

Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

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

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Questions?

Send any questions about the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project to workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov.

The project team will review all questions and provide feedback via personal response, the monthly bulletin, or the [Guidelines website](#).

Pilot Certification Open: Register Now

Registration for the [four new Home Energy Professional certifications](#) is still open. These certifications are funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and offered through the Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI). They focus on the most common job classifications in the home energy upgrade industry: **energy auditor, retrofit installer, crew leader, and quality control inspector**.

BPI will pilot written and field practical exams for the new certifications beginning in June. The results of the pilot test cycle will be used to set passing scores for the national exams, scheduled to roll out this fall. Candidates who take the pilot exam and meet the passing requirements will be amongst the first group of professionals to earn these certifications.

Registration information, exam prerequisites and FAQs for the pilot certification exams are available at: www.bpi.org/pilot. Scheduling for pilot exams begins this month, so interested individuals should submit their applications now! For more information, read the article posted below.

Crew Leader Certification: Changing the Game

Dr. Richard Knaub, a Project Leader in Weatherization & Workforce Development at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, has been actively participating in developing weatherization training and standards both at the state and national levels for the last several years. In anticipation of four new [Home Energy Professional Certifications](#), Richard has penned a couple of articles about them and why they matter. Read his article about crew leader certification posted via the [Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. \(IREC\) website](#).

Update on Voluntary Standard Work Specifications for Energy Upgrades

Industry and public collaboration is essential to the success and effectiveness of the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project. The standard work specifications for the three housing types are available as follows:

- Final public review of the Standard Work Specifications for **Manufactured Housing** Energy Upgrades opened on May 8, 2012. This review will remain open until **June 8, 2012**.

- Public review of the Standard Work Specifications for **Multifamily** Energy Upgrades closed on May 4, 2012. All comments will be reviewed and integrated if appropriate. Final review of this document is scheduled to open fall 2012.
- Final public review of the Standard Work Specifications for **Single-Family** Energy Upgrades closed on May 15, 2012. All comments will be reviewed and integrated if appropriate.

To review these documents, please create an account using the [commenting tool](#).

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Interested in speaking with the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project team? We will be presenting at the following event:

- [NEUAC 2012: The National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference](#)

Project Testimonial

"If the home retrofit industry is going to find its legs in sustainable and scalable growth, the new national certifications are a critical and necessary step. The certifications mean more clarity in the both the workplace and the marketplace."

— Doug Donovan, Efficiency First Board Member

About the Project

The Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project is a collaboration between DOE and industry to support high-quality home energy upgrade work through standard work specifications, accredited training programs, and voluntary national worker certifications.

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