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

RECIPIENT: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity **STATE:** IL

PROJECT TITLE : Illinois Program Year 2012 State Enegy Program Formula Award Application

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	NT43162	GFO-0043162-001	

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.
B5.22 Alternative fuel vehicle fueling stations	The installation, modification, operation, and removal of alternative fuel vehicle fueling stations (such as for compressed natural gas, hydrogen, ethanol and other commercially available biofuels) on the site of a current or former fueling station, or within a previously disturbed or developed area within the boundaries of a facility managed by the owners of a vehicle fleet. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.
B5.23 Electric vehicle charging stations	The installation, modification, operation, and removal of electric vehicle charging stations, using commercially available technology, within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions are limited to areas where access and parking are in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $1,300,000 of federal funding to the State of Illinois under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Illinois will match the federal funding with $260,000 in state funds. Additionally, Illinois will carry over $100,000 federal appropriations, for a total of $1,660,000.

Illinois proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Energy Program Administration:

Under this Market Title, Illinois would utilize funds for salaries and benefits of State Energy Office personnel and operational costs. Funds would also be used to assist with planning and implementation of the AWEA Windpower Conference and to provide assistance in the development of Illinois' renewable energy and energy efficiency policies.

Illinois Revolving Loan Fund Program:

Under this Market Title, Illinois SEO 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. 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.

E85 and Blender Pump Infrastructure Expansion Program:

Under this Market Title, Illinois would utilize funding to provide subgrants for equipment costs to install E85 fuel pumps

and systems at existing fueling stations. Funding will only be used for retrofits of existing pump equipment with upgraded blender pumps. Any proposed project locations involving groundbreaking activities or installation and/or modification of aboveground or underground storage tanks are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Electric Vehicle Pilot Program:

Under this Market Title, Illinois would utilize the funding to provide rebates for electric vehicle charging station installation and also continue to utilize funding for electric vehicle outreach and education activities. DOE authorizes projects using commercially available technology, within a previously disturbed or developed area. Actions are limited to areas where access and parking are in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Innovative Energy Efficiency Program:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to provide two grants to private businesses or public sector entities for energy efficiency retrofits of building equipment or processes. Based on the unknown locations and scope of work, this Market Title is conditioned pending further NEPA review.

Based on a review of the unknown project locations that would be funded with 2012 annual appropriations under "Illinois Revolving Loan Fund Program," and "Innovative Energy Efficiency Program," DOE has determined these Market Titles to be conditioned pending further NEPA review.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under "Energy Program Administration," "E85 and Blender Pump Infrastructure Expansion Program," and "Electric Vehicle Pilot Program," 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," CX A11 "technical advice," X B5.22 "Alternative fuel vehicle fueling stations," and CX B5.23 "electric vehicle charging stations."

Any further projects will require a separate NEPA determination 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 2012 annual appropriation activities funded under "Illinois Revolving Loan Fund Program," and "Innovative Energy Efficiency Program," Market Titles that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Any activities funded under "E85 and Blender Pump Infrastructure Expansion Program" Market Title that involve groundbreaking activities or installation and/or modification of aboveground or underground storage tanks are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Any activities funded by the ARRA Revolving Loan Fund Program that fall outside the bounds of Illinois' Template for Expedited NEPA review are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Market Titles: Energy Program Administration, E85 and Blender Pump Infrastructure Expansion Program and Electric Vehicle Pilot Program.

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 7.17.2012

DOE Funds: $1,300,000
Leveraged Funds: $360,000
Total Project Cost: $1,660,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 7/23/2012
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