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

RECIPIENT: Rhode Island - Office of Energy Resources **STATE:** RI

PROJECT TITLE: State Energy Program

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-EE-0000643	R130572	GFO-0130572-001	

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:

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) provided $234,000 of federal funding to the State of Rhode Island under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. Rhode Island will match the federal funding with $50,493 in state funds. Additionally, Rhode Island will carryover $145,500 in federal appropriations and $29,100, for a total of $459,093.

Rhode Island proposes to fund the following Market Titles:

Education and Energy Outreach:

Under this Market Title, funding would be utilized for workshops, the establishment of baseline energy use and production data through a partnership with the University of Rhode Island, website maintenance and upgrades, and outreach and education to rural farms, community and government leaders, students and educators.

OER Staffing for All Market Titles:

Under this Market Title, funding would be used to support the continuing operation of the SEP activities performed by Rhode Island Energy Office personnel

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 further projects will require a separate NEPA determination 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 :

Diana Scott 9.19.2012

DOE Funds: $234,000
Leveraged Funds: $225,093
Total Project Cost: $459,093

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.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 9/19/2012
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