

## Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals

### Monthly Project Bulletin: March 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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#### Have a Question?

Have a question about the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project? Send it 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](#).

### Update on Multifamily & Single-Family Standard Work Specifications

Industry and public collaboration is essential to the success and effectiveness of the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project. The **Standard Work Specifications for Multifamily Energy Upgrades** became available for industry review on March 12, 2012. **This review will remain open until May 4, 2012.**

The **Standard Work Specifications for Single-Family Energy Upgrades** will undergo a final, 15-day, public comment period beginning in late March 2012. This will complete one of the last remaining phases in an extensive development process, which began after the first draft of these specifications was made available in July 2010. Following the upcoming public comment period, comments will be evaluated and integrated if appropriate. The document will then be sent into final production.

**To participate in the public review of either document**, please create an account using the new commenting tool available at <http://nrel.pnnl.gov/forum.php>.

### Pilot Certification: Registration Now Open

In June 2012 the Building Performance Institute (BPI) will introduce four new Home Energy Professional certifications to the nation's weatherization and home performance workforce. These certifications are offered by BPI and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), as part of the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project.

The four certifications focus on the most common job classifications in the home energy upgrade industry: **energy auditor, retrofit installer, crew leader and quality control inspector**. Pilot written and field practical exams will be rolled out in June. Candidates who take these exams and meet passing requirements will be amongst the first group of professionals to earn these certifications.

**Registration for the pilot certification exams is now open** at: [www.bpi.org/pilot](http://www.bpi.org/pilot). Scheduling of pilot exams will begin in May 2012.

## Upcoming Conferences and Events

Interested in speaking with the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project team? We will be presenting at a number of conferences and events, including:

- [ACI National Home Performance Conference](#)
- [Energy OutWest](#)

### Project Testimonial

"The Electric & Gas Industries Association is excited to see the Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project moving forward. It's vital that leading utility, government and energy organization sponsored programs signal to the home improvement industry that they value high-quality work and have the best interests of the consumer in mind. The Guidelines project (and particularly the professional certifications component), has the potential to shift the focus of homeowners from lowest price to certifiable quality, backed by a third party who stands behind the contractors they recommend."

- Ed Thomas, Vice President of Utility and Government Services for Electric & Gas Industries Association

## 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 at:  
[www.wip.energy.gov/retrofit\\_guidelines.html](http://www.wip.energy.gov/retrofit_guidelines.html).

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