



RESIDENTIAL NETWORK

Network View Newsletter

News From the Field

Swing Into the 2017 HPC National Conference With DOE

The Home Performance Coalition (HPC) is hosting its [2017 National Home Performance Conference](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, from March 19 to 22. Grab your boots and head to Music City, where you can connect with the Better Buildings Residential Network and other U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) initiatives. Tune into the session, “What Do We Really Know About the Health Benefits of Energy Upgrades?” on March 20 at 10:30 a.m. to hear from Jonathan Cohen, who leads the Residential Network.



[Georgetown University Energy Prize](#) (GUEP) participants Michael Walton of green|spaces and Gina Matthias of Takoma Park, MD, will amplify their communities’ energy efficiency innovations in the session, “The Amazing Race for \$Millions: The Georgetown University Energy Prize,” on March 22 at 10:30 a.m. The winner of GUEP, a \$5 million energy efficiency competition among 50 communities, will be named shortly, once the judges review the participants’ latest achievements.

Additionally, DOE staff will present sessions on program updates and other chart-topping home energy efficiency topics. Home Energy Score Program Manager Joan Glickman will lead the band for the session “Who’s Keeping Score? Using Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and Home Energy Score Together” on March 21 at 8:30 a.m. Check the [full schedule](#) to learn more.

Home Performance Champions Complete Tiny House Tour

Grace and Corbett Lunsford wrapped up a [20-city U.S. tour](#) in January 2017 in a high-performance tiny house on wheels. The couple designed and built the “TinyLab” to teach homeowners and

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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:

March 23

Effecting Behavior Change: Energy Report Data Usage

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)



contractors the importance of using scientific testing to prove home energy upgrade work is completed to quality standards.

“Diagnostics for measuring ‘home performance’ have been around since the 1970s, but despite nationwide media campaigns about energy efficiency and going green, most homeowners have no idea these tests are best used to prove that home improvements worked,” Grace Lunsford said.

During the tour, the Lunsfords held open houses and hands-on workshops for homeowners and real estate professionals, as well as trainings for contractors and home performance professionals. The couple received support from many manufacturers and suppliers of high-performance building products, including Residential Network member [Mitsubishi Electric Cooling and Heating](#). Mitsubishi even completed a [case study](#) on the home’s cooling and heating system. [Learn more](#) about the TinyLab.

Tour the Residential Program Solution Center’s New Features and Look

The [Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center](#) now offers additional features and resources, as well as a new look. The [updated homepage](#) is streamlined to help you get started, find solutions, and gain knowledge quicker than ever.



A new [Quick Answers](#) feature provides answers to common challenges faced by even the most experienced programs. You can also check out [Proven Practices](#) and recent [Peer Exchange Call discussions](#) for more in-depth details on these topics. For programs just starting out or looking to make changes, you can visit any of the program components for step-by-step guidance, tips, and relevant resources.

Explore Cost Effectiveness Calculator

Join the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for an upcoming webinar, “[Cost](#)

April 6

Master Key: Unlocking Innovative Approaches to Program Design

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

April 13

Ultimate Retrofit: Zero-Energy Ready Homes

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

April 20

Two Is More Than One: Leveraging Strategic Partners

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

Find the Latest Peer Exchange Call Summaries

Review new call summaries:

- February 2, 2017
[Known Unknowns: Key Energy Efficiency Trends in the New Year](#)

Residential Program Solution Center Spotlight



Q: How do we broaden our reach and partnership opportunities?

A: Visit the [Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center](#) to find the answer.



[Effectiveness Unveiled: A New, Public Tool for Exploring the Costs and Benefits of Energy Efficiency Program](#)” on April

4 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern. During this webinar, experts will demystify cost effectiveness for energy efficiency programs and introduce a new and improved version of a transparent calculator available from DOE's Better Buildings Residential Program. Presenters will include Residential Network member E3's Snuller Price, author of a nationally recognized primer on cost effectiveness for energy efficiency programs. [Register today.](#)

Michigan Saves Homeowners Energy and Money

Each year, the Residential Network asks members to report the number of annual upgrades they complete, as well as any associated benefits or other

accomplishments, through the [Reporting and Recognition Template](#). Submitting this information to DOE is the only requirement of Residential Network membership.

Thanks and congratulations to Residential Network member [Michigan Saves](#) for reporting the following in fiscal year 2015: 1,273 energy upgrades; lifetime energy savings of 15,588,327 kilowatt hours, 3,819,235 therms, and 435,072 million British thermal units; and \$13,341,868 financed in residential loans.



Meet the Members

Network Welcomes New Members

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

- [Cold Climate Housing Research Center](#) (Fairbanks, AK)
- [Katsujinken Foundation](#) (Delran, NJ)
- [La Plata Electric Association](#) (Durango, CO)
- [New York Homeowners Construction Company](#) (Syracuse, NY)
- [Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute](#)



Related Events

[2017 ACEEE/CEE National Symposium on Market Transformation](#)

April 2–4, 2017
Arlington, VA

[Cost Effectiveness Unveiled: A New, Public Tool for Exploring the Costs and Benefits of Energy Efficiency Program](#)

April 4, 2017, 4:00–5:30 PM ET
Webinar

[Association of Energy Services Professionals \(AESP\) Spring Meeting](#)

May 2–4, 2017
Salt Lake City, UT

[2017 Efficiency Exchange Conference](#)

May 9–10, 2017
Portland, OR

[Better Buildings Summit](#)

May 15–17, 2017
Washington, DC

[2017 ACEEE Energy Efficiency Finance Forum](#)

May 21–23, 2017
Chicago, IL

[2017 ASHRAE Annual Conference](#)

June 24–28, 2017
Long Beach, CA

[2017 ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Industry](#)

August 15–18, 2017
Denver, CO

[Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change \(BECC\) Conference](#)

October 16–18, 2017
Sacramento, CA

Have an event you want featured? Email the details to [Better Buildings Residential Network Support](#).

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

Resource Corner

Spring Forward With New Resources

- [Energy Efficiency–Jobs and Investment](#) (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy [ACEEE], March 2017)
- [“How to Hook Every Type of Homeowner”](#) (*Home Energy* magazine blog, February 2017)
- [More Savings for More Residents: Progress in Multifamily Housing Energy Efficiency](#) (ACEEE, February 2017)
- [“Should Utility Prepay Plans Be Considered Energy Efficiency Programs?”](#) (ACEEE, February 2017)

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](#) and we can include it in a future issue of the *Network View* or share it on social media.

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Social Media Spotlight



In honor of Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day, we invite you to recognize the influential women in your organization and the energy efficiency field in general through your social media channels. For inspiration, check out [DOE’s video series](#) on women in STEM.

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