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



RECIPIENT: County of Greenville, SC

STATE: SC

PROJECT

TITLE:

EECBG - Sidewalks near schools

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number

Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number

EE0000947

GFO-00 0947-003

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:

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:

Greenville County is proposing to use \$1,091,324 in EECBG funding to construct four sidewalks in communities adjacent to schools within the County. The proposed sidewalks will have a width of 5ft and total 3,745 linear feet. In all cases, the sidewalks will be installed in public right of ways. The proposed sidewalks will all occur in developed residential areas where the ground has been previously disturbed from development. No extensive trenching or ditching will be required, nor will any underground utility be required outside of a few pole relocations. Ground disturbance will be limited to grading. This proposed project will not have adverse effects to threatened and endangered species, wetlands, floodplains, or cultural resources as these resources are not present at any of the proposed sidewalk sites.

The proposed project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle fuel consumption and is consistent with activities outlined in B5.1 "actions to conserve energy"; therefore, it is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist:

EF2a completed by Logan Sholar

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

Date: _3/22/2011

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION