

### Peer Exchange Calls, Summer 2023, No. 38

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. View full summaries of all previous Peer Exchange Calls [here](#) and visit the Better Buildings Residential Network [website](#) for a schedule of upcoming calls.



#### Discover how to establish a successful partnership

McKenna Dunbar, from the Sierra Club, spoke on navigating the nexus between energy efficiency, programming, and community engagement including four pillars: the democratization of information, having active and meaningful engagement with community members, targeting the inclusion of underrepresented populations, and equitable availability of resources. Dunbar then provided real-life examples of what the four pillars look like in communities.

▶ [Partnership How-To's – Lessons Learned for Successful Energy Efficiency Programs](#) July 27, 2023



#### Dive into strategies on creating a healthier indoor environment during wildfire season

Though there is no holistic healthy home program on the market today, the International WELL Building Institute's (IWBI) Eric Sun covered the WELL for residential program, an evidence-based third-party verified framework for builders, developers, and operators to create healthier, more resilient homes. Sun also discussed the WELL residential advisory, launched in 2021, that is bringing together industry experts to work, develop, and scale equitable strategies to address health and safety in the home.

▶ [Wildfires – How Can Residential Energy Efficiency Create a Healthier Indoor Environment](#) August 10, 2023



#### Find out more on where the market stands on heat pumps and financial incentives

Justin Margolies, Senior Product Developer at Slipstream, walked through the history of heat pump installation and evolution of the market today in the upper Midwest. Margolies emphasized that third-party stakeholders can help fill contractor education gaps and empower customers in their decisions and discussed trends to monitor, including connected heat pumps (fault detection and diagnosis and demand response), electrification service providers, and refrigerant scarcity and cost.

▶ [Heat Pumps – With Unprecedented Incentives, Where Are We Now?](#) September 14, 2023



#### Learn more about financing options coming from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Kara Saul Rinaldi, from the Building Performance Association (BPA) and AnnDyl Policy Group, focused on opportunities coming from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), when funds should be available, and that states must indicate they will apply to receive them. Rinaldi also discussed stacking rebates and what is/is not possible.

▶ [Combining Incentives from the Inflation Reduction Act, Tax Credits and Other Sources](#) September 28, 2023

