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

RECIPIENT: Oregon Department of Energy **STATE:** OR

PROJECT TITLE : Association of Oregon Counties, Video Conferencing

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000926	GFO-0000926-007	0

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:

B1.7 Acquisition, installation, operation, and removal of communication systems, data processing equipment, and similar electronic equipment.

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

The State of Oregon proposes to provide $120,000 in Recovery Act funds to the Association of Oregon Counties for the installation of a video conference video bridge, associated equipment and software to support room, desktop web camera and telephone-based conferencing. The equipment will be located in Salem, OR and will connect all of Oregon's county governments. The intent is for the room conferencing system to accommodate up to 40 users, and the desktop web camera system to accommodate up to 200 users. Equipment includes a server, uninterruptable power supply and a rack system to provide equipment storage space.

The project will use existing communications infrustructure and no trenching or other earth distubance will be involved. Installation of these systems will provide opportunity for less travel to off site locations, reducing gasoline and energy resources.

Since this project will be located within existing facilities and not involve any new disturbances there will be no or negligible impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, wetlands, or other sensitive resources.

Based on the above information this project is categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX numbers B5.1 Actions to conserve energy and B1.7, Installation of communication systems.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Completed by Bill Knapp

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 11/19/10
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