



RESIDENTIAL NETWORK

Network View Newsletter

News from the Field

New Residential Network Toolkit Facilitates Evaluation on the Go

Looking to boost your program's performance in the New Year? The [Better Buildings Residential Network](#) has created a new [Evaluation Toolkit](#) based on member feedback to help residential energy efficiency programs evaluate their efforts and incorporate lessons learned on the go, rather than after a program ends.

The toolkit provides practical guidance and resources to conduct targeted reviews and make adjustments at various points in the lifecycle of a program and its offerings, in a continuous cycle of planning and improvement.

Download the [full toolkit](#) to learn how to strengthen program performance in the coming year.



The graphic above shows how to achieve greater impact with a learning approach.

Georgetown Names Finalists, Network Members, in National Energy-Saving Competition

Ten energy-saving communities—all Better Buildings Residential Network members—advanced to the final round of the [Georgetown University Energy Prize](#).



This national competition was launched three years ago to rethink the way America's small to medium-sized towns, cities, and counties use energy. Finalists were recognized not only for their energy reduction efforts, but also for innovative, replicable, scalable programs that can serve as a model for other cities and counties working to save energy and reduce their budgets.

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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:

January 11

Looking Ahead in 2018: Energy Efficiency Perspectives From Coast to Coast

1–2:30 p.m. ET

[Register now](#)

January 18

[Learn more](#) about the competition and finalists.

DOE Solar Decathlon 2017 Sparks Innovation in Residential Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency, water, and health were new features of this year's U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon® competition, which has biennially challenged teams of college students to design and build full-sized, solar-powered houses since its inception in 2002. In October, 11 teams faced off in 10 contests to assess the best blend of design excellence and smart energy production with innovation and market potential.



Photo: Dennis Schroeder/DOE Solar Decathlon

See the Resource Corner below for a report on innovations from all of the Solar Decathlons by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

[Learn more](#) about the innovations and designs in the competition.

Home Performance Guild of Oregon Helps Homeowners Achieve Energy Savings

Each spring, the Better Buildings Residential Network asks members to report the number of annual upgrades they completed, 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.



Residential Network member [Home Performance Guild of Oregon](#) is helping homeowners achieve greater energy savings. The organization reported that its members completed 1,701 upgrades in fiscal year 2016, and saved residential customers a total of 34,641 therms of natural gas and 1.3 million kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Meet the Members

New Members Join the Network

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

- [AvaAir Heating and](#)

Meet the Jetsons: Smart Tech and the Home of the Future

1–2:30 p.m. ET

[Register now](#)

January 25

Beyond Hunches: Using Science to Drive Behavior Change

1–2:30 p.m. ET

[Register now](#)

Find the Latest Peer Exchange Call Summaries

Review recent call summaries:

- November 2, 2017
[The Beatles, Beastie Boys, and Beyoncé: Residential Energy Efficiency Messaging for Different Generations](#)
- November 16, 2017
[Wicked Smart: Optimizing Diagnostics through Home Energy Monitoring](#)

Related Events

[Midwest Energy Solutions Conference](#)

February 7–8, 2018
Chicago, Illinois

[2018 HPC New York Regional Home Performance Conference and Trade Show](#)

February 13–14, 2018
Saratoga Springs, New York

[Association of Energy Services Professionals \(AESP\) 2018 National Conference and Expo](#)

February 19–22, 2018
New Orleans, Louisiana

[2018 Residential Energy Services Network \(RESNET\) Conference](#)

February 26–28, 2018
Orlando, Florida

[2018 HPC National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show](#)

April 23–26, 2018
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



[Cooling](#) (Marietta, Georgia)

- [Dick Kornbluth, LLC](#) (Syracuse, New York)
- [Ingham County Land Bank](#) (Lansing, Michigan)
- [New England Conservation Services](#) (Woodbridge, Connecticut)
- [NorthEast Building Science Institute, Inc.](#) (Falmouth, Massachusetts)

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

Resource Corner

Reports Highlight Best Practices for Performance

- "[Making Maryland Homes More Affordable through Energy Efficiency](#)" (ACEEE, October 2017)
- "[Insights on Technology Innovation—A Review of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Competition Entries 2002-2015](#)" (National Renewable Energy Laboratory, November 2017)
- "[Cold Climate Heat Pumps Help Consumers Stay Comfortable and Save Money](#)" (Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy blog, November 2017)
- "[People Who Save Energy](#)" A Multimedia Project (ACEEE, November 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](#), so we can be aware of it for future issues of the *Network View* or share it on social media.

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Forward this email to colleagues or encourage them to sign up to receive each issue themselves. To subscribe, they can simply [email the Residential Network](#).

[AESP Spring Conference, 2018](#)

May 21–23, 2018
Atlanta, Georgia

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: City of Fargo, North Dakota, @cityoffargo

Better Buildings Residential Network member the City of Fargo (North Dakota) has been [named one of 10 finalists in the Georgetown University Energy Prize](#). Since beginning the competition in 2014, Fargo tweeted, the city has already saved over 172 billion BTUs of energy and reduced carbon emissions by 49,719 metric tons.

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