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



(2.04.02)

RECIPIENT: Navigant Consulting

STATE: MA

PROJECT TITLE : Offshore Wind Removing Market Barriers

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000414, topic area 1.1	Procurement Instrument Number DE-EE0005360	NEPA Control Number GFO-0005360-001	CID Number 0
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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:

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:

Navigant Consulting (Navigant) would utilize DOE and cost share funds to develop and publish an annual report of the U.S. offshore wind market.

1. Synopsis of relevant annual developments & trends in the global market Turbine Trade-offs & Design
2. Key data on the global development of offshore wind projects, with a particular focus on progress in the U.S. Project Management & Reporting
3. Analysis of policy developments at the federal and state level with the potential to affect offshore wind deployment in the U.S.
4. Analysis of developments in the offshore wind technology sector, including turbine OEMs, component manufacturers, installers, etc.
5. Analysis of actual and projected economic impact, including regional development and job creation
6. Analysis of developments in relevant sectors of the economy such as energy, with the potential to affect offshore wind deployment in the U.S.
7. Project Management and Reporting

Budget: \$599,998 (DOE); \$599,998 (cost share)

There is no fieldwork associated with this project. There should be no generation of air emissions or hazardous wastes associated with this project. This project is comprised of information gathering, analysis, and modeling; therefore the DOE has categorized this into Categorical Exclusion A9.

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 :

EF2A by Christopher Carusona II

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Date: 12/7/2011
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