

Memorandum

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WAP Memorandum 133

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: **Derek Schroeder, Training and Technical Assistance Program Manager, Weatherization Assistance Program**

SUBJECT: **Additional Home Energy Professional Energy Auditor and Quality Control Inspector Certification Body Update**

TO: **Weatherization Assistance Program Grantees**

INTENDED

AUDIENCE: **Grantee Program Managers, Grantee Technical Managers, Subgrantee Program Directors, Subgrantee Technical Managers, Subgrantee Quality Control Inspectors, Subgrantee Energy Auditors, Weatherization Training Centers**

Background:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) implemented the Quality Work Plan in 2013 and introduced four single-family, full-scope [Home Energy Professional](#) (HEP) credentials consisting of Energy Auditor (EA), Quality Control Inspector (QCI), Retrofit Installer Technician, and Crew Leader. Since 2013, the Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) has been the sole certification body supporting Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) personnel seeking HEP certifications.

This memorandum announces an additional certification body.

New Certification Body Notification:

DOE is pleased to announce the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) has entered into a license agreement with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the HEP, EA, and QCI certification schemes.

AEE will support the credentialing needs of a growing network of home energy professionals. Stakeholders can expect certification exams, including a simulation-based EA field exam, from AEE by early 2026. Once AEE has completed the process of creating certification exams, the WAP network and those within the private residential energy efficiency field will be able to challenge AEE exams.

Next Steps:

No immediate changes to certification exams or training requirements are prompted at this time. However, EA and QCI certification exams are currently being updated to align with the recently updated job task analyses (JTAs) announced in [Weatherization Memorandum 126: Home Energy Professional Energy Auditor and Quality Control Inspector Certification Scheme Updates](#). Stakeholders can expect updated exams from AEE by early 2026 and from BPI by early 2025. The updated [EA](#) and [QCI](#) JTAs will serve as the basis for future certification exams. At the time new certification exams are available, DOE will release a memorandum

providing additional details for WAP Grantees, Subgrantees, WAP contractors, weatherization training centers, and testing centers.

If you have questions regarding the information in this memorandum, please direct those questions to WAPTA@hq.doe.gov. (WAP Grantees, please cc your DOE Technical Project Officer.)