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

RECIPIENT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY **STATE:** KY

PROJECT TITLE : STATE ENERGY PROGRAM (SEP)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	DE-EE0003793	GFO-0003793-002	NT3793

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 $488,000 of federal funding to the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Kentucky will match the federal funding with $97,600 in Commonwealth funds, for a total of $585,600.

Kentucky proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Department for Energy Development and Independence (DEDI) Program Management, Policy Development and Energy Security:

Under this Market Title, Kentucky would develop energy policies, manage State Energy Program contracts and sub-grants, Energy Star and special projects, and produce complex econometric models for quantitative analysis of energy and economic statistics supporting energy policy and program design, implementation and evaluation.

University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service (CES):

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to develop and update the CES display, which demonstrates residential construction models showcasing energy efficient measures, including appliances and HVAC equipment. The project would result in a demonstration that can be used for events where energy efficiency is highlighted.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Financing Program-Revolving Loan Fund-Kentucky Green Bank:

Under this Market Title, Kentucky would continue the operation of Kentucky Green Bank, a revolving loan fund for energy improvements for state government buildings. Loans would be repaid over time from the energy savings from the retrofits and the Bank would recycle the payments to make additional loans to public facilities. SEP Annual funds will only be used for administrative activity related to the program. A NEPA Template was signed for this Market Title, any projects that fall outside the bounded categories of the NEPA Template will be submitted for NEPA review/approval.

ARRA Financing Program-Kentucky Home Performance with Energy Star:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used for administrative costs associated with the program. A NEPA Template was 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 that fall outside the bounds of Kentucky's 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 Kentucky's 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 6.26.2012

DOE Funds: $488,000
Leveraged Funds: $97,600
Total Project Cost: $585,600

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 7/2/2012
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