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



(2.0402)

RECIPIENT: Clean Power Finance

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE : Software, Databases & Systems to Reduce Costs Associated with Solar

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000520	DE-EE0005349	GFO-0005349-001	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:

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:

Clean Power Finance is proposing to use DOE funding to develop and maintain an open-source IT platform to reduce non-hardware balance of systems costs around permitting, and to provide transparency to the solar industry. Clean Power would develop a suite of software tools and a database that would enable the maximum number of stakeholders in the solar industry to reduce non-hardware costs and accelerate solar energy deployment. To facilitate this project work they plan to conduct software programming, information gathering, data dissemination and conduct surveys to populate their tool.

DOE has determined that impacts to the natural and human environments are expected to be negligible and that this project is consistent with actions covered under DOE CX A9 (information gathering, data analysis, computer modeling, document preparation and dissemination) and therefore is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

NEPA review completed by Laura Margason on November 14, 2011.

Project Funding = \$4,000,000
DOE funding = \$3,000,000
Cost share = \$1,000,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

11/16/2011