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

RECIPIENT: Hudson Valley Community College: sub: Erie Community College. **STATE:** NY

PROJECT TITLE : Northeast Photovoltaic Regional Training Provider

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0002087	GFO-0002087-006	0

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.

B3.14 Small-scale educational facilities
Siting, construction, modification, operation, and decommissioning of small-scale educational facilities (including, but not limited to, conventional teaching laboratories, libraries, classroom facilities, auditoriums, museums, visitor centers, exhibits, and associated offices) within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Operation may include, but is not limited to, purchase, installation, and operation of equipment (such as audio/visual and laboratory equipment) commensurate with the educational purpose of the facility.

Rational for determination:

This NEPA determination applies to an additional location for a mock roof installation associated with Hudson Valley Community College Northeast Photovoltaic Regional Training Provider project (GFO-10-237; CX A9, A11 and B5.1; signed 3.4.2010) applied to Phase 1. This additional location is also part of Phase 1.

Hudson Valley Community College's sub-recipient Erie Community College (ECC) proposes to use federal funding to purchase equipment for a mock roof system to support the solar photovoltaic (PV) educational "Train the Trainer" program. Project activities would also include curriculum development and outreach activities.

EEC would construct a mock training roof and a small, pole-mounted PV array at 4196 Abbot Road, Orchard Park, New York 14203. ECC's campus is located 3 miles east of Lake Erie between Ralph Wilson Stadium and McKinley Mall. The proposed site is a graded and seeded yard with an existing school alumni house and weatherization pressure house that is under construction.

The proposed project would require minor excavation and trenching for conduit and footing installation. The mock roof would be approximately 14 feet x 28 feet and would have PV equipment installed and periodically removed for training. The PV pole mount system would consist of one pole extending a minimum of 8 feet tall with 10 to 14 PV panels installed permanently for instruction and data collection.

Based on this information, DOE has determined the work outlined is consistent with activities identified in categorical exclusion A9 (information gathering, analysis and dissemination), A11 (technical advice and assistance to organizations) and B3.14 (small-scale educational facilities).

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 :

Cristina Tyler 1.23.2012

DOE Funding: $40,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 1/27/2012

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