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

RECIPIENT: Minnesota Department of Commerce **STATE:** MN

PROJECT TITLE: State Energy Program, Program Year 2012 Formula Grants

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	NT43166	GFO-0043166-001	

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 $666,000 of federal funding to Minnesota State Energy Office (SEO) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. The SEO will match the federal funding with $133,200 in state funds and will carry over $1,022,205 for a total of $1,821,405.

The SEO proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

SEP Administration:

Under this Market Title, the SEO would use federal funding to provide administrative oversight and program administration SEO Programs, financial activities, grants and contract management, and reporting for SEP-related federal and nonfederal grants.

Building Technologies:

Under this Market Title, the SEO would use federal funding to provide administrative support for energy efficiency improvements in public buildings. Activities include continuing to provide technical assistance to building owners; administration of the residential thermal insulation standards program, code compliance and providing assistance in benchmarking and monitoring building energy usage. All activities would be administrative.

Clean Energy Financing:

Under this Market Title, the SEO would use federal funding to continue a multi-year and in-depth planning and development process to establish a large-scale clean energy-financing program for the private sector.

Information and Outreach:

Under this Market Title, the SEO would use federal funding to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies through various outreach and education activities.

Renewable Projects

Under this Market Title, the SEO would use federal funding to continue to provide technical assistance to consumers, businesses, and policy makers on renewable energy and clean fuels resources, policies and technologies; serve on various renewable energy boards; administer the ongoing Minnesota Renewable Energy Production Incentive

program; and continue effort to increase distributed generation in the state.

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 final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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You are required to:
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Note to Specialist :

DOE funding - $666,000
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 6/26/2012
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