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Workforce
Competent
in Building
Science

Product on Shelf:

Better
Buildings
> Comfort
> Health
> Safety
> Durability

Market Demand:

Consumers
and
Transaction
Process
That Value
Better
Buildings

Better Buildings Big Prize:

- **\$100s B** Savings
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- **National Security**

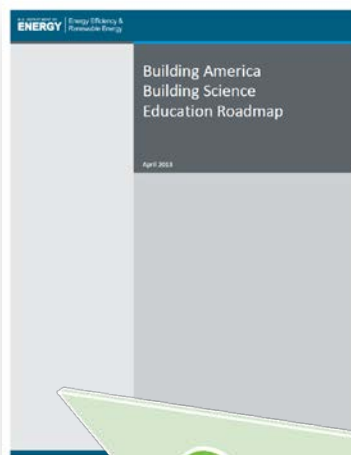
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- Timeline
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Building Science Education Timeline

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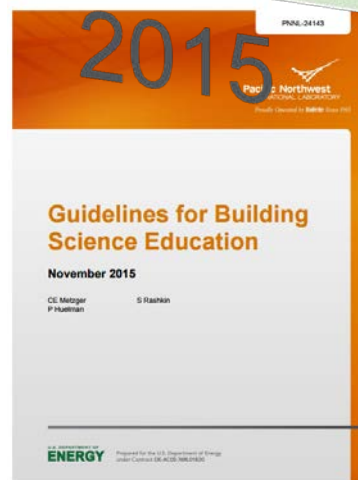


2013

2014

2015

2016



Sales Tool

Translate building science technical terms into a new language of value.



Framework for
Consistent Competency

DOE Guidelines for
Building Science
Education

Full Integration with
Degree Programs

DOE **'Race to Zero'**
Student Design
Competition

Value Understood
in the Market

DOE Sales Tool

Consistent Framework – Career Classifications

Career Classifications

1 High-School Ed.	2 Builder/ Remodel Pros	3 Program/ Project Manager	4 Transact. Process Pros	5 Design/ Construc. Pros	6 Building Science Pros	7 Home Energy Pros	8 Building Depart.
Physics	Builder	Utility	Realtor	A/E Degree	Forensics	Auditors	Code Offic.
	GC/Forem.	Energy Eff.	Appraiser	Lic. Arch.	QA Envel.	Perf Assess	
	Remodeler	Maint. Pro	Home Insp	Mech. Eng.	QA M&E		
	Insulator	Facil. Man.	Insurers	Civil/Struc.			
	HVAC		Lenders	Mat. Sci.			
	Plumber			Designers			
	Home Perf.			Landscape			
				Const. Man			

Building Science Skills

1 Integration of Whole-Bldg. Sys.	2 Building Science Principles	3 Operations & Maintenance	4 Building Testing
1.1 Performance	2.1 Heat Transfer	3.1 User Interface/Cont.	4.1 Commissioning
1.2 Life-Cycle Cost Eff.	2.2 Material Selection	3.2 Preventative Maint.	4.2 Diag. & Forensics
1.3 Disaster Resistance	2.3 Moisture Transport	3.3 Replacement/Renov.	4.3 Perf. Mon./Assess.
1.4 Int. Design & Const.	2.4 Control Layers		4.4 Ntl. Codes & Stds
1.5 Quality Management	2.5 Convective Transprt.		4.5 Cert. Programs
1.6 Bldg/Energy Model'g	2.6 Hygrothermal Anal.		
1.7 Cost Trade-Off Anal.	2.7 HVAC Systems		
	2.8 HVAC Inter. w/Struc.		
	2.9 Fenestration		
	2.10 Plumbing Systems		
	2.11 Electrical Systems		
	2.12 Lgting & Appliances		
	2.13 Indoor Air Quality		
	2.14 Control/Automation		

Building
Science
Proficiency
Based on
Blooms
Taxonomy

6

Create
(Design)

5

Evaluate
(Synthesis)

4

Analyze
(Analysis)

3

Apply
(Application)

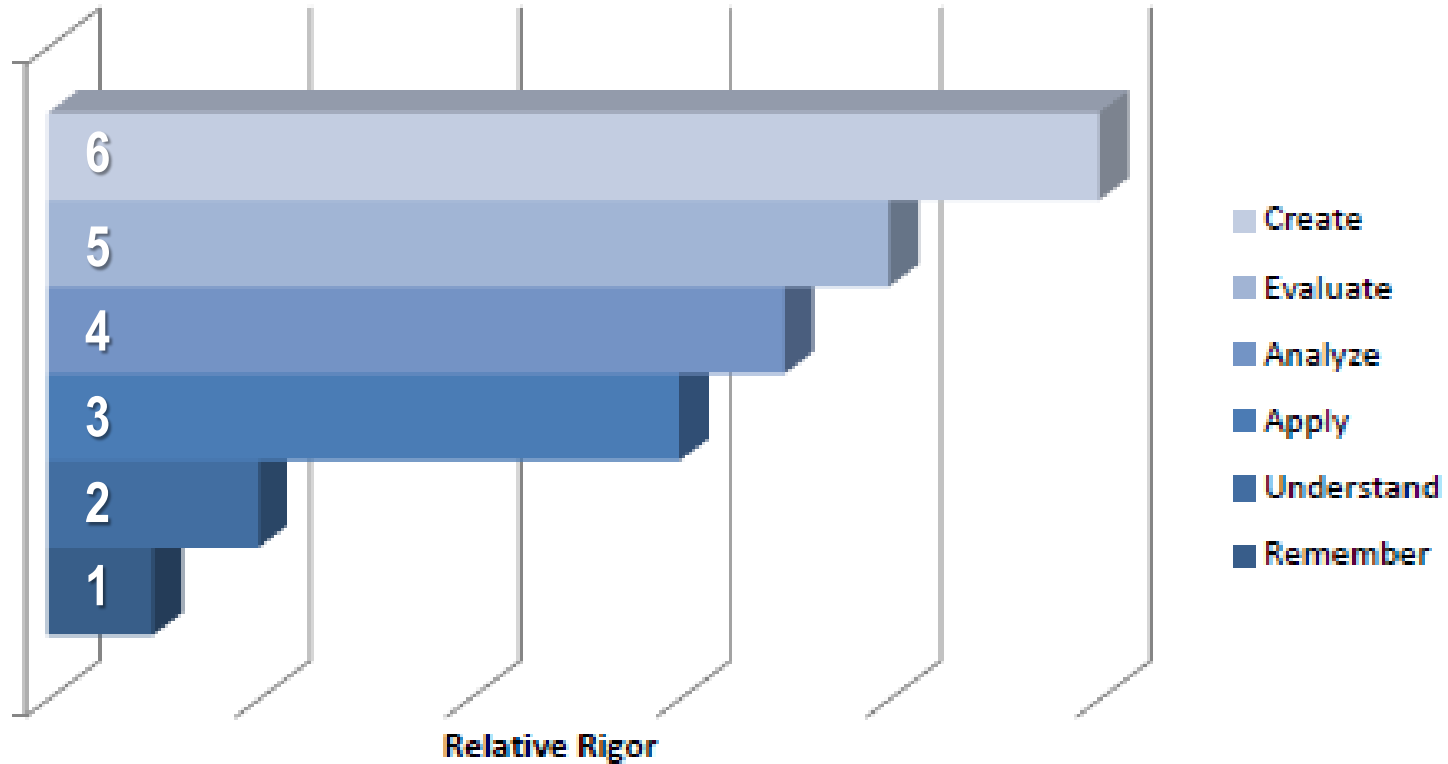
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Understand
(Comprehension)

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Remember
(Knowledge)

Consistent Framework – Proficiency Level Relative Rigor

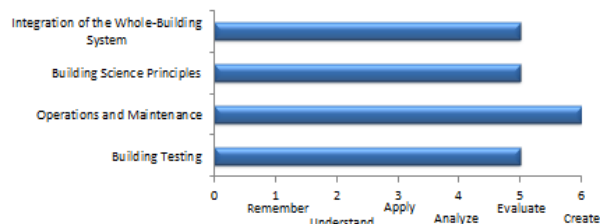


Consistent Framework – Sample Guideline

Building Science Education Guidelines for Mechanical Engineers

A summary of the proficiency levels¹ for the core competencies are displayed in the graphic below. For each core competency level described in this checklist, it is assumed that the organization or student is proficient in the level described, as well as all the cognitive levels below that level.

Average Mechanical Engineer Proficiency Levels



As the entity responsible for managing home energy certifiers, a mechanical engineer should be proficient in the following categories:

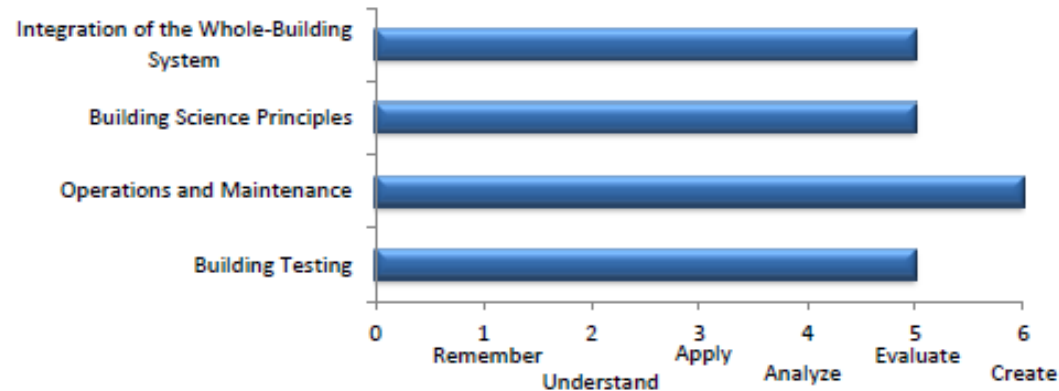
Topic	Proficiency Level	Checkbox
Integration of the whole-building system	Average = 5	
Simultaneous consideration of energy, durability, comfort and IAQ	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annualized cash flow	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building techniques related to natural and man-made disasters	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated design and construction	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality management	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building energy modeling	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost trade-off analysis (optimized first costs)	4	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ The average level shown here is the whole number that best represents the combination of individual scores from each sub-category

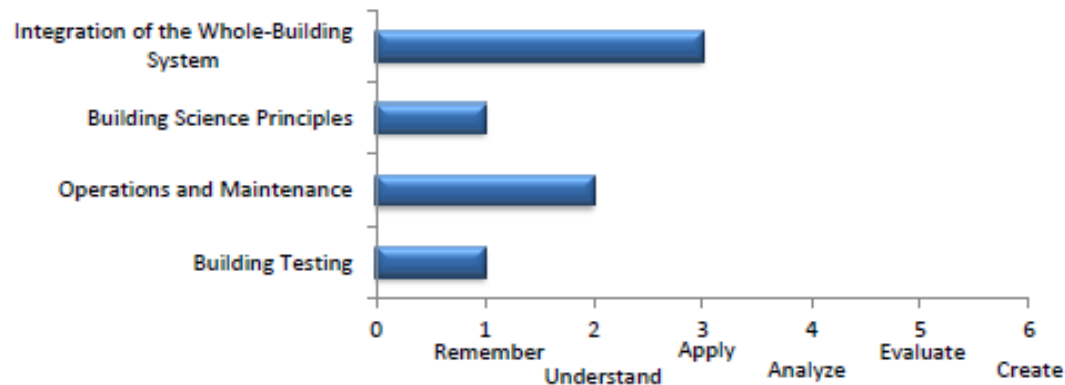
Topic	Proficiency Level	Checkbox
Building science principles related to the enclosure	Average = 5	
Heat transfer (convection, conduction and radiation)	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moisture transport of liquid	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convective air transport due to pressure differences	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Material selection (IAQ, thermal mass, moisture)	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Controls layers (heat, vapor, water, air and solar gain)	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hygrothermal analysis	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
HVAC systems (heating, cooling and ventilation)	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
HVAC interactions with the enclosure	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fenestration considerations	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plumbing systems (heating, distribution, conservation)	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical systems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting/appliances and miscellaneous loads	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor environmental quality (temperature uniformity and indoor pollutants)	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control/automation systems	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operations and maintenance	Average = 6	
User controls (ex: thermostat)	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventative maintenance (ex: cleaning air filters)	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Determination of appropriate replacement choices	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building testing and certification	Average = 5	
Commissioning	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diagnostics and forensics	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
National codes and standards	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certification programs	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The _____ mechanical engineer certification body has incorporated all of the relevant information in the above checklist into their training materials.</p> <p>Signature _____</p>		

Consistent Framework – Sample Guideline Comparison

Average Mechanical Engineer Proficiency Levels



Average Appraiser Proficiency Levels



1. Online Solution Center



- Audience: professors and trainers
- Easy access to consistent, peer reviewed training materials

2. Collective Impact Campaign*



- Target Partners: Educational Institutions (small programs to big universities)
- Easy access to official partners for students

*Kania and Kramer, Stanford Social Innovation Review, 2011

Skills		Proficiency					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Integration of Whole-Building System	1.1: Performance: Energy, Durability, Comfort, IAQ						
	1.2: Life-Cycle Cost-Effectiveness Analysis						
	1.3: Disaster Resistance/Resiliency						
	1.4: Integrated Design and Construction						
	1.5: Quality Management						
	1.6: Building and Energy Modeling						
	1.7: Cost Trade-Off Analysis						
2 Building Science Principles	2.1: Heat Transfer (Conduction, Radiation, Convection)						
	2.2: Moisture Transport (Liquid, Vapor, Psychrometric)						
	2.3: Convective Mass (air) Transport (Pressure/Flow)						
	2.4: Material Selection (IAQ, Thermal Mass, Insulation)						
3 Building Science Operations	Content						
4 Building Science Best Practices							
5 Building Science Tools							
6 Building Science Outcomes							

Level 1:
Identify and state the units for: heat flux, heat rate, thermal conductivity, temperature gradient, emissivity, heat transfer coefficient

Level 2:
Define key terms including conduction, convection, radiation, energy, steady state.

Level 3:
Calculate heat transport, conductivity, area or temperature difference through a solid using Fourier's law.

Level 4:
Draw a heat transfer diagram that shows each mode of heat transfer in context with the geometry

Level 5:
Determine the mode of heat transfer most important or likely to occur in a system if given information about the substances/processes involved.

Level 6:
Design an integrated hybrid thermal envelope

2. Building Science Principles - 2.1 Heat Transfer

Building Science Education Solution Center Content

Skills		Proficiency					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Integration of Whole-Building System	1.1: Performance: Energy, Durability, Comfort, IAQ	Career-Specific Content Per Guideline: Mechanical Engineer					
	1.2: Life-Cycle Cost-Effectiveness Analysis						
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	2.4: Material Selection (IAQ, Thermal Mass, Moisture)						
	2.5: Control Layers (Thermal, Vapor, Water, Air, Solar Gain)						
	2.6: Hygrothermal Analysis						
	2.7: HVAC Systems (Heating, Cooling, and Ventilation)						
	2.8: HVAC Interactions with Enclosure						
	2.9: Fenestration						
	2.10: Plumbing Systems (Heating, Distribution, Conservation)						
	2.11: Electrical Systems						
	2.12: Lighting/Appliances and Miscellaneous Loads						
	2.13: Indoor Envir. Quality (Thermal Comfort, Health, Safety)						
	2.14: Control/Automation Systems						
3 Operation & Maint.	3.1: User Interface and Controls						
	3.2: Preventive Maintenance						
	3.3: Replacement and Renovation						
4 Building Testing	4.1: Commissioning						
	4.2: Diagnostics and Forensics						
	4.3: Performance Monitoring/Assessment						

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Proficiency Level 1: Remember

Define key terms including u-factor, NFRC label, SHGC, VT, air leakage, and LSG.

Describe different window operation methods and be prepared to comment on air leakage implications.

Proficiency Level 2: Understand

Describe types of window frames and glazing including low-e, tinting, and reflective coatings

Describe ways that sunlight transmittance is measured and rated.

Explain distinguishing features of each of the primary glazing types including tints, low-e, etc.

Proficiency Level 3: Apply

Sketch the primary components of a window and describe the role that each plays (frame, panes, sill, etc.).

Proficiency Level 4: Analyze

Classify window performance for specific regions using information from the NFRC label.

Explain the importance of u-factors in predicting window performance.

Proficiency Level 5: Evaluate

Select the best window system for specific orientations and geography.

Fenestration (i.e. windows and skylights) provide our homes with light, warmth, and ventilation. When properly designed, selected and installed, energy-efficient windows can help minimize heating, cooling, and lighting costs, while improving comfort for building occupants.

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Proficiency Level 3: Apply

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Proficiency Level 4: Analyze

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Videos That Explain High Performance Glass



This [series of videos](#) explains everything from basic types of windows, to the physics associated with cold air window performance.

[Glazing Type Handout](#)

This handout can be altered to provide the basis for a homework problem.

Videos

[Daylighting](#)

This video describes how to encourage daylighting design in buildings to save on energy costs associated with lighting.

[Window U-Value Calculation](#)

This video describes how window U-value is calculated.

[Thermal Conductivity and Thermal Resistance](#)

This video describes how to calculate thermal conductivity and thermal resistance of building components.

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Should Low-E coatings be used in a hot climate area?

[Improving Window Performance](#)

Which of the following options would NOT improve the performance of a window?

- (a) Increase airtightness of a window
- (b) Increase the number of glass panes.
- (c) Increase the thermal performance of the window frame.
- (d) Increase the thickness of glass.

[NFRC Label Information](#)

List 3 window performance measures that appear on an NFRC label?

[Advantage of Inert Gas in Windows](#)

Type of Problem: Homework

One of the advantages of a window assembly that uses an inert gas in the air gap is:

- (a) Inert gases are not explosive.
- (b) The inert gas acts as an insulator and reduces the heat transfer through the window.
- (c) These windows can use single pane glazing.
- (d) Windows with inert gases are low cost.

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Collective Impact:

The commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem.



“Collective Impact” by John Kania and Mark Kramer
Stanford Social Innovation Review, Winter 2011

Trade Associations

- Licensing Exams
- Continuing Education

Universities/Colleges

- Existing curriculum infusion
- New classes
- Structured minor
- State Licensing Exams

General Public

- High Schools



Collective Impact Campaign

What Does Success Look Like?

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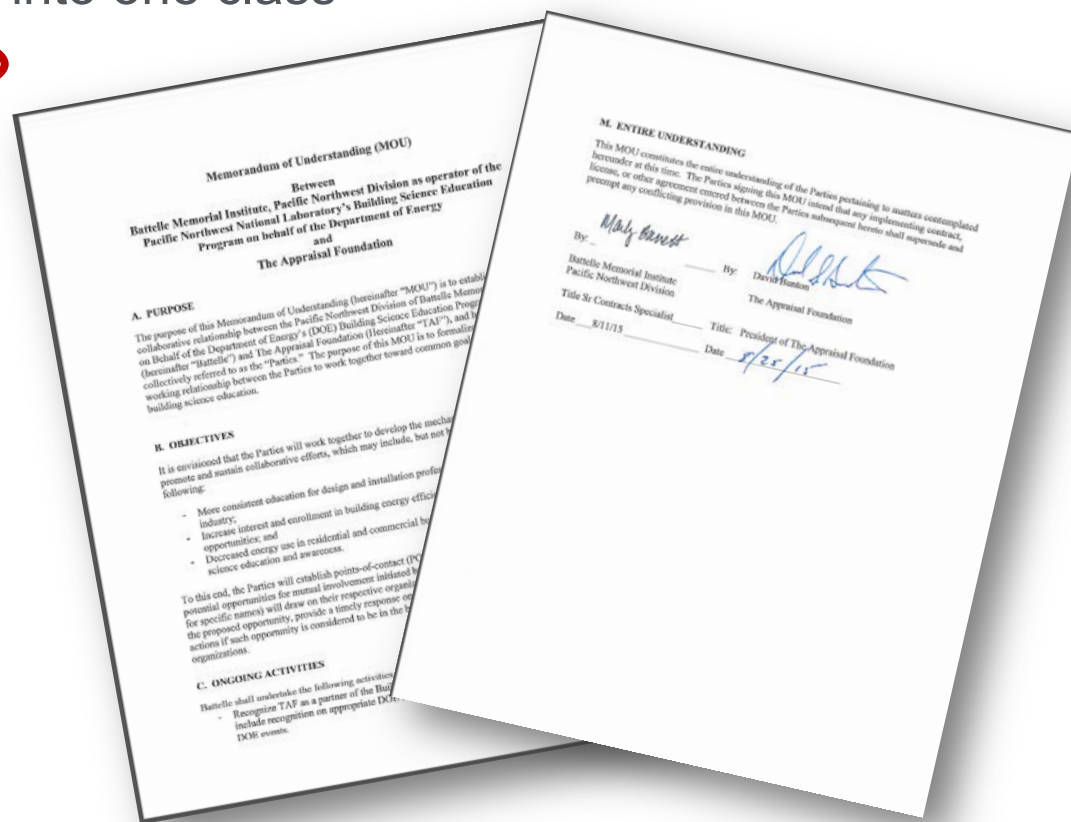
- Memorandums of Understanding with various trade associations and higher level education institutions
- Integrated guideline content into one class
- Content used on website

Gold Level

- MOUs
- Integrated guideline content
In at least three classes

Platinum Level

- MOUs
- Fully integrated Guidelines
- Self-certified program
- New minor for a program



Silver Level Partners



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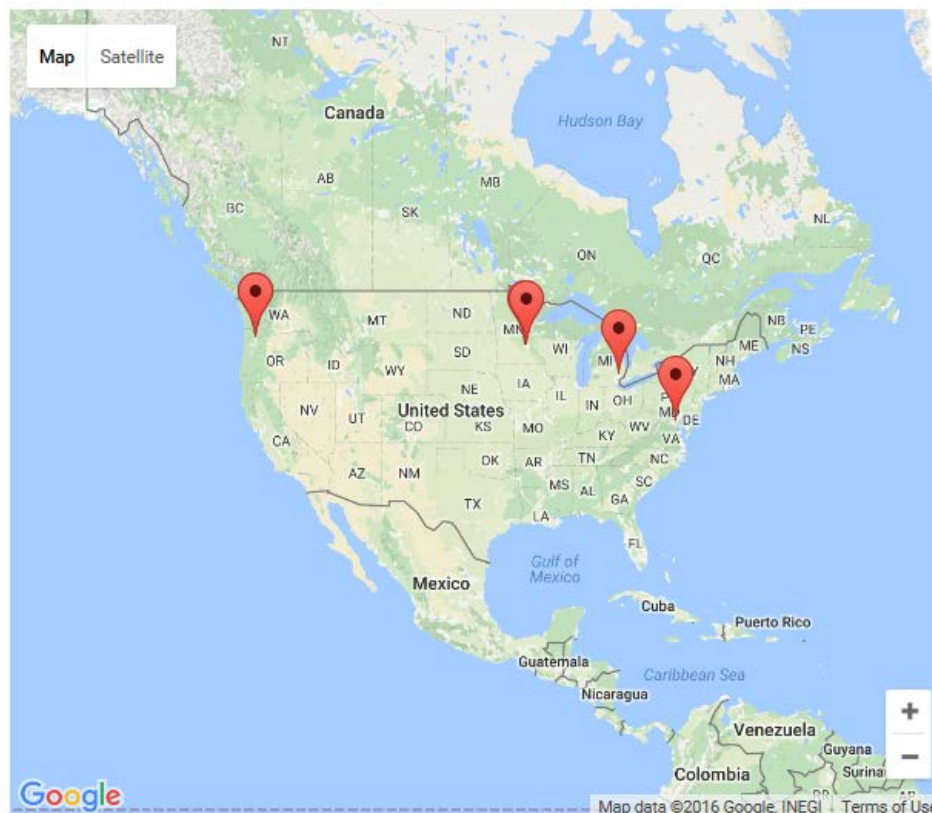
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BUILDING TYPE

Residential (6)

Both (4)

Commercial (4)

JOB CLASSIFICATION

Material Science Engineers (2)

Mechanical Engineers (2)

Appraisers (1)

Builders/Remodelers (1)

Civil and Structural Engineers (1)

PARTNERSHIP LEVEL

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The Cold Climate Housing Program (CCH) is an information and education program that promotes the idea of the "house as a system."

[Dr. Heather Dillon](#)

Heather Dillon is a professor at the University of Portland, in Portland, OR. She teaches building science to undergraduate mechanical engineering students.

[Guardian Industries Corporation](#)[Shiley School of Engineering - University of Portland](#)

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[The Appraisal Foundation](#)

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[Residential \(6\)](#)[Both \(4\)](#)[Commercial \(4\)](#)

JOB CLASSIFICATION

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Dean Sharon Jones – Shiley School of Engineering

Partner Website: <http://engineering.up.edu/>



Action: Self Certify! (Beta Launch)

- Step 1 – Find the appropriate checklist in the Guidelines for Building Science Education



http://www.pnnl.gov/main/publications/external/technical_reports/PNNL-24143.pdf

- Step 2 – Compare your program against this checklist

Building Science Education Guidelines for Mechanical Engineers

A summary of the proficiency levels¹ for the core competencies are displayed in the graphic below. For each core competency level described in this checklist, it is assumed that the organization or student is proficient in the level described, as well as all the cognitive levels below that level.

As the entity responsible for managing home energy certifiers, a mechanical engineer should be proficient in the following categories:

Topic	Proficiency Level	Checkbox
Integration of the whole-building system	Average = 5	
Simultaneous consideration of energy, durability, comfort and IAQ	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annualized cash flow	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Building techniques related to natural and man-made disasters	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Integrated design and construction	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality management	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building energy modeling	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost trade-off analysis (optimized first costs)	4	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ The average level shown here is the whole number that best represents the combination of individual scores from each sub-category.

Topic	Proficiency Level	Checkbox
Building science principles related to the enclosure	Average = 5	
Heat transfer (convection, conduction and radiation)	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moisture transport of liquid	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Convective air transport due to pressure differences	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Material selection (IAQ, thermal mass, moisture)	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Controls layers (heat, vapor, water, air and solar gain)	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hygrothermal analysis	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HVAC systems (heating, cooling and ventilation)	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HVAC interactions with the enclosure	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fenestration considerations	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plumbing systems (heating, distribution, conservation)	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electrical systems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting appliances and miscellaneous loads	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor environmental quality (temperature uniformity and indoor pollutants)	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control automation systems	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operations and maintenance	Average = 6	
User controls (ex: thermostat)	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventative maintenance (ex: cleaning air filters)	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Determination of appropriate replacement choices	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building testing and certification	Average = 5	
Commissioning	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diagnostics and forensics	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
National codes and standards	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certification programs	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

The _____ mechanical engineer certification body has incorporated all of the relevant information in the above checklist into their training materials.

Signature _____

- Step 3 – Determine if there is anywhere you can add building science content to one class or many?
- Step 4 – Choose your desired partnership level
 - Silver: Guideline content in one class or content used on website
 - Gold: Guidelines content in three classes
 - Platinum: Fully integrated Guideline content
- Step 5 – Contact Cheryn Metzger (cheryn.metzger@pnnl.gov) with a scanned copy of the filled out guideline. If both parties agree to mutually appropriate partnership, a process will be started to sign MOU with DOE and add partnership content to website.

- **Preferred Submission:**

All aspects of a core competency subject (ex. Fenestration), and a given proficiency level (ex. Level 5 – Evaluate) as it appears on the website.

- Learning objectives
- Lecture notes
- Teaching materials
- Problem sets
- “Primary Image”

- **Priority:**

Lecture notes and problem sets are particularly needed

- **Caution:**

!!!Videos, images, tables, text, and problem sets from published textbooks are not allowed!!!

Framework for
Consistent Competency

DOE Guidelines for
Building Science
Education

Professional Degree
Program Integration

DOE **'Race to Zero'**
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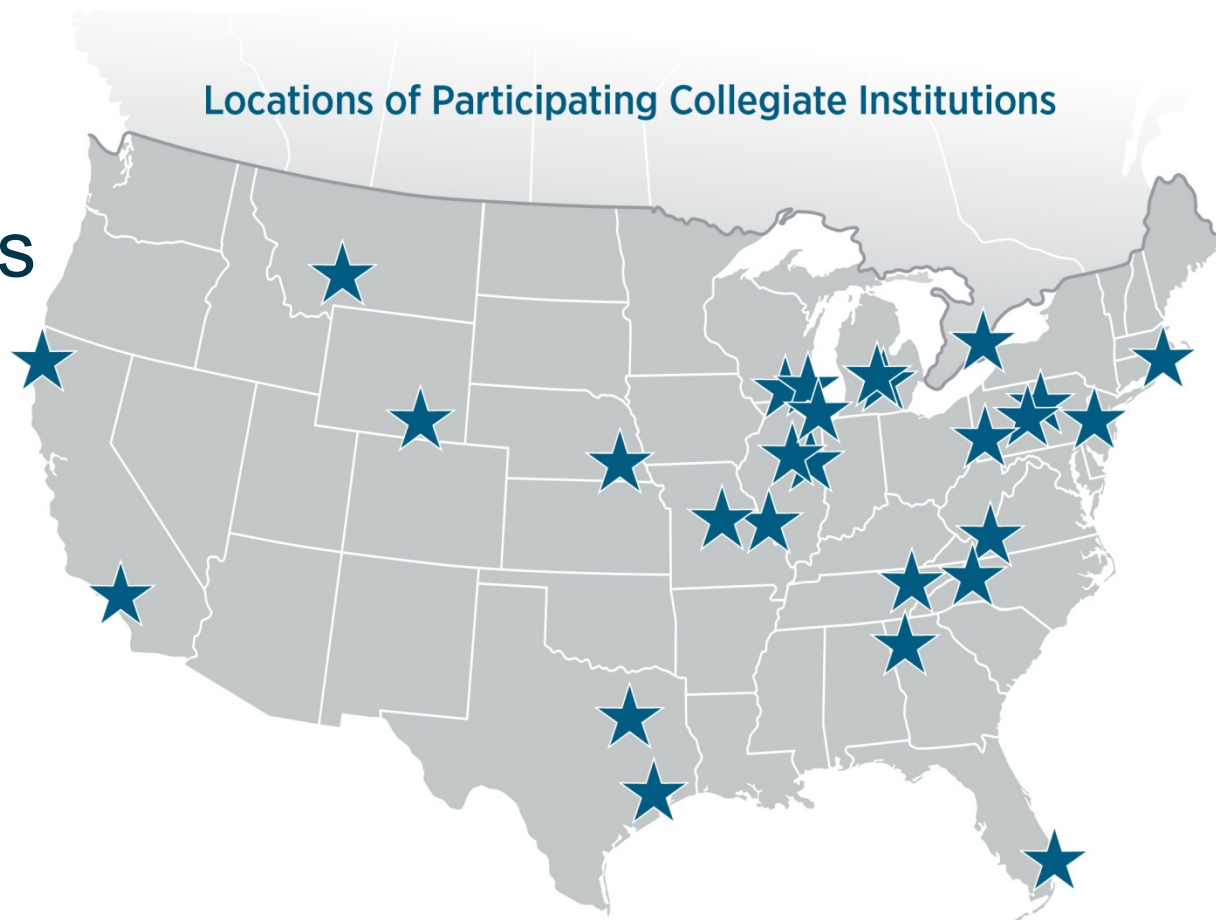
Advance and enhance building science
curriculum at universities



- **Configuration:**
 - Annual Competition (Starting 2014)
 - Designed for Easy Integration in Existing Courses
 - Collaborative Teams
- **Goals:**
 - Building Science Training
 - Market Ready Solutions (Design + Cost)
 - Comprehensive Building Science Integrated Design
- **Event:**
 - NREL Two-Day Event
 - Expert Juror Presentations
 - Career Connections

RTZ 2016 Team Distribution

- 301 Students
- 25 Universities
- 31 Teams



Race to Zero 2016 Grand Winner

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**Prairie View
A&M
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**Urban
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RTZ 2016 Grand Winner Design

Affordable zero ready home for a historically significant, low income neighborhood.



Building Science: Control Layers



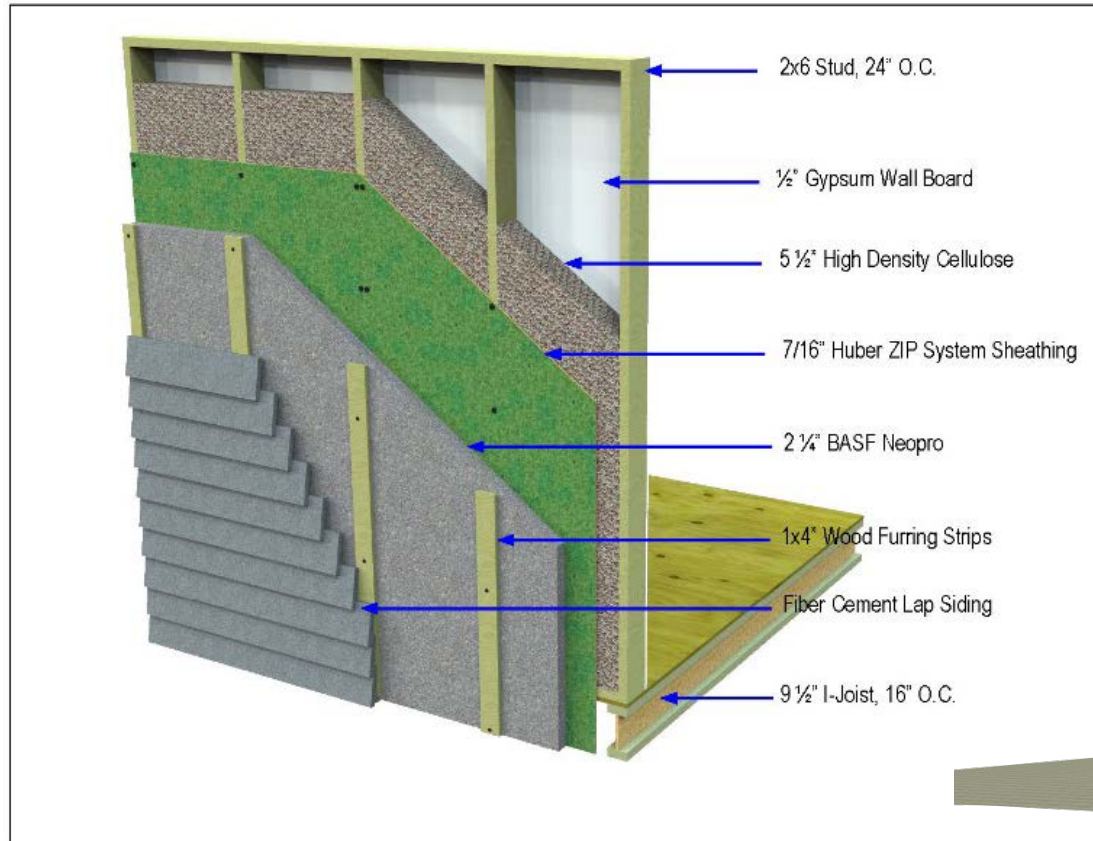
Figure 37. Thermal Barrier

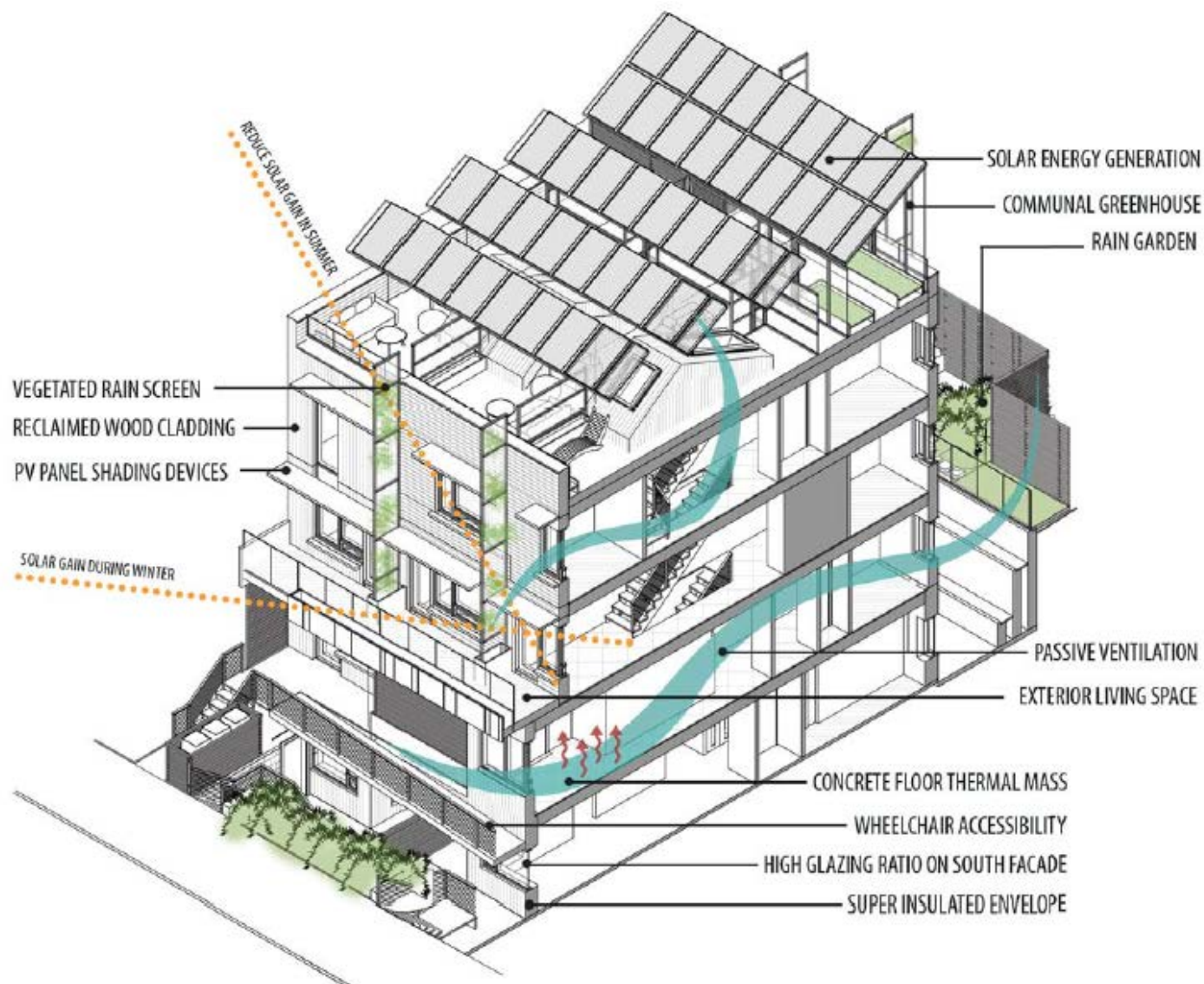


Figure 38. Vapor Barrier



Figure 39. Water Barrier





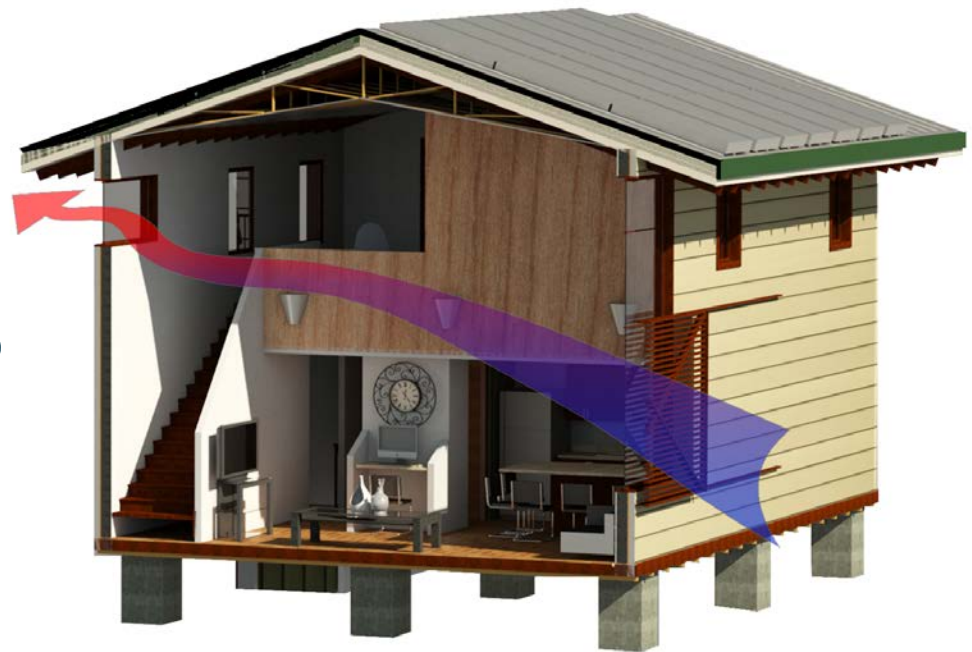
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2016 Race to Zero Participant



“I had almost zero knowledge in everything I had to do for this project. Learning the material in class then getting to apply it in a real world application was amazingly helpful...”

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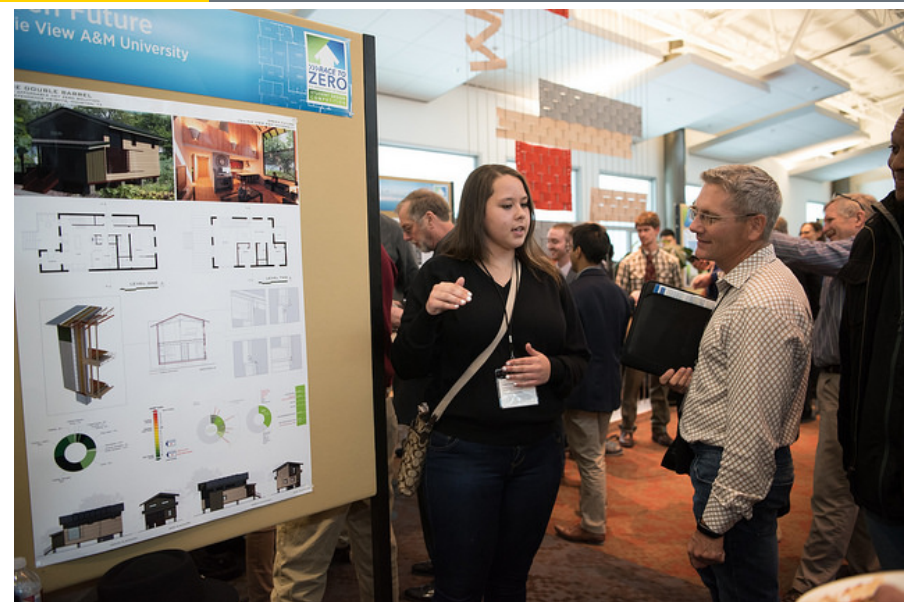
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Race to Zero Experience

“This competition is a great opportunity to go beyond regular materials and resources that are introduced in the typical classroom.”

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- Competition Guide



July 1, 2016

2017 Competition Guide released and team application open

November 1, 2016

Team application deadline: roster, \$200, and 3-page design concept

August 2016 – February 2017

Webinars and building science training available

February 28, 2017

Project Progress Report and Building Science Training complete

April 4, 2017

Final Project Report Submittals due

April 22-23, 2017

Invited teams compete with presentations to jurors at NREL

- Participate as a Team –
Applications Due November 1, 2016
<http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/us-department-energy-race-zero-student-design-competition>
- Serve as Juror
- Participate in Career Connections
- Promote the Competition
- Contact: RaceToZero@ee.doe.gov



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- Odor and Moisture Control Fans
- High-Capture Filtration Technology

Quiet

- Quiet Window Technology
- Quiet Wall Technology

Moisture Control

- Dry-by-Design Construction
- Moisture Control System - Whole House
- Moisture Controlled Comfort System
- Moisture Controlled Windows
- Moisture Controlled Lower Level

Pest Control

- Bug Control Barrier
- Pest Screened Home

Outdoor Contaminant Control

- Contaminant Sealed Construction
- Contaminant Sealed Comfort Delivery
- Dust and Pollen Barrier
- Radon Controlled Home

Chemical Control

- Formaldehyde Controlled Home
- VOC Controlled Home

Fume Control

- Carbon Monoxide Controlled Equipment
- Carbon Monoxide Controlled Fireplace
- Fume Controlled Garage

Thank you!

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How do the Guidelines for Building Science Education Compare to the Workforce Guidelines?

- **Goals:**

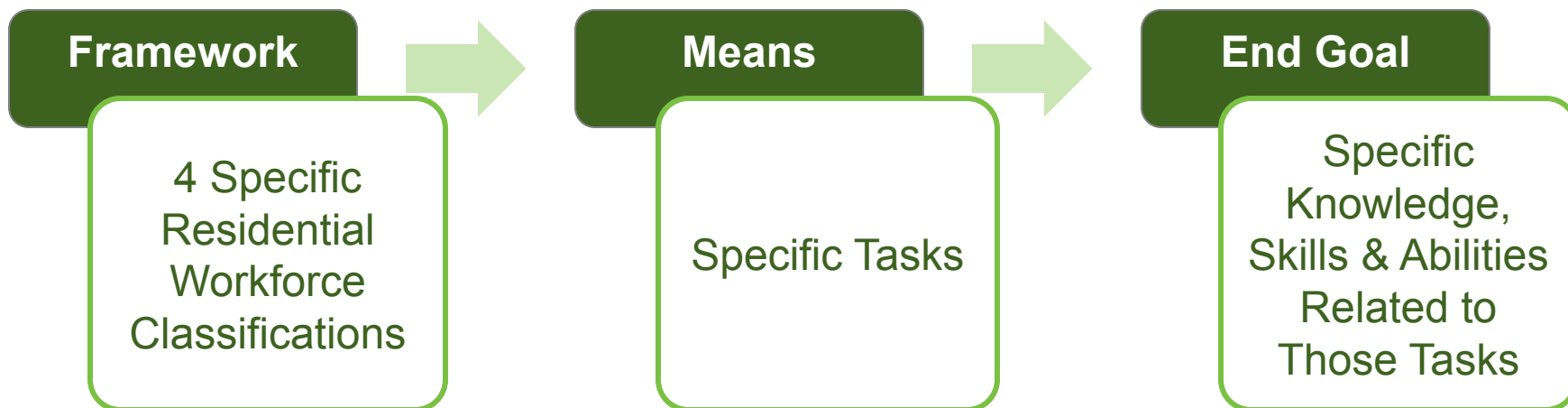
- Improving Building Performance
- Better Credentials for a Better Workforce
- Critical mass of knowledgeable workforce

- **Collective Impact Process:**

- Industry involvement
- Many input opportunities for stakeholders
- Partnering with education programs for alignment
- Aligning with other private and federal efforts
- Adoption of guidelines by education programs



Workforce Guidelines



Guidelines for Building Science Education

