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

RECIPIENT: Iowa Economic Development Authority - Energy Division **STATE:** IA

PROJECT TITLE : Iowa State Energy Program Annual Award

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA0000643	NT43164	GFO-0043164-001	

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.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $436,000 of federal funding to the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Iowa State Energy Office (IEDA) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. The IEDA will match the federal funding with $87,200 in state funds and will carry over $252,240 in federal appropriations for a total of $775,440.

The SEO proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Support Business Development Activities Pertaining to Energy in Iowa:

Under this Market Title, IEDA would use SEP funding to advance economic development opportunities in Iowa through studies for other State's energy policies, collaboration with industry and provide workforce assistance to increase economic opportunities. IEDA would work with the Iowa legislature on creating financial incentives through tax credits to repurposing brownfields. IEDA would also work with existing industries and municipalities that own brownfields to help develop interest in repurposing brownfields into bright-fields.

Provide Assistance for Energy Efficiency, and Renewable Energy Development:

Under this Market Title, IEDA would use SEP funding to provide technical and financial assistance to industrial, commercial, and agricultural sectors in Iowa. Activities would include - technical information workshops and outreach, coordinating with Utilities and other stakeholders, building on Iowa Power Fund Energy Projects, Energy Improvement Plans Funding, establishing energy savings as evaluation criteria in current financing programs at IEDA, evaluating the impact of Utility incentive programs and work on energy code compliance.

Support and Promote Energy Policy Initiatives:

Under this Market Title, IEDA would use SEP funding to support national and state energy policies, oversee Iowa's Energy Assurance responsibilities, and to manage the Iowa Energy Office within the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

ARRA Financing Program: RLF – Public and Private Sector Energy Efficiency Loans:

Under this Market Title, the Revolving Loan Fund would continue to be reported and tracked through this grant. This Market Title was initially established under Iowa's Recovery Act funded SEP.

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 under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation 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 RLF – Public and Private Sector Energy Efficiency Loans programs that fall outside the bounds of Iowa'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 - $436,000
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ 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