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

RECIPIENT: Colorado Energy Office **STATE:** CO

PROJECT TITLE: COLORADO SEP ANNUAL - PY12

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	NT43196	GFO-0043196-001	

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:

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 $472,000 of federal funding to Colorado's Governor's Energy Office (GEO) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. The GEO will match the federal funding and/or carryover $453,546 in federal appropriations, for a total of $925,546.

The GEO proposes to fund the following Market Titles:
Agricultural Energy, Distributed Generation and Smart Grid:
This Market Title would promote distributed renewable energy generation in Colorado, follow-up on the 2011 release of Colorado's Smart Grid Task Force Report, and specifically target energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities in the Agricultural Sector.

Building Energy Efficiency:
This Market Title would use SEP funds to determine the preferred methods for increasing energy efficiency improvements in the residential and commercial sectors.

Communication, Public Outreach and Education:
This Market Title would implement several outreach and educational activities to increase the adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy in the state.

Energy Innovation:
Under this Market Title a database/portal would be developed to help emerging energy entrepreneur and companies moving to the state to connect with energy resources and investors, and to more easily navigate Colorado's Energy sector. A report on natural gas production best practices (energy efficiency, water conservation, air quality improvements, etc.) would also be drafted.

ENERGY STAR Mortgage:
Under this Market Title energy efficiency interest-rate buy down program would be reported and tracked for residential customers. This Market Title was initially established under Colorado's Recovery Act funded SEP.

Loan Loss Reserve (Evergreen):
Under this Market Title, the Green Colorado Credit Reserve would continue to be reported and tracked through this grant. This Market Title was initially established under Colorado's Recovery Act funded SEP.

Revolving Loan Fund (Evergreen):
Under this Market Title, the Revolving LoanFund would continue to be reported and tracked through this grant. This

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Transportation Fuels:
Under this Market Title, the GEO would gather real world data on alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies, evaluate energy performance contracting techniques for vehicle conversions, and conduct a fleet-based pilot project to collect and disseminate actual savings on a controlled and limited fleet.

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," CX A11 "technical advice." Any activities funded by the Evergreen programs that fall outside the bounds of Colorado'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 Evergreen programs that fall outside the bounds of Colorado'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 :

DOE funding - $472,000
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Kristin Ker Date: 6/25/2012
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