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

**RECIPIENT:** Interstate Renewable Energy Council**STATE:** NY**PROJECT TITLE :** Regulatory and Utility Solutions to Advance SunShot Initiative Goals

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-0000520	DE-EE0005352	GFO-0005352-001	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:**

Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) will use DOE and cost share funding to prioritize key issues at the regional, state, and utility level that are currently restricting solar PV market expansion.

Project activities would include participating in rulemakings, workshops and other proceedings related to the identified objectives, and performing various public outreach functions. Majority of the project work would involve public outreach and organizing stakeholder coordination functions. IREC would also participate in national solar conferences, conduct research and publish a list of solar installations by state, establish an interactive website of renewable energy rulemakings by state, and publish a monthly newsletter regarding the issues being addressed by IREC.

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, document preparation and dissemination) and CX A11 (planning assistance to national, state, and local organizations) 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

Total Project Funding = \$3,000,000  
DOE funding \$3,000,000  
0% recipient cost share

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kyndri Lee*  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11/16/2011

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_