

# BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

## June 18, 2020

### General

**UPDATE: The deadline to request Unassigned Account funds for FY 2020 is Friday, June 19 - just two more days! -**

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](#)

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**Frequently Asked Questions: Hemp in BPA's Energy Efficiency program -**

As previously [announced](#), BPA will no longer exclude hemp and hemp-associated load from the Energy Efficiency program in the state where such activities have received U.S. Department of Agriculture approval. To help utilities determine hemp-project eligibility, BPA has prepared a list of frequently asked questions. For more information, contact your energy efficiency representative...[More](#)

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**Smart Thermostat form updated -**

The Smart Thermostat Project Information Form has been updated to correct an error that caused form-field duplication. The new version of the form is now available on the [Residential Thermostats page](#) and in the [IM Document Library](#).

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### Reminders

**New Residential Comfort Ready Home program -**

BPA has selected Evergreen Consulting Group as its partner to implement the new Comfort Ready Home program. Beginning in December 2020, the program will support utilities with increasing the uptake of residential weatherization, HVAC and heat pump water heater measures. It will also help



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build a well-trained network of contractors who have the knowledge and resources necessary to support our customer utilities' residential efficiency goals effectively.... [More](#)

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**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.

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**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](#).

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