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

RECIPIENT: Orange County Great Park Corporation **STATE:** CA

PROJECT TITLE : 2013 Solar Decathlon and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Showcase Event

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000521	DE-EE0005711	GFO-0005711-001	GO5711

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.)

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide funding to the Orange County Great Park Corporation for Phase 1 of the 2013 Solar Decathlon and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Showcase Event. Phase 1 Project Planning and Budgeting activities include developing an organization chart, site planning, infrastructure planning, sponsorship planning, project management and developing an event budget.

Phase 1 activities comprise information gathering, conceptual design, and information dissemination. As such CX A9 applies. DOE is also conducting NEPA review for the activities to be completed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in support of the event (NREL-12-016).

This NEPA determination is specific to providing financial assistance to the recipient for Phase 1 and Task 4 – Project Management only. Additional NEPA review for Phase 2 implementation activities is required and will be completed when sufficient project details are available to support the 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:
Phase 2 is prohibited at this time. Additional NEPA review is required prior to initiating Phase 2 activities.
This restriction does not preclude you from:
Phase 1 and Task 4.
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 :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 5/1/2012
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