

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

March 12, 2020

Events

Remaining Trade Ally Network NW workshops cancelled -

Out of an abundance of caution for the welfare of local utility staff, trade allies, community partners, and field team members, the remaining Trade Ally Network NW workshops on the 2020 spring schedule have been cancelled.

In place of the regularly scheduled workshops, the Network will be hosting a series of one-hour webinars. These virtual workshops will provide updates on Network activity, local utility programs, and provide a 30-minute session focused on sales skills.

Those who were registered for the in-person workshops will automatically receive an email inviting them to the associated webinar.

Brown Bag: Changes and corrections to the 2019-2021 Implementation Manual -

Please join us on Thursday, March 19, for a brown bag presentation discussing the updates and correction to the October 2019- 2021 rate period Implementation Manual. There will be an opportunity for customers to ask questions of BPA's program staff...[More](#)

Brown Bag: Energy Efficiency Action Plan update -

Please join us on Thursday, March 26, where BPA's Energy Efficiency program is publishing an update to the 2016 Energy Efficiency Action Plan. The updated plan, which covers energy efficiency savings, expenditures and budgets, includes actual and expected performance for fiscal years 2016- 2019 and fiscal years 2020- 2021. Come to learn about accomplishments and ongoing efforts by BPA and customer utilities to increase energy efficiency in the region and the expected achievements for 2016- 2021...[More](#)

Register now for Efficiency Exchange 2020 -

Efficiency Exchange, or EFX, is the premier networking and learning conference for energy



efficiency professionals from across the Northwest. This year's conference will be held May 12-13, in Portland, OR.

The early bird rate for utility, non-profit and government organizations remains \$245 through April 17. On April 18, the rate will increase to \$295. We've also reserved a block of rooms at the brand new Hyatt Regency directly across the street from the Oregon Convention Center. The keynotes have been added to the website, along with program agenda, registering for the conference, reserving your hotel room and all the other information that you may need can be found on the [Efficiency Exchange](#) website.

Reminders

EE tracking and reporting system update -

BPA has selected a software vendor to implement the new EE tracking and reporting system. Applied Energy Group, or AEG, was selected for their VisionDSM platform. This platform, which has been implemented at more than 90 utilities worldwide, will provide a highly configurable solution to meet BPA and our utility customers' varying needs. AEG is a New York-based company with personnel across the country. They have assigned a senior project manager based in Portland to oversee our project.

A name has also been selected for the new system. The new EE tracking and reporting system will be called BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking System, or BEETS, so stay tuned for future communications using the new name.

Trade Talk NW: The Back-to-School Issue -

Trade Ally Network NW's latest newsletter reminds trade allies that the Network is here to help them keep up-to-date with new lighting and HVAC trends and technologies. The newsletter highlights workshop topics, dates and locations. [Read the February issue here.](#)

Program incentives available for golf courses, cemetery grounds -

Golf courses, athletic fields, parks, cemetery grounds and like applications that pump their own water to irrigate turf and landscape may be eligible to receive BPA program incentives.

Irrigation pump variable frequency drive incentives may be available for the:

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- **Agriculture sector** if the water source is from a well, lake, pond, stream or river, and the pump is used to irrigate the property.
 - **Industrial sector** if the property uses municipal water, and the water is delivered by the water utility.

BPA's utility customers should ask their BPA field service engineer to confirm whether the project qualifies for an agriculture or commercial sector incentive. Questions? Contact your energy efficiency representative.

Evaluation: Opportunity for oversampling -

BPA recently rolled out its two-year evaluation plan for energy efficiency. In the next two years, we will focus the evaluation on custom and lighting projects for the commercial, industrial and agricultural sectors. We also plan to evaluate the savings and persistence for industrial strategic energy management. As part of the evaluation plan, BPA offers utilities interested in gaining more area-specific information the option to oversample within their territories.

Contact Carrie Nelson, BPA evaluation lead, at cenelson@bpa.gov or 503-230-4785 if you are interested in oversampling.

Visit our evaluation page at www.bpa.gov/goto/evaluation for more information on the 2020-2021 Evaluation Plan or to view the brown bag slides presented in January.
