





#### New Jersey's Clean Energy Program<sup>TM</sup>

# Community Engagement as a Driver for Energy Efficiency

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## **About VEIC**

- **Mission-driven nonprofit**
- **Consulting & Implementation Services**
- 3 Energy Efficiency Programs
  - Efficiency Vermont: nation's 1st energy efficiency utility
  - Efficiency Smart: efficiency services to 48 Midwest municipal electric systems
  - DC SEU: sustainability services in the nation's capital
- Energy efficiency, renewable energy & transportation











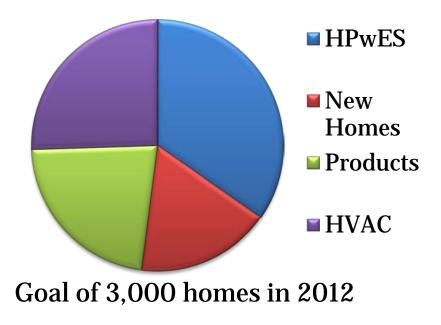


## New Jersey's Residential Programs

- 2012 residential portfolio is \$93 million (35% HPwES)
- HPwES is tiered and performance based

Tier	Energy Savings	Incentive	0% Loan
Tier 2	Between 10-20%	\$2,000	\$5,000
Tier 3, Level 1	Between 20-25%	\$4,000	\$10,000
Tier 3, Level 2	Above 25%	\$5,000	\$10,000

#### **Share of 2012 Budget**







# **Initial Focus on Community Outreach**

- "Creative" RFP for lighting issued in 2008-2011 with goals of:
  - Primary: Engaging lighting program non-participants
  - Secondary: Developing lead generation for other NJCEP programs
- Key Elements
  - Few restrictions on the proposed approaches
  - Non-traditional program implementers encouraged (community organizations, non-profits and energy efficiency service providers, etc.)







#### Six Partners in 2008 and 2009



















- free shipping on orders over \$25.00
- a complimentary CFL included with every order







# **Approaches Used Included...**

- Workplace events
- Door to door campaigns
- Community events
- Online store
- Faith based outreach
- > 1.6M CFLs distributed







## 2012 NJCEP Partners promote HPwES

- Project Porchlight and TechniArt
- Primary focus is still on lighting
- 19 street fairs and community events in the spring and summer
- 73 NJ Lighting Fairs at NJ Businesses
- HPwES contractors partner at events
- Blue & White Collar meet Green







## **Warm & Hot Leads**

	Warm Leads	Hot Leads	
Lead Generation	Contact information passed on to HPwES program	In-person hand-off to HPWES contractor and lead information to HPwES program	
YTD Performance	> 547	> 593	
<b>HPwES Customers</b>	> 10		





## **Lessons Learned**





# **Selecting Outreach Partners**

- Big tent for partnering with all HPwES contractors
  - more effective ones rise to the top
- Anecdotal evidence of local contractors being more effective
- Review cross-promotion of utility weatherization program
  - broad demographic at events







# **Program Follow Up is Critical**

- Capturing leads isn't sufficient to drive large scale increases in participation
  - Focus on closer follow up after both warm and hot leads are generated
- Stronger engagement with event hosts, e.g. businesses, to support employee awareness of the program
- Good data/reporting is critical
  - Create a continuous feedback loop with partners







# **Questions?**





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