

## BETTER BUILDINGS RESIDENTIAL

Better Buildings is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) initiative designed to improve the lives of the American people and accelerate energy savings through leadership, innovation, partnerships, and demonstrated best practices. Under this initiative, Better Buildings Residential works with residential efficiency programs and their partners to improve homeowners' lives, the economy, and the environment by increasing the number of high-performing, energy-efficient existing homes in the United States through:

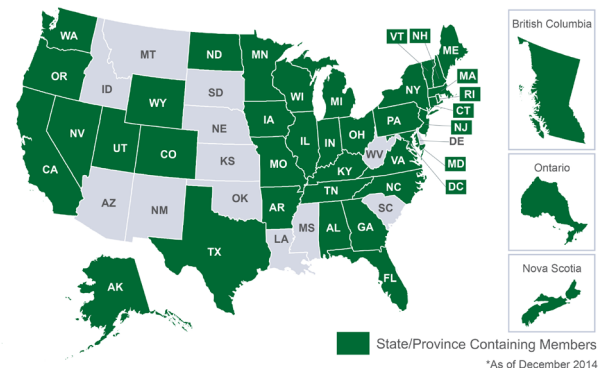
- ▶ Better Buildings Residential Network
- ▶ Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center
- ▶ Home Energy Score
- ▶ Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

Better Buildings Residential programs and partners have invested more than \$3 billion from federal funding and local resources to build more energy-efficient communities across the United States.

### Access Industry Knowledge: Join the Better Buildings Residential Network

The Residential Network connects energy efficiency programs and partners to share best practices and learn from one another to increase the number of homes that are energy efficient. Membership is open to organizations that are committed to accelerating the pace of home energy upgrades. Members include businesses; federal, state, and local governments; financial institutions; Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Sponsors; non-governmental energy organizations; program administrators and implementors; universities; and utilities.

Better Buildings Residential Network Members by State/Province\*



Membership benefits include:

- ▶ Invitations to monthly topical peer sharing calls
- ▶ Optional program benchmarking
- ▶ Opportunities to be featured in media, case studies, and lessons learned materials
- ▶ Tools, templates, resources, and proven solutions shared by members
- ▶ Newsletter and updates on residential energy efficiency trends

For a list of current members and information on joining, visit [betterbuildings.energy.gov/bbrn](http://betterbuildings.energy.gov/bbrn).

### Discover Best Practices: Visit the Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center

The Residential Program Solution Center is an online collection of resources and lessons learned from Better Buildings Neighborhood Program partners, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Sponsors, and others. This industry knowledge can help residential energy upgrade program administrators and partners plan, implement, manage, and evaluate their programs more effectively by learning what has been tried elsewhere and how it worked.

The Residential Program Solution Center provides:

- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Material templates
- ▶ Program examples
- ▶ Step-by-step guidance
- ▶ Tips for success
- ▶ Webcasts and videos

Access the Residential Program Solution Center at [energy.gov/rpsc](http://energy.gov/rpsc).



## Expand Your Efficiency Efforts: Use Home Energy Score

Home Energy Score provides information to help homeowners easily understand their homes' energy efficiency and how to improve it. An assessor uses the tool to rate a home's energy efficiency on a scale of 1 to 10, with a score of 10 indicating that the home has excellent energy performance and a score of 1 indicating that the home needs extensive energy improvements. Once a home is scored, homeowners receive recommendations on how to improve their score.

Home Energy Score's simple scale can be a powerful motivator in encouraging homeowners to invest in energy efficiency improvements. Home Energy Score Partners—state and local governments, utilities, and nonprofit organizations—are helping to introduce this valuable tool to homeowners across the country. DOE has released the 2014 version of the Home Energy Scoring Tool.

Learn how you can use Home Energy Score to help encourage home energy upgrades in your region by becoming a Partner. Visit [homeenergyscore.gov](http://homeenergyscore.gov).

## Run an Upgrade Program: Become a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Sponsor

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) is a public-private voluntary partnership program that aims to turn building science-based recommendations into solutions for improved, energy-efficient homes. DOE, in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, offers HPwES to improve a home's performance systematically based on building science. Since 2002, more than 300,000 projects have been completed using the HPwES approach.

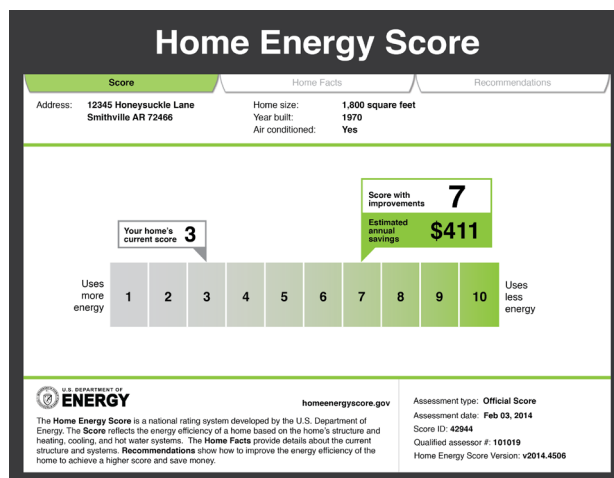
The national HPwES program is sponsored locally by more than 50 utilities, state and local energy offices, non-governmental energy organizations, and financial institutions. HPwES Sponsors develop the foundational elements of a successful market for home performance services within a designated region. DOE offers HPwES Sponsors several benefits:

- ▶ Access to ENERGY STAR marks; resources; and assistance developing, executing, and marketing local HPwES programs
- ▶ Confidence in leveraging a government-backed, national platform for a whole-house approach to home improvement
- ▶ Eligibility for awards and recognition for success
- ▶ Partnership opportunities with DOE to explore new opportunities, streamlined approaches, and cost-cutting measures to scale the home performance market

For more information, or to initiate or join a local HPwES program, visit [energystar.gov/hpwes](http://energystar.gov/hpwes).

## Learn More

Find out more about Better Buildings Residential and the programs and opportunities it provides by visiting [energy.gov/eere/better-buildings-residential](http://energy.gov/eere/better-buildings-residential).



This sample Home Energy Score shows a home's current score as well as its potential score and cost savings if suggested energy efficiency improvements are implemented.

