

# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcement, March 17, 2016

## Events

### **Time is Running Out for Efficiency Exchange Early Bird Registration -**

Sign up now for the early bird rate of \$195 for utility staff, the price will go up to \$245 on March 26. Take a look at the [agenda](#) and see why this is one event you won't want to miss.

Be sure to stick around for this year's closing session, Building on Experience: Industry Leaders of the Present and Future Tackle Today's Challenges. You'll have an opportunity to see veteran energy efficiency leaders on the stage along with our industry's rising stars to revisit challenges featured during the conference. Panelists and attendees will discuss how the past can identify and inform solutions for the future.

Our room block at the Coeur d'Alene Hotel is filling up quickly, so make your hotel reservations by March 25 to take advantage of reduced-priced rooms. Details on registration, hotel room block and the program agenda can be found on the [Efficiency Exchange Conference](#) page. We look forward to seeing you in Coeur d'Alene April 26-28.

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### **Focus 2028 Next Steps -**

After a productive series of listening sessions BPA is moving forward with the energy efficiency portion of the Focus 2028 process. In response to a request from participants BPA will be offering an initial two-week public comment period beginning Monday March 21 through April 4th to solicit input on the identified topics. During this initial comment period BPA will not be offering a proposal, but rather seeking input and potential solutions to the questions we have posed in our previous meetings. You will be notified when this comment period opens by your EER and AE.

After the close of this comment period BPA will host another meeting in Portland. Following that meeting BPA will be releasing a formal proposal for public comment.

To find out more on the EE Focus 2028 process, or to get information on previous engagements please visit the [EE Focus 2028 web page](#).



**Join us on Wednesday, March 30th for a monthly call on Momentum Savings -**

Join us for a monthly call on Momentum Savings. The purpose of the call is to provide an update on current activities, answer questions and get feedback on what information would be relevant and useful for future calls. Our first call is Wednesday, March 30th from 9:00 A.M- 10:30 A.M....[More](#)

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**Brown Bag: Join us on Thursday March 31 for the Changes and Corrections Summary of the 2015-2016 Implementation Manual Brown Bag -**

This Changes and Correction Summary to the 2016 annual Implementation Manual features a number of important programmatic updates – some of which will take effect in April and other in October. This Brown Bag will provide detail on the forthcoming changes and offer an opportunity for customers to ask questions of BPA’s programs staff. We’re scheduling this for a half hour longer than the usual IM Brown Bag duration to leave ample time to discuss upcoming changes to the UES Measure List... [More](#)

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**General**

**Introducing the BPA Lighting Small Business Promo!**

The BPA Lighting Team is excited to announce a new lighting promotion for qualifying small businesses! [Read More...](#)

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**2016 Draft UES Evaluation Plan Now Available for Comment -**

Thanks to those who attended the 2016 UES Evaluation Brown Bag on March 10! The draft plan is now available for review at [www.bpa.gov/goto/evaluation](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/evaluation). If you have any questions, evaluation staff will have office hours on Wednesday, March 23 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm at: 1-650-479-3208, Code - 996 922 859, and (as needed) the

WebEx: <https://usdoe.webex.com/join/Lauren.Gage>. Please provide any written comments on the evaluation plan to Lauren Gage at [lsmgage@bpa.gov](mailto:lsmgage@bpa.gov) by Thursday, March 24. We expect to provide notification in early April to the utilities that are included in the final sample along with additional details on specifics of each measure set. If you are selected, please hold April 12 from 12-1pm for the kickoff brownbag.

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## Reminders

### **EnergySmart Grocer Program Wrapping Up -**

The EnergySmart Grocer program is wrapping up its six-month close-out period which will end March 31, 2016. In its nine-year history, the ESG program delivered: 27.7 aMW in savings; 101 utilities participated and 6,000 rebates at 3,800 sites were processed helping facilities to reduce their operating expenses and improve their bottom line...[More](#)

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### **Regional Efficiency Progress Report Updated -**

BPA asks our 20 largest customers to forecast their savings on a quarterly basis and projects savings for all others based on an average cost per kWh. These savings reports are published on the [bpa.gov/ee](http://bpa.gov/ee) website via the "Regional Energy Efficiency Acquisitions Progress Report", which has been recently updated with FY2014-2015 actuals and FY2016 incremental and cumulative projections. For more information, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your Energy Efficiency Representative.

IS2.0 View Invoice Activity Has Been Fixed in the Customer Portal -

BPA has addressed an issue in our IS 2.0 system we have been struggling with for some time. Customers will once again be able to use the View Invoice Activity functionality in the Customer Portal to determine invoice status for all new submissions after 2/16/16. By selecting the View Invoice Activity page you will now be able to see if your submitted invoices are under review, cancelled and/or approved for payment. If you have questions on this information or how to use this feature, please contact your Energy Efficiency Representative.

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### **The COTR Corner -**

From time to time BPA will be providing helpful hints and insights from our COTRs that will help customers in their invoicing and measure review.

Did you know that the Completion Date entered into the DM Upload Template for invoicing is what determines the reimbursement amount, savings AND required documentation? It's a big deal and accuracy is awesome! The Completion Date signifies which Implementation Manual requirements the measure qualifies under and the values that correspond to the UES reference number in IS2.0. For UES measures, the Completion Date is the date the measure was installed and began generating savings. Don't forget that you can report savings at any time so long as the completion date is within the current or previous rate period (check out Section 3.2 of the IM)!

