve co-teaching arrangements for new instructors to gain teaching experience, instructor training courses, expand training to include code and building officials, resource development groups that share best practices and develop collaborative agreements with other Regional Training Providers. Through this process, UCF would refine and expand this training program in partnership with other organizations throughout the Midwest.

Based on this information, DOE has determined the work outlined is consistent with activities identified in categorical exclusion A9 (information gathering) and A11 (technical advice and assistance to organization).

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Cristina Tyler 2.7.2012

DOE Funding: \$1,000,450

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

Date: 2/29/2012