

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

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Events

Old dog, new trick: Efficiency Exchange summer webinar series announced -

BPA, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, and the Council are excited to announce that the Efficiency Exchange 2020, or EFX20 conference is shifting to a virtual webinar series format. After making the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference planning team brainstormed ways to keep the conference connections going by sharing some of the compelling content planned for this year. Over the course of the summer months, several EFX20 sessions will be made available via webinar to offer educational presentations from panelists accompanied by lively, moderated discussions. The webinar series will provide a chance for the energy-efficiency community to come together discuss timely issues and interesting opportunities facing the Northwest.

More details and dates will be announced soon. Be sure to check the [EFX Website on Conduit](#) for more information.

General

Unassigned Account release for FY 2020 -

After a review of Energy Efficiency's FY20 program budget, we have determined that \$500,000 will be available for release to the Unassigned Account. These funds were originally designated to support the Energy Smart Reserved Power, or ESRP. ESRP is an energy-efficiency acquisition program that supports energy-efficiency projects at sites, such as irrigation districts, that draw power directly from the federal power system. The funds are available due to lower-than-expected use of incentives set aside for ESRP and we are therefore reallocating the freed-up funds to our customers. It is BPA's strong desire to see these funds put toward savings that will be invoiced before the close of the current rate period...[More](#)

Hemp in the Energy-Efficiency Program (Updated to reflect Idaho) -

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the controlled substances list and retained USDA regulation of hemp production. USDA issued an interim rule governing the production of industrial



hemp on October 29, 2019. This rule requires states and tribal entities to submit a plan for USDA approval prior to implementation. Based on this change in the rules governing hemp, BPA will no longer exclude hemp and hemp associated load from our energy-efficiency program in states where such activities have received USDA approval...[More](#)

New commercial energy-efficiency tips are now available -

Marketing has created a new batch of energy-efficiency tips to help entities in the Commercial sector save energy during closures. The tip sheet was created in response to a customer who saw the [residential tips](#) released in April. Tips include information on advanced power strips, heating and cooling, technology and lighting. The new customizable tips are located on the Commercial Marketing [Toolkit](#) page on bpa.gov, and are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). For more information about the commercial tips, please contact your energy efficiency representative.

The Commercial Building Stock Assessment 4 (2019) has arrived -

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, or NEEA, has just released findings from the latest Commercial Building Stock Assessment, or CBSA. This is the fourth CBSA since the first comprehensive, regionally representative study in 2003. CBSA is a regional study that seeks to understand drivers of energy consumption in commercial buildings by collecting detailed information building characteristics, installed equipment, and energy consumption for buildings throughout the Northwest.

CBSA 4 (2019) was conducted across 12 commercial building types. The final deliverables include a report, database and accompanying documentation. These are all available on neea.org/data.
