

- **Week of August 18, 2011**

Public Power Evaluation and Research Feedback Session –

BPA will host quarterly working conference calls to increase transparency in BPA's evaluation and research efforts and to gather specific utility perspective on evaluation and related research activities... [More](#)

ESI process evaluation -

Over the next 6 months, BPA's evaluation group, with its subcontractor Research into Action, will be conducting a process evaluation of the Energy Smart Industrial Program. The evaluation will utilize interviews and/or surveys of program staff, participating utilities, and end-use customers to provide BPA and regional stakeholders with information on strengths and weaknesses of the current program as well as recommendations for improvement... [More](#)

Variable incentive rate and reimbursement cap for industrial custom projects -

Beginning August 16, 2011 utilities may submit custom project proposals that include a variable rate incentive and a reimbursement cap for industrial custom projects. More details can be found in the attached [memo](#) and [custom project proposal](#) example.

Conduit usage on the rise -

Conduit (conduitnw.org), the online community for energy efficiency professionals in the Northwest, is growing. We're now up to nearly 800 registered users, over 700 resources, and 450+ comments!

How can you get the most from Conduit?

Try out these new activities on the "social bar":

- *Rating* - Rate your favorite resources
- *Sharing* - Share resources with your peers
- *Following* - If you are a member of a group or are interested in a certain resource on Conduit, follow it and receive updates when there is activity.



Conduit Tutorial Webinars

Come learn how Conduit can help you in your work! There are trainings every other week. [Click here to find out when the next session is](#). Bring your lunch and an appetite for learning.

Complimentary passes to the upcoming E Source Forum -

BPA continues to sponsor E Source memberships for the public utilities of the Northwest. With this membership our customers have access to a variety of resources from E Source, but also a limited number of complimentary passes to the upcoming E Source Forum... [More](#)

End of year submissions for ECA bi-lateral funding -

BPA has released a guidance document and a summary chart to help guide our customers' submissions for ECA bi-lateral funding during the close of fiscal year 2011. These documents provide the timelines and information necessary to ensure that custom project completion reports and ECA bi-lateral invoices are submitted with sufficient time for BPA review prior to the close of the fiscal year and can be funded using an FY 11 funding source.

This memo on [End of Year Submissions for ECA Funding](#) provides details on the end of year process and tips to help ensure a smooth transition to FY 12.

This [ECA Milestones Chart](#) provides a visual summary of the important activities that can be used as a reference during the close of the rate period.

