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



RECIPIENT: Clean Energy Trust

STATE: IL

PROJECT TITLE : Clean Energy Student Challenge

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000570	DE-EE0005598	GFO-0005598-001	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.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide federal funding to the Clean Energy Trust to administer a Clean Energy Business Plan Competition for university students. DOE funds would be used exclusively as award money for winning competitors to support new ventures in the field of clean technology.

Clean Energy Trust would run a prize competition. The competition would provide teams with professional networks, a mentorship program, education services, and media exposure to selected prize winners. DOE would have no involvement in any projects resulting from the prize competition.

This project comprises information gathering and dissemination, document preparation, publications, and informational programs. The proposed project is consistent with actions outlined in A9 (information gathering) and is, therefore, 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 :

Cristina Tyler 11.21.2011

DOE Funding: \$360,000

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:


NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

11/29/2011