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RESIDENTIAL ENERGY DISPATCH

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Awards Made; Program to Sunset by 2025

Earlier this year, eight home performance [contractors](#) and 19 Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Sponsors received ENERGY STAR Awards for their outstanding efforts to reduce emissions and protect the environment through energy efficiency. Seven of the contractors and 14 of the sponsors received "Sustained Excellence" awards, meaning they have been recipients for at least three consecutive years. Read more about the winners and their accomplishments [here](#).



The federal 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will allow states to provide home energy rebates and achieve many Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) objectives. As a result, DOE has announced plans to sunset the HPwES program by 2025. For more information about the sunsetting plans, click [here](#).

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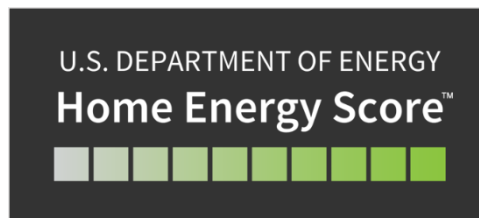
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Home Energy Score Partners Recognized for Achievements

Three of the 26 [Home Energy Score™ partners](#) were recognized for their 2022 achievements during the National Home Performance Conference in Seattle earlier this year.

- Energize Connecticut was recognized for the second year in a row for producing the highest number of Scores - a total of 13,425.
- Earth Advantage, a longtime partner from Oregon, was commended for expanding access to the Score nationwide by deploying remote services and a national partnership.
- California partner StopWaste created an electrification checklist and associated training, enabling Home Energy Score Certified Assessors™ to identify candidates who might benefit from electrification.



July 18 Buildings Upgrade Prize (Buildings UP) Phase 1 Deadline Approaching!

The Buildings Upgrade Prize aims to build capacity to rapidly and equitably transform U.S. buildings. Community-based organizations, local governments, tribal governments, utilities, non-profits, for-profits, and other organizations are encouraged to team up and submit their innovative Phase 1 Concept Plans for initiatives that support widespread efficient electrification and energy efficiency upgrades for residential and/or commercial buildings. The submission deadline is **July 18 at 5 p.m. ET**. Learn more at www.heroX.com/buildingsUP and attend the latest informational webinar on **June 13, 2-3 p.m. ET**. [Register here](#).

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Upcoming [Better Buildings Residential Network](#) Peer Exchange Calls

Thursday, June 22
[Paying for Home Decarbonization and Electrification - Addressing Cost Questions](#)

Thursday, July 13
[Stakeholder Engagement Keys to Success - Lessons Learned by Energy Efficiency Programs](#)

Thursday, July 27
[Partnership How To's - Lessons Learned for Successful Energy Efficiency Programs](#)

Thursday, August 10
[To be announced](#)

Peer Exchange Call Summaries

All summaries – which contain speaker PowerPoint presentations, including the most recent ones noted below, can be found at the [Better Buildings Residential Network Peer Exchange Call Summary](#) webpage:

Thursday, April 13
[Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency Best Practices - Part 2](#)

DOE Announces 21st Annual Solar Decathlon 2023 Winners



In late April 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the winners of the 21st annual [Solar Decathlon](#)[®], DOE's longest-running student competition. Ball State University, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, and The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art received top honors at the Solar Decathlon competition event held at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. View an online [interactive tour](#) of this year's cutting-edge buildings and [award ceremony](#).

Building Technologies Office (BTO) Peer Review Material Available

The BTO 2023 Project Peer Review took place April 24-28, 2023 and showcased key BTO efforts in plenary sessions, a post session, and other special sessions on Advanced Buildings Construction; Building America; Healthy Buildings; Technology-to-Market; Environmental Justice and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and the launch of BTO's new National Emerging Technologies Collaborative. Materials from the 2023 BTO Peer Review will soon be available [here](#).



New Better Buildings Residential Network - Lessons Learned Fact Sheets from Peer Exchange Calls

The Residential Network hosts twice a month [Peer Exchange Calls](#) that connect energy efficiency programs and partners to share best practices and learnings to increase the number of energy efficient American homes.

Thursday, April 27

[Energy Efficiency and Demand Flexibility - Promoting and Scaling Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings](#)

Thursday, May 11

[The Envelope Please...Lessons Learned from Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Award Winners](#)

Thursday, May 25

[How are Efficiency Programs and Partners Preparing for Inflation Reduction and Infrastructure Act Funding?](#)

Thursday, June 8

[Marketing Residential Energy Efficiency in the Era of IRA \(The Inflation Reduction Act\)](#)

Quick Quiz

How much does a typical U.S. family spend on home utility bills per year? (Answer at bottom.)

- A. \$1,100
- B. \$2,200
- C. \$750
- D. \$3,300

View lessons learned shared by members during some of the most recent Peer Exchange Calls: [Lessons Learned: Peer Exchange Calls No. 36 \(Winter 2023\)](#). Missed a Peer Exchange Call? Don't worry - all presentations can be found on the [Summaries](#) webpage.



Learn more about accomplishments and barriers of homeowner electrification campaigns.

Julie Roth, City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, discussed the city's Community Action Plan, A2Zero, which works to achieve community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030. She also covered lessons learned from beginning program implementation and barriers to an electrification campaign.

► [New DOE Funded Research Looks at Homeowner Motivations and Barriers to Electrify](#)
January 26, 2023



Partner Recognition

The [Better Buildings Residential Network](#) welcomes its newest members: [Addison Homes](#), [BROAD USA INC](#), [Finish Werks Custom Mod](#), [Future](#), [Pineland Home Inspections LLC](#), [QuitCarbon](#), [Resilient Methow](#), and [Taylor Home Energy](#).

If your organization is not yet a member, click here to [join](#).

Resource Toolbox



- [Better Buildings Residential Program Guide](#), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- [Disaster Resistance Tool](#), Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- [Green Buildings Career Map](#), U.S. DOE
- [Home Improvement Expert](#), U.S. DOE
- [Smart Tools for Efficient HVAC Performance \(STEP\) Campaign](#), U.S. DOE
- [Storm Window and Insulating Panel \(SWIP\) Campaign](#), U.S. DOE
- [Very High-Efficiency Heat Pumps for Multifamily Resource Guide](#), International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology (ICAST) and U.S. DOE

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Quiz Answer: B) The correct answer is [\\$2,200](#).

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