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

RECIPIENT: Nebraska Energy Office

STATE: NE

PROJECT TITLE : FY 2012 SEP Annual Grant

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	NT43200	GFO-0043200-001	

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 $293,000 of federal funding to the State of Nebraska under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Nebraska will match the federal funding with $58,600 in state funds, $231,802 from Stripper Well funds and $102,279.45 in Exxon funds. Additionally, Nebraska will carry over $411,221 in federal appropriations, for a total of $1,096,902.45.

Nebraska proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Energy Education:

Under this Market Title, funding would provide educational and promotional themed materials for use in schools, community organizations and building contractors. Energy efficiency would also be promoted in public forums, housing conferences and trade shows.

Nebraska's Revolving Dollar and Energy Saving Loan Program:

Under this Market Title, funding would cover the costs of monitoring, underwriting, application and payment processing for a low-cost loan program focused on energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Program Support:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to pay for the salaries of Nebraska Energy Office staff dedicated to compliance, reporting and monitoring.

Public Information:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to disseminate information on energy issues to elected officials and other policy makers, maintain the State's energy emergency plan. Funds would be used to promote energy information services, monitor the supply and price of traditional energy fuels, and provide a public forum for discussion of energy issues.

Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to provide technical assistance to builders, code officials, designers or other members of the construction industry to increase energy efficiency in the residential and commercial sectors.

Funds would also be used for participation in public forums and housing conferences.

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 6.25.2012

DOE Funds: $293,000
Leveraged Funds: $803,902.45
Total Project Cost: $1,096,902.45

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