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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT:City University of New York

STATE: NY

PROJECT TITLE : NYSolar Smart

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-000788	DE-EE0006306	GFO-0006306-001	GO6306

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.)

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the City University of New York to develop the NYSolar Smart program. NYSolar Smart is a collaborative effort with over 40 partners to reduce soft balance of system (BoS) costs for solar photovoltaic (PV) in New York State (NYS). DOE funding would be used to incorporate solar-friendly policies into local planning and zoning ordinances; establish a group purchasing program for NYS and New York City (NYC) communities; conduct a virtual net metering pilot in a multifamily building; explore financing options that include resiliency and emergency programs; guide outreach activities such as installer workshops; and offer IT tools such as a web-enabled standard permit, NYC customer acquisition portal, NYS Solar Map and back-end solar market analytics.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the information gathering and technical advice activities would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with the actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and A11 "technical advice and assistance to organizations," and 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:

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 :

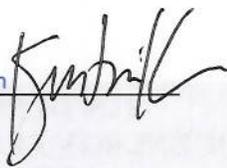
Kelly Daigle 8/12/2013

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin
NEPA Compliance Officer



Date: 8/15/2013

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: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____

AS INFORMATION...
 TECHNICAL ADVICE AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS, NATURAL SCIENCE, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS...
 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) IS PROPOSING TO PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDING TO THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TO DEVELOP THE NY STATE ENERGY STORAGE PROGRAM (NYSESP). NYSESP IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH OVER 40 PARTNERS TO REDUCE THE BALANCE OF SYSTEM (BOS) COSTS FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) IN NEW YORK STATE (NYS). DOE FUNDING WOULD BE USED TO INCORPORATE SOLAR-HEAVILY BIDDING INTO SOLAR PLANNING AND SOLAR OUTREACH, ESTABLISH A GROUP PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR NYSE AND NEW YORK CITY (NYC) COMMUNITIES, CONDUCT A VIRTUAL SOLAR INSTALLATION VISIT IN A MULTIFAMILY BUILDING, FINANCING OPTIONS THAT REDUCE VARIATION AND EMERGENCY PROGRAMS, SOLAR OUTREACH SERVICES SUCH AS INSTALLATION WORKSHOP, AND OTHER IT TOOLS SUCH AS A WEB-BASED SOLAR PANEL NYC CUSTOMER REGISTRATION PORTAL, NYSE SOLAR PLAN AND SOLAR-HEAVILY BIDDING.

BASED ON REVIEW OF THE PROJECT INFORMATION AND THE ABOVE ANALYSIS, DOE HAS DETERMINED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AND TECHNICAL ADVICE WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUAL OR CUMULATIVE IMPACT TO HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT. DOE HAS DETERMINED THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTIONS CONTAINED IN DOE CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS AS INFORMATION PROVIDED, ANALYSIS, AND DETERMINATION, AND ALL TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZATIONS, AND IS CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM FURTHER NEPA REVIEW.

NEPA REVIEW...
 DOE HAS MADE A FINAL NEPA DETERMINATION FOR THE ABOVE...
 FROM THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN THE STATEMENT...
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (OERE) TO CONTACT THE PROJECT OFFICE IDENTIFIED IN BOX 11 OF THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NFA) BEFORE PROCEEDING, YOU MUST RECEIVE SUBSTITUTION OF APPROVAL FROM THE PROJECT OFFICE FIRST BY CONTACTING WITH WORK BEYOND THAT INITIALLY APPROVED.

THIS IS SPECIFIC...
 Kelly Daines 8/15/2013

THE NEPA DETERMINATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A FURTHER NEPA REVIEW.

SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION