

Memorandum

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REPLY TO

ATTN OF:  Erica Burrin, Weatherization Assistance Program, Program Manager
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SUBJECT: Allowable Use of Training Funds for 2021 National Home Performance Hybrid
(In Person and Virtual) Conference

TO: Weatherization Assistance Program Grantees, Weatherization Assistance Program Subgrantees

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) strongly encourages Grantees and Subgrantees of the Program to participate in network training opportunities, which offer 'hands-on' training and classroom training to WAP providers. The National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show will meet in person again in Austin, TX from April 12-15, 2021.

Grantees and Subgrantees are encouraged to utilize those funds to attend this event. Please note that costs related to attending either Conference are allowable as a WAP Training and Technical assistance expense (T&TA).

In addition to the Building Performance Association's (BPA) traditional collection of high quality sessions, this year's conference will include virtual and in-person sessions. Those who attend in-person will have access to both the content delivered in Austin and the virtual content, which includes on-demand access to content well after the physical conference ends. In-person will feature more than 30 sessions developed specifically for the WAP network. These sessions are in addition to the conferences other 120+ sessions.

The virtual program will include many of the in-person sessions, pre-recorded and offered on-demand through BPA's learning library. In addition there will be one to two live sessions streaming from each breakout in Austin via BPA's virtual platform. There will also be exclusive virtual content (live and on-demand) as BPA works to bring you the most vital content while managing presenter and attendee travel restrictions.

DOE WAP staff will be in attendance, and DOE is encouraging WAP professionals to attend this exciting and important learning opportunity.

Attendance at this event is considered an allowable use of training and technical assistance (T&TA) funds by WAP network organizations. To find out more information about the conference, please visit the event website <https://events.building-performance.org/national/>.

If you have questions regarding the information in this Memorandum, please contact your DOE Project Officer.