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

RECIPIENT: Idaho Office of Energy Resources **STATE:** ID

PROJECT TITLE: Program Year 2012 State Energy Program Formula Grants

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA0000643	DE-EE0003681	GFO-0003681-003	

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:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $232,000 of federal funding to the State of Idaho's Office of Energy Resources (OER) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. OER will match the federal funding with $46,400 in state funds and will carry over $226,500 in federal funds.

OER proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Administration/Regional Energy Resource Collaboration:

Under this Market Title, OER would use federal funding to administer, monitor, and provide technical review of OER's State Energy Program and to coordinate Idaho's efforts related to multi–jurisdictional energy-related projects and initiatives that impact Idaho and other western states.

Government by Example:

Under this Market Title, OER would use federal funding to serve as the lead agency in an Idaho initiative referred to as Government Leading by Example. Funding would be used to create benchmarks for state-owned buildings within the Idaho Capital Mall that are 10,000 square feet or larger utilizing the U.S. EPA Portfolio Manager via data collection and analysis. OER is proposing to use a portion of federal funding to implement energy efficient retrofits at the Idaho Capital Mall. Retrofit projects proposed by OER are conditioned subject to additional NEPA review.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the adminstration of the 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 under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation 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:
Implementing retrofits under the Government by Example prior to additional NEPA review.
This restriction does not preclude you from:
Administration/Regional Energy Resource Collaboration.
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.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:
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.

Note to Specialist :

DOE Funding - $232,000
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin Date: 7/24/2012
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