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BPI Announces New Home Energy Auditing Standard

Malta, NY, November 13, 2010 - The Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) announces its *BPI-101: Home Energy Auditing (EA) Standard*, which was developed in an effort to standardize and clarify how an energy auditor conducts a whole-building, science-based evaluation of existing homes (residential low rise buildings three stories and less).

BPI currently has a standard that addresses auditing, the *Building Analyst (BA) Professional*, which has been in place for nearly a decade. This will remain in place, as it is the standard referenced by multiple energy efficiency programs and training providers. Although the *BA Professional* has been the “Go To” standard for completing an audit on existing homes, the retrofit industry communicated a need to develop a new standard, or revise the *BA Professional*, to better address its needs. BPI chose to develop a new standard specific to energy auditing. The *BPI-101: Home EA Standard* not only supports the evaluation in terms of energy usage, durability and occupant health/safety, but provides a comprehensive, prioritized written scope of work to improve the home through the use of computer analysis.

The *BPI-101: Home EA Standard* was developed by BPI’s Standards Technical Committee (STC), which also collected and resolved an extensive array of public comments, represented by the approved standard. This, in turn, was approved by BPI’s Standards Management Board (SMB), along with the concurrence of the BPI Board of Directors. *BPI-101: Home EA Standard* is currently undergoing ANSI review which includes a public comment period and is subject to change. BPI would caution utilizing *BPI-101: Home EA Standard* until the ANSI process is complete and is recognized as an American National Standard.

As stated previously, the *BA Professional Standard* and certification is in place and is referenced by multiple energy efficiency programs and training providers and will remain in place. BPI may choose

to repurpose the *BA Professional Standard* and certification in the future and will provide ample notice should this occur; however, BPI has decided to publish the *BPI-101: Home EA Standard* as a standard under review. As with the publishing of any new or revised standard or code in which there is an existing publication in place, there is a potential of conflicting or competing information. In cases where new programs choose to reference a BPI standard for the purpose of conducting energy audits, the *BPI-101: Home EA Standard* shall be the reference standard for the program.

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The Building Performance Institute, Inc., (BPI) is the nation's premier building performance credentialing, quality assurance, and national standards setting organization. BPI supports the development of a highly professional building performance industry through individual and organizational credentialing and a rigorous quality assurance program. BPI is approved by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI) as an accredited developer of American National Standards.

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- certification of individuals in building analyst, heating, AC/heat pump, shell/envelope, and multi-family designations
- accreditation of contractors committed to delivering quality, home performance improvements
- quality assurance to verify conformance with BPI Standards and provide feedback for continuing improvement
- affiliation of training organizations that deliver BPI services in their market
- open, transparent, consensus developed national technical standards based on sound building science

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