U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: Residential and Commercial Buildings and Audits

Location: Iowa Cerro Gordo County

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The intent of this activity is to perform energy audits at the Cerro Gordo County Courthouse and the Arena building at the North Iowa Fairgrounds. The audits will either confirm that the activities included in the county's program should be implemented or they will redirect EECBG and county funds elsewhere.

These audits will assist in prioritizing the projects that will be undertaken with the grant funds as well as future capital project budgeting. Furthermore, the energy audits will reveal where the county can most effectively reduce emissions, increase energy efficiency, improve sustainablity, replace outdated and inefficient equipment, and lower natural gas and electric usage thereby decreasing operating costs.

One or more of the other activities in the county's proposal may be delayed in favor of projects that achieve higher efficiencies or greater cost savings.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene J. Lawrence Date Determined: Jul 26, 2010

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