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



**RECIPIENT:** VERMONT; MASSACHUSETTS; COLORADO; VIRGINIA; NEVADA; NEW HAMPSHIRE; KENTUCKY; WISCONSIN; NEBRASKA

**STATE:** Mult

**PROJECT TITLE :** State Energy Program - 2011 Competitive Awards

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000533		FOA-0000533-001	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:

**A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations**

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

**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:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to provide federal funding to nine states under the DOE's 2011 Competitive State Energy Program.

The following states and projects were selected to receive federal funding:

- Vermont (administered by the Department of Public Service)

Project Title: "Sustainable Vermont: Putting Private Capital Markets to Work in a Model Retrofit Policy for Businesses"

DOE funding: \$797,253

Total Project Cost: \$996,566

- Massachusetts (administered by the Department of Energy Resources)

Project Title: "Raising the BAR: a 'Building Asset Rating' System to Drive Energy Demand for Energy Efficiency Investments in Commercial Buildings"

DOE funding: \$900,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,351,199

- Colorado (administered by the Governor's Energy Office)

Project Title: "Enhancing Commercial Building Retrofits through Streamlined Standards and Policy Incentives"

DOE funding: \$610,188

Total Project Cost: \$772,507

- Virginia (administered by the Department of Mines Minerals and Energy)

Project Title: "Accelerating Commercial Building Energy Retrofits: Policy, Best Practices Compilation, Pilot Implementations"

DOE funding: \$946,080

Total Project Cost: \$1,136,308

- Nevada

Project Title: "Enhancing Commercial Building Retrofits through Streamlined Standards and Policy Incentives"

DOE funding: \$746,048

Total Project Cost: \$996,048

- New Hampshire (administered by the Executive Office)

Project Title: "Development and Implementation of an Energy Efficiency Goal for the State of New Hampshire"  
DOE funding: \$379,330  
Total Project Cost: \$457,022

- Kentucky (administered by the Executive Office)

Project Title: "Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Energy Efficiency Awareness and Action (EEAA)"  
DOE funding: \$242,905  
Total Project Cost: \$303,631

- Wisconsin (administered by the Department of Administration)

Project Title: "Creating an Enduring Wisconsin State Energy Extension Partnership Initiative (WI SEEPI) to Advance Bio-energy Deployment"  
DOE funding: \$192,000  
Total Project Cost: \$240,000

- Nebraska

Project Title: "Nebraska Energy Education Partnership - Agricultural Efficiency Nexus: Energy, Water & Food"  
DOE funding: \$186,195  
Total Project Cost: \$223,434

Each state met the criteria of one of the following "Areas of Interest:"

- Area of Interest 1 - Enhancing Commercial Building Retrofits through Streamlined Standards and Policy Incentives
- Area of Interest 2 - Stimulating Energy Efficiency Action
- Area of Interest 3 - Initiating a State Energy Extension Partnership (SEEP)

The proposed projects consists of activities such as: leveraging tax credits; developing new commercial building asset rating systems; energy performance contracting pilot programs; audits; policy development; establishing best practices and protocols; addressing barriers to energy efficiency retrofits in commercial buildings; aligning energy and economic policies; making energy efficiency goals and policies; community level competition and awards; education and training; public outreach; increasing agricultural conservation; and leveraging existing state and federal energy program resources to increase energy efficiency.

The above activities are consistent with DOE's categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination;" categorical exclusion A11 "technical advice and assistance;" and categorical exclusion A13 "procedural document." Based on the above information DOE has determined the proposed projects will not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the human environment and are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under A9, A11, and A13.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

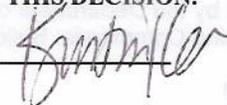
Insert the following language in the award:

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 funding: \$5,000,000  
EF2a prepared by Melissa Rossiter

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Kristin Kerwin  Date: 11/23/2011  
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