

# **Affordable Housing Program 2011**

**Webinar**

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# Outline

- Introductions – who's on the line
- Eligibility criteria
- Significant changes from 2010
- Transitional Issues 2010 – 2011
- Steps in Participation
- Where to find this information

# Affordable Housing Program

## Partner Eligibility Requirements

- 501(c)3 IRS or local unit of government affordable housing builders, remodelers or operators of transitional housing

# Affordable Housing Program

## Partner Eligibility Statement

By signing the partnership application you are agreeing to only enter projects if

- EITHER the end use recipients (whether owners, renters, or transitional occupants) will be at or below 80% of county median income,
- OR The project is a part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)



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# Affordable Housing Program

## Partner Eligibility Requirements

**Question:** What if we have projects that do not meet either of the eligibility requirements

**Answer:** Sign more than one provider application

# Affordable Housing Program

## Project Types

- New construction single family – Based on Focus New Homes certification
- Existing single family – Based on Home Performance with ENERGY STAR protocols **PLUS Systematic Savings standards**
- Note: Congregate living – Emergency Shelters now come under the single family existing homes type

# Systematic Savings

## Technical Standards

- **Air tightness** - .35 cfm/sq foot of surface area.
- **Whole house energy efficiency** – House must meet the energy requirements of UDC code as determined through REMrate
- **Mechanical ventilation** – ASHRAE 62.2. This standard is the nationally recognized standard for residential construction.
- **Mechanical equipment** – Furnaces closed combustion; water heaters power assisted minimum

# Significant Changes from 2010

- No limit to number of houses
- All projects must be within a Focus participating gas **AND** electric utility
- No required educational component
- Incentives tied to energy savings
- For New Homes there is Coop Advertising per New Homes Program guidelines

# Transitional Issues

## 2010 to 2011

- Any project approved in 2010 and completed prior to June 30, 2011 will receive the 2010 affordable housing incentives
- Any project approved in 2010 and completed after June 30, 2011 will receive the 2011 affordable housing incentives
- New construction projects – the above is designed to work together with the transition from Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes to Focus on Energy New Homes Program certification.

# Steps to Participation

- Organization, or consultant, or program, can initiate the relationship.
- Sign a participation application – both the organization and a consultant must sign.
- Program notifies organization of application approval
- Delivery of service – Consultants
- Incentives
- Education – for 2010 participants there are a few scholarships left for the Better Buildings Conference

# Expectations of a Consultant

- There is a cost to the service
- Project energy efficiency Improvements that will meet the appropriate performance standards (use of *REM/Rate*<sup>™</sup> software is required)
- Develop specific recommendations and/or scopes of work.
- For major rehabs – Find / recommend qualified contractors that could provide the needed services.
- Site visits and reports

# 2011 Incentives

- [Existing homes incentives](#)
- [Incentive Specifications](#)
  
- [New Homes](#)
- [New Homes Incentive Packages](#)

# Where can I find this information after the webinar?

- For organizations – Check with your consultant. You will also be notified (with a link) when this information is on the Focus web site
- For consultants – Consultant partner web site

# Questions?



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