



# Maine Home Performance

## Program Update to the Maine Efficiency Trust Board

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## 4,000 Homes Challenge

Funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus plan

### Program Goals:

- Weatherize and upgrade 4,000 homes
- 25% average total overall energy savings

Conservation Services Group (CSG) is the Program Administrator hired by Efficiency Maine

*“Open for Business” December 1, 2009*



# Eligibility and Process

## Eligible Projects:

- Maine homes occupied and heated year round
- 1 – 4 dwelling unit structures
- All income levels are eligible (Note: Low Income residents should be referred to Maine State Housing Authority for free services)

## Process Requirements:

- At least 25% energy savings from heat + DHW
- Audits from January 1, 2009 & on are eligible
- Pre-installation review and pre-approval required!



# Incentives

## Tier 1 Incentive:

- At least 25% energy savings from heat + DHW
- Earn incentive of 30% of total installed cost
- Incentive capped at **\$1,500** per dwelling unit

## Tier 2 Incentive:

- At least 50% energy savings from heat + DHW
- Earn incentive of 50% of total installed cost
- Incentive capped at **\$3,000** per dwelling unit

**Federal Tax Credits may also be applicable.**



## Eligible Measures

- Air sealing (required if applicable)
- Insulation (required if applicable)
- High efficiency heating equipment
- High efficiency DHW equipment
- Programmable T-stats and other controls
- Solar water heating
- Low-flow showerheads and aerators
- Energy Star™ windows



## Review and Pre-Approval

### Energy Audit Requirements:

- Must be completed by certified auditor/analyst
- Audits completed in 2009 are eligible
- Must be modeled with approved software

### Program Review and Pre-Approval:

- Review and Pre-Approval required before installation
- Must submit audit input data, audit report, and copy of contractor scope of work showing all costs

*CSG's Maine staff and procedures are a work in process and will evolve in the weeks ahead.*



# Installation Requirements

## **Building Performance Institute (BPI):**

- Technical installation standards based upon BPI
- BPI certified BA or EP must be responsible for project
- Installations subject to random Program inspections

## **Incentive Payments:**

- Incentives to be paid to contractors after completion
- Invoices to show all costs and incentive deduction

## **ARRA Requirements:**

- “Buy American” provisions may apply to materials
- Davis-Bacon Act wages apply to all installation labor



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# Conservation Services Group

CSG is celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> year of providing residential energy efficiency program services.

CSG is advertising for additional Maine-based staff and is seeking office space in Maine.

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