

## Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

### Monthly Project Bulletin: December 2012

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](mailto:workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov).

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

### Updated Prerequisites for the Home Energy Professional Certifications

The prerequisite high school diploma/GED requirement for the **Retrofit Installer/Technician and Crew Leader** certification exams have been updated. This change is the result of industry feedback, and takes into account the diversity of education and practical experience currently found in the weatherization and home energy professional workforce.

State career readiness certificates (with a minimum score of three in each work key) or proof of mastery in the job category can now be submitted as an alternative to a high school diploma/GED for the Retrofit Installer/Technician and Crew Leader designations only. Please see the [Building Performance Institute, Inc. \(BPI\) site](#) for more details.

### New Pilot Certification Exam Deadlines

As a result of the updated exam prerequisites (see above), individuals interested in the **Crew Leader and Retrofit Installer/Technician** pilot certification exams should be aware of the following deadlines:

- Applications must be received by: **January 14, 2013**
- Exams must be taken by: **February 16, 2013**

Due to strong demand for the **Energy Auditor and Quality Control (QC) Inspector** pilot certification exams, BPI is no longer accepting applications for these two designations, however a new testing deadline has been announced. **All approved applicants must take their Energy Auditor or QC Inspector exams by February 16, 2013.**

If your application has already been approved, schedule your exam as soon as possible with a participating [BPI Test Center](#). All applications received after these deadlines will be held and processed for inclusion in the national roll-out of these exams in 2013. For more information, visit the [BPI site](#).

## Multifamily SWS Review Period is Closing

On November 9, 2012, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) invited manufacturers of energy-efficient products, public housing authorities, industry stakeholders, and others to review and comment on the *Standard Work Specifications for Multifamily Energy Upgrades*. **This review period will close on December 21, 2012.**

The purpose of these reviews is to offer an opportunity for industry to review the latest specifications and provide feedback through [an online tool](#). Strong public involvement is essential to the success of the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project and the *Standard Work Specifications for Multifamily Energy Upgrades*. If you participated in this review, we thank you for your time and interest. Any questions regarding these specifications can be sent to [workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov](mailto:workforce.guidelines@nrel.gov).

### Project Testimonial

“A credentialed workforce is another sign of the maturing weatherization and home energy upgrade industries in the United States. The four new weatherization job certifications help ensure that those who do this important work are both knowledgeable and experienced in the often complicated world of home performance. I am convinced that professional certification is good for consumers, workers, and employers.”

— John Davies, Senior Trainer and Manager at the Building Performance Center

### 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.

Learn more about the [Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project](#).