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



RECIPIENT: Vermont Department of Public Service

STATE: VT

PROJECT TITLE : State Energy Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	R130672	GFO-R130672-004	

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 \$204,000 of federal funding to the State of Vermont under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Vermont will match the federal funding with \$71,971 in state funds. Additionally, Vermont will carry over \$40,000 in federal appropriations and \$14,112 in state funds, for a total of \$330,083.

Vermont proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Codes and Standards:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support the salary and benefits of staff responsible for the oversight of the State energy efficiency utility, residential and commercial energy codes, Act 250 review and other general activities.

Program Administration/M&E:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support salary and benefits for staff responsible for the administration of the SEP award and a new position responsible for assisting in the increased use of alternative vehicles and related infrastructure.

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency-Contractual:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized to implement policy changes and recommendations to the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. Research and studies would be submitted to the State Legislature and also to provide support for the statewide Renewable Energy Atlas.

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."

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Diana Scott 7.3.2012

DOE Funds: \$204,000
Leveraged Funds: \$126,083
Total Project Cost: \$330,083

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____



NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

7/3/2012

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: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____