

### News from the Field

#### Better Buildings Residential Network Members Recognized with the Prestigious ENERGY STAR Awards

Twenty-two Better Buildings Residential Network members were recognized on April 20, 2018, in Washington, D.C., with [ENERGY STAR Awards](#), which recognize programs and participating contractors for reducing energy consumption and improving public health and the environment.



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[Columbia Water and Light](#) (Columbia, Missouri), [Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility](#) (Dover, Delaware), [District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility](#) (Washington, D.C.), [Energy Texas](#) (Beaumont, Texas), [Institute for Market Transformation](#), (Washington, D.C.), [Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance](#) (Chicago, Illinois), and [Public Service Company of Oklahoma](#) (Tulsa, Oklahoma) earned the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery. These programs have innovative approaches to reach their customers and motivate them to make energy efficiency improvements.

The following programs earned ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award - Sustained Excellence for demonstrating commitment and success over several years: [Austin Energy](#) (Austin, Texas), [Baltimore Gas and Electric Company](#) (Baltimore, Maryland), [Columbia Gas of Ohio](#) (Columbus, Ohio), [Consumers Energy](#) (Jackson, Michigan), [Delmarva Power](#) (Wilmington, Delaware), [Efficiency Vermont](#)

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#### Peer Exchange Calls Register Below

All are invited to take part in these topical calls that serve as a forum to ask questions and engage peers. Register below:

**June 14**

**How Health is Reshaping the Residential Energy Efficiency Field**

12:30 p.m. ET

[Register now](#)

(Burlington, Vermont), [Energize Connecticut](#) (Orange, Connecticut), [Focus on Energy](#) (Madison, Wisconsin), [National Grid Rhode Island](#) (Waltham, Massachusetts), [New Jersey Board of Public Utilities](#) (Trenton, New Jersey), [New York State Energy Research and Development Authority](#) (Albany, New York), [Potomac Electric Power Company](#) (Washington, D.C.), [Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District](#) (Tempe, Arizona), [Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative](#) (Hughesville, Maryland), and [Southwestern Electric Power Company](#) (Shreveport, Louisiana).

## New Study Estimates Impact of R-PACE on Solar Adoption for California Homes

A new [study](#) by [Berkeley Lab](#) found that residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (R-PACE) programs increased deployment of residential solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in California, raising it by about 7%-12% in cities that adopt these programs. R-PACE is a financing mechanism that uses a voluntary property tax assessment, paid off over time, to facilitate energy improvements and, in some jurisdictions, water and resilience measures.



Photo: Lawrence Berkely

[Read the full report here.](#)

## Ask An Energy Auditor: 5 Questions with Ethan Heslep, Community Housing Partners

The U.S. Department of Energy's [Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy](#) posted a blog highlighting the work of Ethan Heslep, an auditor with Community Housing Partners, which has been a partner of the Energy Department's Weatherization Assistance Program for over 40 years. It is one

### July 12

#### Renters and Residential Energy Efficiency

12:30 p.m. ET

[Register now](#)

### Find the Latest Peer Exchange Call Summaries

Review recent call summaries:

- March 1, 2018  
[Past as Prologue: Results from Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency Programs](#)
- March 8, 2018  
[Working with Diverse Communities](#)
- March 15, 2018  
[The Increasing Connection Between Real Estate and Residential Energy Efficiency](#)
- March 22, 2018  
[Power Up: Residential Energy Efficiency and Resiliency](#)
- April 12, 2018  
[Myth Busters: Exposing Residential Energy Efficiency Misconceptions](#)

### Related Events

[ACEEE 2018 International Symposium on Energy Efficiency](#)

June 26, 2018  
Washington, DC

[2018 Health in Buildings Roundtable Conference](#)

July 19-20, 2018  
Bethesda, Maryland

[ACEEE 2018 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#)

August 12-17, 2018  
Pacific Grove, California

[2018 Better Buildings Summit/Energy Exchange](#)

of 19 weatherization services in Virginia and has weatherized more than 2,800 homes to date.

[Read the full interview and blog post here.](#)

## Reporting and Recognition: NYCEEC

The Better Buildings Residential Network has one requirement: that members report the number of annual upgrades completed, as well as any associated benefits or other accomplishments, through the [Reporting and Recognition Template](#).



Your reporting helps the Better Buildings Residential Network find and highlight success stories and communicate the value of your work to the energy efficiency community.

Residential Network member New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation (NYCEEC) has financed nearly \$100 million of energy efficiency and clean energy products in New York City. In fiscal year 2016, they completed 1,592 upgrades realizing 1,622,000 MMBtu of annual savings.

## Meet the Members

### New Members Join the Network

The Better Buildings Residential Network is pleased to welcome its newest members:



- [Equity Energy](#) (Fly Creek, New York)
- [Energy Conservation Solutions](#) (Atlanta, Georgia)
- [BrightHome Energy Solutions](#) (Elmsford, New York)
- [Faraday Energy](#) (Tampa, Florida)
- [Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity](#) (Kalamazoo, Michigan)
- [Erase40.org](#) (Cold Spring, New York)
- [Affordable Community Energy Services Company](#) (Chicago, Illinois)

August 21-23, 2018  
Cleveland, Ohio

[ACEEE 2018 Behavior, Energy and Climate Change Conference](#)

October 7-10, 2018  
Washington, DC

*Does your organization have an event you would like us to feature? Email the details to [Better Buildings Residential Network Support](#).*

### Social Media Spotlight



*Photo: Daily Progress*  
Virginias [Local Energy Alliance Program \(LEAP\) Fresh Energy](#) shared a link via Twitter to their Daily Progress published article, [Are You Solar Ready? Things to consider before going solar](#). The article discusses the influences of house position, roof condition and energy efficiency measures on planning a solar photovoltaic system, as well as associated costs and benefits.

Learn more from these members and other programs. Sign up to become a Residential Network member by completing a [membership form](#).

## Resource Corner

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### Your Program Can Bloom with These Resources

[Estimating the Value of Energy Efficiency to Reduce Whole Energy Price Volatility](#) (ACEEE, April 2018)

[3 Things I've Learned About Digital Marketing](#) (Energy Circle blog, March 2018)

[EE First: The Right Way to Get to Net Zero Energy](#) (Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance blog, April 2018)

[When Good Incentives Go Bad](#) (Efficiency First California blog, March 2018)

[What Does It Take to Electrify Everything in Your Home?](#) (Greentech Media, April 2018)

[Building Energy Codes Can REV Up NYS Energy Efficiency](#) (National Resources Defense Council blog, April 2018)

[Buying an efficient home is about to get easier in Massachusetts](#) ACEEE blog, April 2018)

If your organization has recently published a report or distributed a press release, we want to hear from you. Send your announcement to the [Better Buildings Residential Network](#), so we can be aware of it for future issues of the *Network View* or to share on social media.

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