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

RECIPIENT: Arkansas Energy Office **STATE:** AR

PROJECT TITLE : AEO-SEP-ANNUAL 2012

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	DE-EE0003777	GFO-0003777-001	

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:

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:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $365,000 of federal funding to the State of Arkansas under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Arkansas will match the federal funding with $115,250 in state funds and $50,000 in Stripper Well funds. Additionally, Arkansas will carry over $96,000 in federal appropriations, for a total of $626,250.

Arkansas proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Administrative Support:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support the continuing operation of the SEP activities performed by Arkansas Energy Office personnel.

Arkansas Policies and Planning Initiatives:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to promote policies, planning and energy code updates. This is performed through the Energy Efficiency Arkansas program which provides residents with information about cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation opportunities and promotes a diversified portfolio of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures to address economic and environmental objectives. The Market Title also supports training activities to increase Arkansas Energy Code adoption and compliance, and works with State Purchasing to promote a standard energy saving project contract process.

Arkansas State Energy Plan:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to continue to promote the State Plan to conserve energy, reduce the growth rate of energy demand and reduce dependence on imported oil.

Energy Efficiency Outreach and Education:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to convey energy efficiency information and resources to Arkansas residents to promote reductions in energy consumption.

Transportation Efficiency and Alternative Fuels:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to foster the creation and implementation of policies and procedures

to increase transportation efficiency, maximize reduction in petroleum dependence and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Arkansas Energy Technology Loan Fund:

Under this Market Title, AEO staff would provide administrative oversight of the revolving loan fund. A NEPA Template has been signed for this Market Title, any projects that fall outside the bounded categories of the NEPA Template will be submitted for NEPA review/approval.

State Building Sustainable Design Revolving Loan Fund:

Under this Market Title, AEO staff would provide administrative oversight of the revolving loan fund. A NEPA Template has been signed for this Market Title, any projects that fall outside the bounded categories of the NEPA Template will be submitted for NEPA review/approval.

HEAL Program:

Under this Market Title, AEO staff would provide administrative oversight of the financing program. A NEPA Template has been signed for this Market Title, any projects that fall outside the bounded categories of the NEPA Template will be submitted for NEPA review/approval.

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 by the financing programs, Arkansas Energy Technology Loan Fund, State Building Sustainable Design Revolving Loan Fund, HEAL Program, that fall outside the bounds of Arkansas' Template for Expedited NEPA review 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:
Any activities funded by the revolving loan programs that fall outside the bounds of Arkansas' Template for Expedited NEPA review are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.
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.

This restriction does not preclude you from:
Activities involving administrative activities, technical advice, education and outreach
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.

Note to Specialist :

Diana Scott 7.2.2012

DOE Funds: $365,000
Leveraged Funds: $261,250
Total Project Cost: $626,250

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: _____
NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION