


Peer Exchange Calls, Fall 2022, No. 35

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 at energy.gov/eere/better-buildings-residential-network to view a schedule of upcoming Peer Exchange Calls.





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Sell energy efficiency by emphasizing secondary benefits to homeowners.

The Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership's Arah Schuur spoke to what she described as "the first rule of energy efficiency": don't sell energy efficiency. Instead, she suggested highlighting other benefits including comfort, environmental attributes, asset value, cool technology, and upfront cost savings.

▶ [Ups and Downs in Energy Markets: How Do Market Fluctuations and Uncertainties Affect Residential Efficiency Investments?](#) September 22, 2022







Learn how to find and apply for DOE funding opportunity announcements.

DOE's Sam Petty called attention to finding and applying to DOE funding opportunity announcements (FOAs). DOE uses FOAs, among other vehicles, to solicit proposals.

▶ [How to Find DOE Funding for Residential Energy Efficiency](#) October 13, 2022



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Hear about the promising opportunity to combine space and water heating equipment.

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's Edward Louie described the perfect match that exists between space conditioning and water heating as an integration opportunity. He noted that the operating temperatures of a heat pump for space conditioning are the same as the ideal temperatures for domestic water heating.

▶ [2-in-1: What Is the Potential for an Integrated Furnace & Water Heater](#) October 27, 2022






Discover the potential for the Inflation Reduction Act to stimulate residential efficiency.

The Stella Group's Scott Sklar highlighted plans to expand EV charging nationwide. The Federal Highway Administration, to take one example, has approved plans to build out a vast electric charging station network for all 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

▶ [Electric Vehicles and Residential Energy Efficiency – Prepping for the Historical Increase](#) November 10, 2022



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