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

RECIPIENT: Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **STATE:** GA

PROJECT TITLE : GEFA's 2012 State Energy Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000643	EE0004521	GFO-0004521-001	

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, 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.)

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $652,000 of federal funding to the State of Georgia under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Georgia will match the federal funding with $130,400 in state funds. Additionally, Georgia will carry over $364,749 of federal appropriations, for a total of $1,147,149.

Georgia proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Management/Administration:
Under this Market Title, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) would utilize funding for staffing requirements necessary to properly plan, oversee, and manage a range of support activities including program-level planning, reporting, managing and training staff, tracking program process and providing budget analysis. Additionally, funds would be used to cover the annual membership fees for energy efficient organizations that support research and programmatic development.

Third Party Revolving Loan Funds:
Under this Market Title, funding would be used to provide oversight of three revolving loans which were capitalized with ARRA funding. Any projects funded under this Market Title that do not remain within the bounds of Georgia's Template for Expedited NEPA Review will be submitted for additional NEPA Review. Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Georgia Energy Challenge:
Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support the Georgia Energy Challenge (GEC) which provides educational information, technical assistance, and access to financial incentives through a tax credit program for state and local agencies, schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals. Through the GEC, the GEFA would develop regional technical assistance networks for local governments, provide technical assistance to K-12 schools and state agencies to reduce energy costs, and provide a technical review and analysis for the Clean Energy Property Tax Credit Program for individuals and businesses.

Energy Performance Contracting:
Under this Market Title, funding would be used to finalize the rules and regulations governing the implementation of performance contracting and provide technical assistance for a pilot project at Phillips State Prison of the Georgia Department of Corrections. SEP funds would be used for staff assistance.

Energy Assurance:

Under this Market title, funding would be used to apply the Energy Assurance Plan to energy emergency training and response efforts, develop GEFA's capabilities as the Emergency Support Function Energy Leader, participate in exercises/training sessions with neighboring states on energy assurance issues, and staff the State Operations Center during weather and other emergency events.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact the human health and/or environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering," and CX A11 "technical advice."

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:
Any new activities funded by loan repayment that do not fall within the bounds of Georgia's Template for Expedited NEPA Review are subject to additional NEPA review. Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.
This restriction does not preclude you from:
Activities that are administrative in nature and activities under market titles that are limited to information gathering, analysis, and dissemination, technical advice and assistance.
If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

Kelly Daigle 8.28.2012

Federal Funds: $652,000
Leveraged Funds: $495,149
Total Funds: $ 1,147,149

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By Kristin Kerwin Date: 8/30/2012
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