

Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

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This bulletin is your monthly source for regular updates on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project. This issue covers:

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Unveiling a New Commenting Tool

The Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals team is excited to introduce a new commenting tool designed to streamline industry and public review of its Standard Work Specifications.

Designed and maintained by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the new tool will be used for all commenting periods moving forward. The new tool enhances user experience, allowing individuals to create user accounts to manage and monitor all comments made throughout the Standard Work Specifications development process.

The new tool is now available online at <http://nrel.pnnl.gov/forum.php>. An FAQ is also available to assist users, covering how to:

- Register to submit comments
- Submit comments
- Create detailed reports on user comments submitted
- Monitor actions taken on submitted comments during review

Send any questions regarding the new commenting tool to workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov.

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Manufactured Housing Standard Work Specifications Industry Review

The Manufactured Housing Standard Work Specifications is set to undergo industry review starting January 16, 2012. This review will close February 3, 2012.

The Manufactured Housing Standard Work Specifications are voluntary guidelines that outline minimum requirements for high-quality energy upgrades in manufactured housing. The pending review invites members of industry to provide feedback on guidelines covered within the draft Manufactured Housing

Got a Question?

Got a question about the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project?

Send it to

workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov.

We review all questions and provide feedback via personal response, this bulletin, or the [Guidelines website](#).



Standard Work Specifications. A public review is planned for later this year.

To participate in the Manufactured Housing Standard Work Specifications industry review, please create an account using the new commenting tool available at <http://nrel.pnnl.gov/forum.php>.

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Upcoming Conferences and Events

Interested in speaking with the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project team? We will be presenting at a number of conferences and events, including:

- [Energy, Utility, and Environment Conference \(EUEC\)](#)
- [Association of Energy Services Professionals \(AESP\) National Conference and Expo](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Contractor Exchange](#)

Please look us up if you plan to attend any of these events. Or, send us an e-mail to workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov.

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About the Project

The Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the home energy upgrade industry. This collaboration combines more than 30 years of DOE Weatherization Assistance Program experience with extensive industry input.

The Guidelines project aims to build a stable industry by certifying a highly skilled workforce. To accomplish this goal, the project focuses on the weatherization and home energy upgrade worker, who is poised to bring about the most substantial impact to the industry. Empowering workers to deliver quality work and real energy savings poises this emerging market for growth and increased consumer demand.

Learn more about the Guidelines project at www.wip.energy.gov/retrofit_guidelines.html.

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