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



RECIPIENT: Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

STATE: VA

PROJECT TITLE : PY 2012 State Energy Program Formula Grant

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000643	EE0000246	GFO-0000246-002	

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 \$674,000 of federal funding to the State of Virginia under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Virginia will match the federal funding with \$134,800 in state funds. Additionally, Virginia will carry over \$534,724.77 in federal appropriations, for a total of \$1,343,524.77.

Virginia proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

## Buildings:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support the building code training project and building code programs. It would provide three additional trainings and fund a web-based software tool to engage homeowners.

## Energy Education:

Under this Market Title, funding would support energy educational activities through workshops, seminars, listening sessions and conferences, while collaborating with stakeholders on a variety of energy subjects.

## Industry Incentives:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to conduct industrial energy assessments and to assist with energy conservation measures recommended from the audits. Based on unavailable information related to building retrofit work, this portion of the Market Title will be conditioned until further details are provided to make a determination.

## Planning and Administration:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to support the continuing operation of the activities performed by the Virginia Energy Office personnel. This also includes redesigning the webpage to increase ease of use and organization.

## Renewables:

Under this Market Title, Virginia would utilize funding to implement conservation and efficiency strategies, and support and promote renewable energy technologies. Funding would also be utilized for renewable energy deployment projects, based on unavailable information, this portion of the Market Title will be conditioned until further details are provided to make a determination.

Transportation:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to provide technical and administrative support for state activities and efforts related to the transition of the state fleet to alternative fuels.

Based on a review of the unknown project locations that would be funded under "Industry Incentives" and "Renewables" DOE has conditioned these Market titles pending additional project information. Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under "Buildings," "Energy Education," "Planning and Administration," and "Transportation" 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."

**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 "Industry Incentives" and "Renewables" Market Titles 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 7.6.2012

DOE Funds: \$674,000  
Leveraged Funds: \$669,524.77  
Total Project Cost: \$1,343,524.77

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

 Electronically Signed By Lori Gray / *Lori Gray*  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 7/9/2012

**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:

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Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_