

Peer Exchange Calls, Summer 2019, No. 22

The Better Buildings Residential Network hosts Peer Exchange Calls that connect energy efficiency programs and partners to share best practices and learn from one another in order to increase the number of homes that are energy efficient. Follow the links below to view full summaries of each call, and visit the **Better Buildings Residential Network** website to view a schedule of upcoming **Peer Exchange Calls**.



Program Design & Customer Experience

Consider untapped resources for developing a green workforce.

The head of the nonprofit green|spaces, Michael Walton, demonstrated how a novel initiative like Chattanooga's Build It Green workforce development program can develop qualified workforces that bring efficiency and opportunity to underserved communities.

▶ [Getting Net Zero Upgrades to Scale – The Future is Now](#) July 11, 2019



Image: green|spaces





Image: Center for Energy and Environment


Drive energy savings through disclosure policies.

Katie Jones from the Center for Energy and Environment highlighted Minneapolis's residential energy disclosure law, an umbrella of policies that seeks to provide multi-family benchmarking, average energy bill disclosures at the time of rent, and energy disclosures at the time of listing.

▶ [Home Performance and Real Estate](#) August 8, 2019



Marketing & Outreach



Program Design & Customer Experience

Integrate programs to catalyze energy efficiency in low-income communities.

Jennifer Gremmert described Energy Outreach Colorado's efforts to support energy efficiency in low-income communities via a suite of programs including energy bill payment assistance, weatherization, residential and multi-family home energy efficiency enhancements, non-profit facility energy-saving upgrades, energy efficiency education, and solar garden subscriptions.

▶ [Affordability – The State of Energy-Efficient Housing for All Americans](#) September 12, 2019




Image: Energy Outreach Colorado





Image: Rocky Mountain Institute

Use 'hours of safety' to unlock more interest and investment in home performance.

Greg Hopkins revealed how the Rocky Mountain Institute's "hours of safety" concept shows how long a home can maintain a safe temperature during power outages before conditions inside the home match the extreme conditions outside the home, noting that resilience in homes often misses the 'envelope factor.'

▶ [Finding the Balance Between Solar and Energy Efficiency](#) September 26, 2019



Program Design & Customer Experience