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June News from BPI

Meet Us at Upcoming Industry Events!

One of the most exciting developments in 2022 has been the return of live industry events. BPI is looking forward to several in the second half of the year. We hope to see you at one.

This year's **Energy OutWest regional conference**, held on August 1-5 in Denver, Colorado, will feature the latest technical and organizational advances in the weatherization profession. EOW is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization (501c3) devoted to promoting and advancing the technical capacity of the region's environmental and energy services network and to providing quality service targeting, but not limited to, low-income households.

On August 4th, BPI CEO Larry Zarker will present on the upcoming Home Energy Professional and Core Certification Updates. You'll also be able to find us in the exhibition hall. Watch for more details

through our website and social media platforms!

On September 26-29th, Larry will attend the **Rocky Mountain Utility Exchange** in Avon, Colorado. Rocky Mountain Utility Exchange is a networking and professional development forum for utility and government organization staff as well as industry allies.

The Exchange is produced by longtime BPI staffer Tiger Adolf and her husband Ed Thomas, a real power team in the utility industry. Ed is highly regarded as an engaging event producer, compelling presenter, and innovative program designer. Tiger has delivered hundreds of presentations for associations, government, and utility and contractor conferences, and has worked with the most complex and intensely regulated utility programs in the country. We always enjoy this event and hope you can join us.

Building Performance Association's **Upper Midwest Regional Conference & Trade Show** will take place November 7-8 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Join us for two days of region-specific education and networking opportunities, including Larry's presentation on Tiered Credentials for Healthy Home Evaluation on November 8th. Please come say hello in the exhibit hall as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kevin Kennedy Shares the Health Effects of Energy Efficient Homes for National Healthy Homes Month



This week Yale Climate Connections published an excellent interview with Kevin Kennedy, Director of Environmental Health at Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City. Kevin is an incredible advocate, tirelessly spreading the word on the health benefits of energy efficient homes. See a little of what he had to say below and click through for the full text!

YCC: What similarities do you see between energy-efficiency efforts and the environmental health program you provide?

Kennedy: The work the energy-efficiency industry does on homes is specifically improving the indoor environment of the home. It makes significant changes in how air flows and circulates through the house: where that air comes from and the quality of that air.

And we know that when a house is weatherized, when it's properly air-sealed and properly insulated, that significantly improves the comfort. It makes the indoor air temperature and humidity of the house easier to manage, eliminates temperature extremes. And the more comfortable people are in an indoor environment, the healthier they are, and there's certainly research to show that.

And then doing the insulation, the air sealing, gives anyone, any homeowner, better control of where the air in the house comes from. How much of that air passes through a filter? How much of that is circulated and evenly distributed through the house? I mean, that's really the goal is to improve the entire indoor environment of the home. So there's a lot of overlap.

YCC: Are people from the two disciplines beginning to work together?

Kennedy: I've been an advocate and a champion for the importance of integrating healthy home work into energy-efficiency work. And I've been one of the leaders in helping develop new credentials and new certificates for energy efficiency folks [through the Building Performance Institute]. So we've been real advocates for getting that workforce trained to integrate healthy homes into their work....

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GoldStar Webinars offer business development guidance from industry experts. This month we'll look at employee burnout, which reduces quality, harmony, and morale in your company. Join John Tooley on July 12th to learn how to end profit-killing employee burnout.

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Healthy Homes Evaluator Policy Update

We recently updated the recertification policy for the Healthy Home Evaluator (HHE) certification. This update allows Healthy Home Evaluators to qualify for recertification via continuing education

or, for trainers or BPI Proctors, through proof of relevant training.

To be eligible for certification renewal, BPI certified Healthy Home Evaluators must hold an active BPI Building Analyst Professional, BPI Energy Auditor, BPI Quality Control Inspector, or BPI Multifamily Building Analyst Certification and do one of the following:

- successfully challenge the HHE online exam prior to the certification expiration date
- accumulate a minimum of twenty-four (24) qualifying continuing education units (CEUs) over the three (3) years of certification and submit documentation of qualifying CEUs prior to the certification expiration date
- for trainers or BPI Proctors, accumulate one hundred and fifty (150) hours of relevant Healthy Homes training over the three (3) years of certification and submit documentation of training prior to the certification expiration date

To bypass the exam using methods 2 or 3, you must fill out the recertification application, submit it with all supporting documents, and pay the renewal fee prior to the certification expiration date.

All current Healthy Home Evaluator certifications have been extended to December 31, 2022, to allow for recertification under the new policy.

The BPI Continuing Education Portal has been updated to include Healthy Home related training categories. Watch here for qualifying opportunities for CEUs. BPI's Health Housing Principles Certificate provides 8 CEUs toward HHE renewal.

Certified Professionals may submit trainings that have not been pre-approved by BPI. Staff will evaluate to determine if they align with the functions and tasks that start on page 4 in the Certification Scheme Handbook.

We encourage BPI Test Centers to develop continuing education to support HHE recertification. Trainings submitted for the HHE must align with the functions and tasks starting on page 4 in the Certification Scheme Handbook.



BPI's newest certificate was developed to prevent costly callbacks and ensure customer satisfaction. The Site Supervisor Certificate is an affordable, accessible way to identify workers with the skills and knowledge to be worksite leaders.

Site Supervisors are qualified to maintain quality control and worksite documentation and to confirm that all work is completed to applicable industry standards and specifications. They also demonstrate the skills to lead client interactions and manage personnel. Learn more about how to get a site supervisor on your crew [here](#).



BPI's Healthy Housing Principles provide knowledge of how the different components of a home interact to affect occupant health.

The Healthy Housing Principles Certificate of Knowledge gives a comprehensive background in how environmental problems in the home can damage health. The guide, authored by Kevin Kennedy, director of the Environmental Health Program at Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, is an amazing compendium of knowledge on how homes affect health.

Anyone who works with families in homes should consider earning the [**Healthy Housing Principles Certificate**](#).



BPI certification comes with great benefits, including free membership in Home Depot's ProXtra rewards program. With no spend minimum, you can sign up today and start earning cash back at dollar one. Please **reach out** to enroll now!



The green buildings and energy efficiency industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S. and around the world—and demand for energy efficiency and green buildings jobs is growing too.

According to the 2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report, in 2019, the energy efficiency sector continued to produce the most new jobs of any energy sector—more than 54,000—with 2,378,893 jobs in total.

BPI's credentials directly support many of the careers listed. Explore career paths and share it with friends who are looking to make a great living through meaningful work. Learn more [here!](#)

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