

# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcement, February 18, 2016

## Events

### **Registration Now Open for Efficiency Exchange 2016 -**

Efficiency Exchange is the premier networking and learning conference for energy efficiency professionals from across the Northwest. Attendees from public and private utilities, consulting and research firms, government and nonprofit organizations will come together to learn and connect to help the region more effectively achieve its energy savings goals.

Our regional program planning team developed a stellar program based on great suggestions from around the region. [Take a look at the agenda](#) and see why this is one event you won't want to miss. The early bird rate for utility staff remains \$195 through March 25. On March 26, the rate will go up to \$245.

Efficiency Exchange has reserved a room block at the Coeur d'Alene Hotel, including a limited number of rooms for government employees. [Book early](#) to ensure the room block is still available. We look forward to seeing you in Coeur d'Alene April 26-28. [Register Now](#)

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### **Upcoming Focus 2028 Engagements -**

After a productive Focus 2028 kick off meeting on Feb 11, BPA will be hosting an energy efficiency specific follow up meeting on Feb 29, as well as a series of listening sessions to be hosted throughout the region. More information can be found [here](#).

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### **ET Showcase Webinar: Big Data, Cloud Computing, and Real-Time Control -**

The Washington State University Energy Program will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 12:00 PM Pacific Time titled "Big Data, Cloud Computing, and Real-Time Control" as part of Bonneville Power Administration's Emerging Technologies Showcase series. If you are unable to attend due to conflicts, this webinar, along with every other ET Showcase webinar, will be available to view as a video, anytime, at <http://e3tnw.org/webinars.aspx>. For additional information....[More](#)  
[Please click here to register](#).



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**Next Low Income Energy Efficiency Work Group Meeting - February 24 -**

Please join us for the next meeting of this regional workgroup to discuss and remove barriers to implementing low income energy efficiency. The draft agenda can be found [here](#).

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**Brown Bag: Lighting Promotion Update -**

Please join the BPA lighting team February 25 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm for a brown bag that is sure to inform and entertain. With the LED Gas Station Canopy promotion drawing to a close, this will be a great opportunity for attendees to learn the ins and outs of upcoming lighting promotions...[More](#)

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**Brown Bag: Come join us March 1 to learn Why Evaluation?**

Evaluation is becoming more important regionally and nationally and BPA has been ramping up its efforts. Come to the BPA Brownbag on Evaluation on Tuesday, March 1 from 12 PM-1 PM to hear about the objectives of evaluations, the way evaluation fits into the EE ecosystem, as well as evaluation's benefits and difficulties.

Examples will be provided of evaluations and their value to stakeholders and how the evaluation staff is trying to optimize evaluations in the context of rigor, effort, risk, timeliness and relevance. We will also discuss the recent CPP EM&V Guidance and what that might mean for the future of evaluation...[More](#)

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**Brown Bag: Server-room Airflow Management -**

On March 3rd Utility representatives are invited to attend a Brown Bag for a server-room airflow management overview. Server-rooms are located on-site in commercial buildings as a smaller alternative to enterprise data centers yet larger than server-closets. There is also a Server Room Airflow Management Workshop the following week on March 10th that will be open to customers and other stakeholders, and will dive deeper into server-room airflow management...[More](#)

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**Server Room Airflow Management Workshop -**

On March 10, Utility representatives and customers are invited to attend a workshop, focusing on airflow management and other server-room energy efficiency opportunities, sponsored by BPA, EPRI and Seattle City Light, between 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM, at the Museum of Flight, in Seattle. The registration fee is \$50. Please register for the event [here](#).

Utility representatives are also invited to stay longer, between 1:30 and 3:00 PM, to learn more about server-room walk-thru audits and airflow management custom projects, as well as for a server-room tour, starting at 3:30 PM.

Limited Offer: The \$50 workshop registration fee will be waived for the first 20 customers, who opt for a walk-thru audit of their data center. The walk-thru audits will be performed by BPA, in cooperation with the serving utility

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## General

### **Customer Portal and IS2 Are Back Online! -**

We are pleased to announce that the Customer Portal and IS2 have successfully been migrated to the virtual hosting environment and is now live for our customers as of 2/16/16. You may now submit your invoices through the Customer Portal as usual. For your convenience, here is the link to the Customer Portal site: <https://customerportal.bpa.gov>. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your Energy Efficiency Representative. Thank you for your patience!

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## Reminders

### **Update Regarding Non-Participating Savings from the Simple Steps Program -**

Simple Steps provides regional coordination for retail promotion of CFLs, LEDs, lighting fixtures, shower heads, and appliances. The program also includes delivery options for direct install, by request, and mailed non-request to assist NW utilities with program delivery.

In June 2015, the retail portion of the program shifted to a new funding model. Prior to that timeframe, if a store had sales to customers of both Participating and Non Participating Utilities, BPA paid for Non-Participating Savings (NPS) and reported those savings towards regional targets. This change was in direct response to the Post 2011 process in which utilities expressed interest that regional program should be funded by the utilities who participate in them...[More](#)

**Expanded Opportunities for Residential Ductless Heat Pumps -**

The Residential Ductless Heat Pump (DHP) Qualified Product List has been updated, removing an outdated note concerning “voltage”. This update expands the number of qualified ductless heat pumps by adding some with lower voltage....[More](#)