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

### **RECIPIENT:**City of Columbus

STATE: OH

PROJECT TITLE : Columbus City ARRA-EECBG (S) Act5-Business Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program

 Funding Opportunity Announcement Number
 Procurement Instrument Number
 NEPA Control Number
 CID Number

 DE-EE0000706.001
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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:

PMC-EF2a

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- 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.
- A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.
- B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

#### Rational for determination:

The following Project Activity Sheet (PAS) submitted by the City of Columbus, Ohio, is bounded by the allowable project descriptions provided in Part I -Bounded Categories of the signed SOW and is therefore categorically excluded from further NEPA review under A9, A11 and B5.1: #5 Business Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program.

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of Part I - Bounded Categories of the signed SOW 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:

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#### You are required to:

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 :

None Given.

## SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

Date: 4/21/10

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