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



RECIPIENT: Rocky Mountain Institute

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : Innovative Solar Business Models

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| Funding Opportunity Announcement Number | Procurement Instrument Number | NEPA Control Number | CID Number |
| DE-FOA-0000520 | DE-EE0005353 | GFO-0005353-001 | 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 (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

A11

Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide funding to Rocky Mountain Institute to develop a plan to identify sources of value in utility business models that will lead utilities to support widespread adoption of distributed resources, specifically solar.

The project entails a study of current mechanisms that effect solar markets in the U.S. with a focus on distilling best practices and articulating key issues to be resolved. RMI will facilitate a working group made up of approximately 15 stakeholders. Participants will be informed by RMI scenario analysis and background research. Participants will meet for a series of eight meetings over the course of two years.

The recipient will utilize DOE funds to convene meetings of key industry stakeholders and to develop written reports, feasibility studies, and other planning, analysis, and education and outreach materials. CX A9 and A11 apply.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

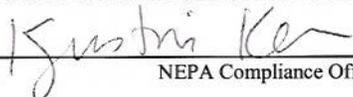
If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing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

Note to Specialist :

DOE funds \$683,692
Recipient share: \$0
Total project funds: \$683,692

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:


NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

11/16/2011

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION