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PERFORMANCE MATTERS



A Word From **BPI's Director of Finance**

Elizabeth Vonau

I have spent a majority of my career in higher education, supporting student growth and success. After changing focus and spending a short time in public accounting, I knew I needed to find my way back into the non-profit world. In December of 2024, I was fortunate to begin work with BPI.

Coming in with no background in home performance, I was struck by the amount of effort that goes into developing BPI's standards and certifications. The level of expertise and dedication I have found in this industry has given me a true appreciation for what BPI does.

Since joining, I have been privileged to hear about the real impact of the work on people's lives - making homes more comfortable healthier, and more efficient for the families that live in them. These stories have made this feel like more than just a job, and I am grateful to be part of an organization committed to its mission.

As Director of Finance, I am often working behind the scenes, but I am proud to play a role in supporting the good work that makes BPI so impactful. My career here has just started, but I look forward to continuing to learn and be on BPI's journey of growing impact across the industry.



CEU Structure Update: **Now Awarded on a 1:1 Basis**

We've simplified the way you earn CEUs at BPI. As of March 1, CEUs are now awarded on a 1:1 basis - that means 1 hour of training = 1 CEU.

Even better? Your existing CEUs have already been updated automatically - no action needed on your end.

This change makes it easier than ever to plan, track, and stay on top of your credentials with confidence. Got questions? Reach out to us at CEUs@bpi.org.

Certification Update: *Crew Leader & Retrofit Installer Technician*

BPI will be retiring the Crew Leader (CL) and Retrofit Installer Technician (RIT) certifications as we continue aligning with today's industry needs.

What to know:

- Exams available through September 30, 2026
- Retired starting October 1, 2026
- Current certifications remain valid through their expiration dates

This shift reflects how the industry has evolved, with key elements now integrated into updated frameworks and resources.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at HEPcertification@bpi.org!

MEET KATIE

BPI's New Technical Director



Katie oversees BPI's Technical Department, which ensures all standards and certification processes align with ANSI / ANAB requirements. Katie entered the building performance industry in 2017, and enjoys bringing the highly technical together with the practical to keep homeowners safe and healthy, and to keep industry professionals informed and ready to do the same.

She has worked as a home energy auditor, home inspector, QA inspector, technical trainer, weatherization crew supervisor, QA manager, and program manager. She currently holds the Building Analyst-Technician and Building Analyst Professional certifications.

Katie lives and works from her home state of New Jersey, and enjoys hiking the many trails throughout the garden state.

Recruitment Toolkit Free Ready-to-Use Resources

BPI's Recruitment Toolkit is packed with ready-to-use high quality images, videos, and social media content to help you attract and connect with new talent.

Save time, expand your reach, and strengthen your hiring efforts with social media graphics, free photos, prints and videos built for the home performance industry!

[CHECK IT OUT](#) —>

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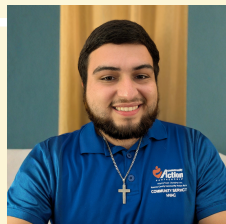
Larry Zarker Healthy Home Scholarship Awardees!

BPI is proud to recognize the first round of recipients of the Larry Zarker Healthy Homes Scholarship. This scholarship was created to honor Larry's legacy by expanding opportunities for individuals passionate about improving the comfort, health, and safety of homes through healthy housing education.



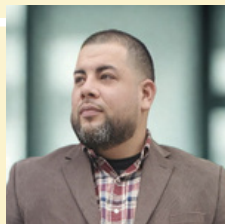
Lynda Clayton

Senior Program Coordinator,
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Brent De Leon

Weatherization Specialist,
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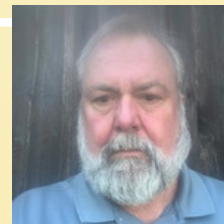
Ricardo Lopez

Clean Energy Specialist,
Green City Force



Nicole Henry

BPI Certified Energy
Auditor, Self Employed



Niles Jamerson

Senior Residential Energy
Auditor

Interested in applying for the next round of the Larry Zarker Healthy Homes Scholarship?

We encourage anyone passionate about healthy homes and making a difference in their communities to apply. Access the application with the link below!

[APPLY NOW](#) —>

Do You Install HVAC systems in a Cold-Climate State?

BPI is sharing the following opportunity on behalf of CSU for informational purposes:

Researchers at Colorado State University are studying contractor perspectives on electrification. Eligible participants are adult contractors working on heating, cooling, or electrical projects in U.S. cold climates.

Participation involves a 1-hour interview via Microsoft Teams or by phone. Participants will receive a \$75 Amazon.com Gift Card.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Ryan Scott at rpscott@colostate.edu or (970) 430-6867, or visit the link below!

[SEE IF YOU QUALIFY](#) —>

BPI's Partnership with the International Code Council (ICC)

BPI is pleased to continue our partnership with the International Code Council (ICC) to provide ICC membership and other benefits to members of BPI's network* at a reduced price through the BPI Perks program.

The \$300 Perks package includes:

- 1 year ICC Building Safety Professional membership
- A softcover print version or electronic download of the 2018, 2021, or 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- A voucher good for one ICC Certification Examination on Pronto
- Access to one year of free Code Opinions by ICC's expert technical staff
- Member pricing on ICC publications, trainings, and other products and services

Visit the BPI Perks page to learn more! *Members of BPI's network include: BPI Certified Professionals, BPI GoldStar Contractors, Proctors, Test Centers and CEU Providers.

[LEARN MORE](#) —>

BPI Out and About

The BPI team has been on the move these past few months traveling across the country to connect, collaborate, and share expertise that drives innovation, quality, and workforce growth in home performance. From NHPC in Columbus, OH, to HVAC Excellence in Las Vegas, to the National Lead and Healthy Housing Conference in New Orleans, LA, it's been an incredible season. Check out where we've been!



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We are proud to partner with industry leaders who share our commitment to advancing building performance, healthier homes and creating a more efficient future!



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THE SILENCE INSIDE THE Walls of a Victorian Home

A 120-year-old Victorian home gets upgraded for comfort and efficiency...but something goes wrong. The attic insulation turns damp, the first floor won't stay warm, and damage begins appearing along the exterior walls.

What single hidden issue could connect all three symptoms?

The first respondent with the correct answer will receive 1 BPI CEU!

[READ THE FULL STORY](#) —>