

## Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

### Monthly Project Bulletin: October 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](#).

### New Deadlines Announced for Pilot Certification

Due to strong demand for the Energy Auditor and Quality Control (QC) Inspector certification exams in the pilot Home Energy Professional certification program, the final deadlines for the Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) to **receive pilot applications** are:

- Energy Auditor - October 31, 2012, at midnight EST
- QC Inspector - November 7, 2012, at midnight EST

**All approved applicants must take their Energy Auditor or QC Inspector exams by December 31, 2012.** If your application has already been approved, schedule your exam as soon as possible with a participating [BPI Test Center](#).

BPI will continue to accept pilot applications for Crew Leader and Retrofit Installer certification exams.

All applications for Energy Auditor and QC Inspector exams received after October 31 and November 7 respectively will be held and processed for inclusion in the national roll-out of these exams in 2013. For more information, visit the [BPI site](#).

Interested in applying, but prefer to have printed copies of the application materials? **Request an application packet today** by calling the Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) at 877-274-1274 ext. 112 or by sending an email to [pilot@bpi.org](mailto:pilot@bpi.org).

### Video View of the Weatherization Assistance Program

"Two years ago I set out to make a five minute film on the history of the [Weatherization Assistance Program \(WAP\)](#) for a joint project of the [State & Local Energy Report](#) magazine and the [National Association for State Community Service Programs](#). As we started collecting footage, stories, and artifacts from the program, what emerged was a compelling story of people who work day in and day out to make the homes of low-income Americans safe, affordable and energy efficient. It turned into a two-year project and a 50-minute film.

As we've finished the film this summer, I didn't expect to see WAP disappear before my eyes....WAP is a

small but important piece of the social safety net. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, families receiving weatherization services see their energy bills reduced on average by about \$437. Many of these are the most vulnerable families – throughout the filming we spoke to people who would not be able to stay in their homes without the help of WAP." — Joshua Wolfe, photographer/filmmaker

Read the entire story and watch the full-length video on [The New York Times Opinion Pages site](#).

### Project Testimonial

"In my opinion, the creation of the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) will stand out as a pivotal moment in the history of both the weatherization and home performance industries. The SWS are the yardstick to which all of our past work can be measured, and the bar in which the future of our industry can strive to exceed."

— Chris Baker, Energy Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator at the SouthWest Building Science Training Center

### Upcoming Conferences and Events

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

- [Behavior, Energy and Climate Change \(BECC\) Conference](#), November 12-14, 2012
- [Clean Energy Workforce Education Conference](#), November 13-15, 2012

### 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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