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

**RECIPIENT:** Ohio Department of Development, soon to be known as Development Services Agency **STATE:** OH

**PROJECT TITLE :** State Energy Program Program Year 2012 Formula Grants

| Funding Opportunity Announcement Number | Procurement Instrument Number | NEPA Control Number | CID Number |
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| DE-FOA-0000643 | NT43269 | GFO-0043269-001 | GO |

**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:

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| **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 $1,215,000 of federal funding to the state of Ohio (OH) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. OH will provide $121,500 in state match and will carry over $130,084 of prior year SEP funding.

OH proposes to fund the following market titles:

Administration:
Under this Market Title, OH would use federal funding to administer and supervise its SEP.

Energy Efficiency and Engagement Support:
Under this Market Title, OH would use federal funding to conduct energy efficiency studies, initiatives, and loans directed solely in Ohio. Specifically it will include: Alternative Energy Zoning Study, Energy Efficiency Engagement Program, Public Entities / Commercial Audit Program, Small Business Education and TA, Measurement and Verification Program, and Solar / Wind Working Group. If federal funding is used for installation of energy efficient and/or renewable energy projects, those projects will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

Improving Competitiveness for Ohio Industry:
Under this Market Title, OH would use federal funding to help state businesses become more competitive by promoting energy efficiency technology, conducting audits, focusing on streamlining manufacturing processes and conducting ISO 50001 Training.

Public Information / Advanced Energy at Work:
Under this Market Title, OH would use federal funding to provide educational outreach, workshops, exhibits, training, and energy networking.

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 environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering" and CX A11 "technical advice." 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.

**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.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:
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.

If federal funding is used for installation of energy efficient and/or renewable energy projects, those projects will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding - $1,215,000
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**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By Kristin Kerwin Date: 9/6/2012
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