BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, September 12, 2013

Events

E3T: Emerging Technologies Showcase - Task Ambient Lighting -

Please join the Washington State University Energy Program on Wednesday, September 18 at 12:00 pm (Pacific Time) for a webinar on Task Ambient Lighting, as part of the "Emerging Technologies Showcase" series. Register now at https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/508483398.

Combining task lighting and ambient lighting in an integrated lighting system offers a more aesthetically pleasing office or classroom environment along with significant energy and lifecycle cost benefits. This webinar explores specifics of task ambient lighting, including estimated energy savings and demonstration results. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

The next Showcase in the series will be on October 16, 2013, featuring energy efficient emerging technologies for water and wastewater treatment.

Brown Bag: October 1, 2013 Implementation Manual Updates -

This Brown Bag will be held on September 26, 2013, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. The October 1, 2013 Implementation Manual contains a number of changes to BPA's energy efficiency programs. To ensure that these changes are well understood and to offer our customers a chance to pose their questions to the BPA programs team, BPA will be hosting a Brownbag webinar to provide details on the changes taking place and ensure customers have an opportunity to seek clarification from BPA's sector leads and program managers... More

General

Guidance on End of Year Submissions -

As the end of the rate period draws closer BPA would like to remind customers of the end of year submission deadlines we have set, and offer some guidance on ways to avoid potential problems near the end of the fiscal year... More

Program Updates

BPA Lighting Calculator 3.0 to be released on October 1! (For Real) -

After much ballyhoo and a few postponements the BPA Lighting Team plans to release Lighting Calculator 3.0 on October 1st. The lighting calculator will showcase a simplified user interface and increased options for utilities and trade allies. The calculator also features a newly developed Program Offerings Model which presents tiered incentives when greater savings are achieved... More

Cascade Energy Engineering will continue to deliver the ESI program -

BPA is pleased to announce that Cascade Energy Engineering will continue to deliver the BPA Energy Smart Industrial program during the 2014 - 2015 rate period. The ESI program will continue to deliver the same level of service in support of energy efficiency in the industrial sector. If you have questions about the ESI program please visit the ESI webpage or contact your EER.

NEEA Residential Building Stock Assessment (RBSA) Multi-family webinar - September 23 =

NEEA is hosting a webinar on Multifamily Characteristics and Energy Use on September 23 from 1-3 PM, based on the latest RBSA report. This is the final in a series of reports summarizing the results of the Residential Building Stock Assessment (RBSA). The purpose of this report is to obtain a comprehensive view of the current state of residential multi-family stock characteristics through an understanding of the distribution of energy-consuming equipment and lighting. The report presents interesting findings on multi-family building characteristics as well as actual housing units. There is substantial diversity in building characteristics throughout the region. Results of this study will serve as a basis for planning, forecasting, and program development initiatives by various entities in the region. Click here to register for the webinar.

Oregon Energy Codes Study -

NEEA has contracted with The Cadmus Group, Inc. to conduct a study which will assess the impact of new residential construction code on energy savings in the state of Oregon. The study will be in the field in the months of September and October 2013. This study has roots in the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which provided funding to states, contingent upon a commitment to adopt the latest model energy codes, and to develop and implement a plan, including active training and enforcement provisions, to achieve ninety percent compliance with target codes by 2017. The results of this study will help provide the basis for more accurate savings forecasts associated with new construction and will help NEEA target code training and education efforts more effectively. The Oregon code study will be available in late 2013. If you have questions about the study, please contact NEEA Project Manager Steve Phoutrides (sphoutrides@neea.org).

Reminders

Upgrade to IS 2.0 has been deployed -

On Friday, Aug 30 BPA successfully implemented an important update to IS 2.0 without interruption to system 0peration. The update contains the following features:

Corrections: We will be implementing a corrections feature which gives us the ability to correct errors in invoice packages that have previously been approved.

Custom Project Completion Date Attribution: IS 2.0 will correctly define custom project completion dates as the date of COTR approval rather than the date of measure installation.

Custom Program Reporting: IS 2.0 will accept reporting data from Custom Programs.

We understand that the functionality this update contains is critical to closing the rate period for some customers. Those customers for whom a correction is pending will be contacted by their COTR in the coming days to finalize the correction process.

If you have any questions or comments please contact your EER.

Clarification on the Custom Project Submission Deadline -

BPA has previously indicated that Custom Project Completion Reports must be submitted by Sept. 13 to allow adequate time for review and correction to be considered eligible for reimbursement using FY 12–13 rate period EEI funds. We would like to offer additional clarification of this position. BPA guarantees that any completion reports submitted by Sept. 13 will receive a determination from BPA's COTRs prior to the close of the rate period, and, if found acceptable, will be returned to customers in time to allow for invoice submission by the Sept. 30 invoice deadline.

If a completion report is submitted after Sept. 13, BPA cannot guarantee that COTRS will be able to make a determination in sufficient time to include in an EEI invoice before the end of the rate period. While we will make every effort to review all the submissions we receive, BPA staff may not have adequate time to review completion reports submitted after the Sept. 13.