

Question and Answers (Q & A) related to MaineHousing's Weatherization Technician Field Training RFP

1. Q.: Will you consider an RFP that replaces the implied standards with BPI standards that could also bring great benefit to the students?

A: BPI does not offer a certification for Weatherization Technicians. The training standards are set according to the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Program, as they are the sole funding source for this effort.

2. Q: Will the students have some form of reasonable recompense for their time in class and field re-training? If the answer to above question is "no", will you accept a guarantee of a minimal pricing for the total RFP for the contractor?

A: The stipend will be paid to each student attending the training. The compensation to the contractor hired under this RFP is not dependent on the number of students taking the training.

3. Q: What is the status for re-training of Auditors? Can we expect another, separate RFP for Auditor re-training?

A: The re-training of Energy Auditors is being handled separately from this RFP. MaineHousing is working with Efficiency Maine to build a coordinated curriculum for Energy Auditors and with the Community Action Agencies on the re-training.

4. Q: Do you plan for and expect the selected contractor to train in CAZ safety testing, including 'worst case'?

A: CAZ testing can only be performed by a licensed Energy Auditor. The training under this RFP is specific to Weatherization Technicians.

5. Q: Who provides the needed equipment for field re-training?

A: The successful contractor hired under this RFP will be expected to provide all necessary equipment to perform all phases of a complete weatherization installation.

6. Q: Could you provide a better understanding of this sentence within your RFP? "... provide the Technicians with exposure to the community action agencies who hire Weatherization Technicians." What is the goal here, and why? How would you see providing for this?

A: Community Action Programs run the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program and trainees will need to become familiar with the local CAP agencies their Energy Auditors, and the programs they sponsor. Self Employed Weatherization Technicians will become familiar with CAP agency contractor qualifications and bid

proposal procedures. Contracting companies, hired by CAP agencies are a potential source of employment for the Weatherization Technician trainees.

The MaineHousing Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator will be available to assist in the coordination with the local CAP agencies for current information and policies.