PMC-EF2a
(2.04.02)

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

RECIPIENT: City of San Jose **STATE:** CA

PROJECT TITLE: Enabling Community Participation in Achieving the City's Green Vision Goals

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000078	DE-EE0002075	GFO-10-152-001	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:

City of San Jose proposes to use DOE and cost share funding to develop and demonstrate the strategies to foster community involvement in activities to spur the solar market locally. This project was previously approved by GFO-10-152 on January 21, 2010 with CX A9. However, an additional task (Task 6 Ensure ongoing best practices) was added, therefore another NEPA review was needed. In Task 1 through 4 and 7 provide coordinated education and outreach activities on energy financing strategies to property owners; increase awareness of the viability and range of solar technologies and opportunities by ensuring the community has a mixture of hands-on and other educational opportunities; and increase available resources for green collar workforce training. The DOE is not evaluating Task 1 through 4 and 7 in this NEPA determination. This review is specific to Task 6.

Task 6.0
Ensure ongoing best practices in the permitting and inspection of solar installations

Subtask 6.1 Develop and implement standardized online permit process
The City would implement a standardized online permit process for residential projects meeting specific design criteria which would further assist in reducing cost for solar integrators doing business in San Jose.

Subtask 6.2 Develop permitting and inspection best practices training program
To ensure that City staff is up to date on the latest technology specifications, the City would work with SolarTech and the Underwriters Laboratory (UL Lab) to train and certify City building inspectors at the Lab's UL University. The City would share this information with other jurisdictions, integrators and the public through various workshops.

Subtask 6.3 Develop educational outreach activities to students enrolled in local solar training programs
To support the education of students enrolled in local solar training programs, City staff would provide classroom presentations on design and installation issues related to field inspections and state regulatory requirements.

This project comprises information gathering, dissemination, and outreach activities; therefore a CX A9 applies.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

EF2A written by Christopher Carusona II

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 9/7/10
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 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: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager