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

RECIPIENT: Midwest Renewable Energy Association Inc **STATE:** WI

PROJECT TITLE : Solar Instructor Training Network - Midwest Provider

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-EE0005676	DE-EE0005676	GFO-0005676-002	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:

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:

DOE is proposing to provide federal funding to the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) to develop a "train-the-trainer" program for solar technologies in a seven state region. DOE funds would be used to hire local coordinators to identify and manage local training networks.

DOE made a previous NEPA determination for Phase 1 (GFO-0005676-001; CX A9 and A11; signed 1.13.2012). This NEPA determination applies to Phase 2 only.

Phase 2 activities would include development of a collaborative process to train solar instructors. The training would involve co-teaching arrangements for new instructors to gain teaching experience, instructor training courses, resource development groups that bring instructors together to develop classroom resources and an instructor discussion group. Through this process, MREA 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:

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: $467,188
Cost Share: $58,463

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