

News From the Field

Residential Network Grows to 300 Members

Launched in May 2013 with 13 inaugural members, the [Better Buildings Residential Network](#) has welcomed its 300th member! Due to rapid growth and strong interest by the market, the Residential Network now encompasses 300 residential energy efficiency programs, state and local governments, contractors, utilities, financial institutions, manufacturers, implementers, nonprofits, and others under one umbrella that serves a dynamic field.



The 300th member is [La Plata Electric Association](#), a cooperative utility based out of Durango, CO. The organization was active in the Residential Network before joining, as representative Nancy Andrews has participated in 23 Peer Exchange Calls. Thank you to all members for your participation, including submitting Reporting and Recognition Templates with your upgrades, accomplishments, and their benefits. We appreciate all your support toward the Residential Network's mission of accelerating the pace of energy efficiency upgrades.

Tap Into Members' Latest Lessons Learned

Read the Better Buildings Residential Network's 10th [Lessons Learned: Peer Exchange Calls fact sheet](#), which features key member takeaways from the fall 2016 schedule, such as:



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- Simple, quick energy assessments often don't supply enough actionable information. Stewards of Affordable Housing created the [EZ Retrofit Tool](#), which focuses its analysis on 10 systems and cuts out measures with very long payback periods, to provide multifamily properties with a clear path forward.

Read the other [lessons learned](#) and explore the [full summaries](#) from featured Peer Exchange Calls.

Michigan Saves Awarded for Its Impact

The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance announced the winners of its [2017 Inspiring Efficiency Awards](#), which recognized organizations that have delivered groundbreaking advancements in energy efficiency in five categories. Residential Network member Michigan Saves received an award in the "impact" category, which was presented to an organization that made significant contributions to market transformation through program implementation or policy change.



Michigan Saves provides a statewide network of authorized contractors with expertise in energy efficiency and onsite renewable energy systems; offers innovative, affordable financing through a network of authorized lenders; and accelerates demand for greater efficiency through education and communication. Read more about Michigan Saves' work and the other Midwestern [award winners](#).

SELF Surpasses \$5 Million in Home Energy Upgrade Lending

Residential Network member the [Solar and Energy Loan Fund](#) (SELF), a nonprofit clean energy financing provider for low- and moderate-income Florida households, surpassed \$5 million in total lending for home upgrades in 2016. Since



All are invited to take part in these topical calls that serve as a forum to ask questions and engage peers. Register below:

March 2

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Scale Interventions

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

March 9

Who's Got Game? Interactive Customer Engagement Strategies

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

March 16

Sold! Engaging the Real Estate Industry in Home Performance

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

March 23

Effecting Behavior Change: Energy Report Data Usage

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

Find the Latest Peer Exchange Call Summaries

Review new call summaries:

- December 15, 2016

its creation in 2010, SELF has enabled more than 600 homeowners to affordably upgrade their homes and lower their energy costs.

After receiving \$2.9 million in seed funding as a [DOE Better Buildings Neighborhood Program](#) grantee in 2010, St. Lucie County, Florida, established SELF and leveraged that investment to attract additional capital, including mission-driven investments from community banks, foundations, impact investors, faith-based organizations, and worldwide crowdfunding. Learn more about [SELF's achievements](#).

Network Member Energizes New York Upgrades

Each year, the Better Buildings Residential Network asks members to report the number of annual upgrades they complete, as well as any associated benefits or other accomplishments, through the [Reporting and Recognition Template](#).

Submitting this information to DOE is the only requirement of Residential Network membership.

Thanks and congratulations to Residential Network member [Energize New York](#) for reporting the following in fiscal year 2015: 308 energy upgrades; annual energy savings of 189,420 kilowatt hours and 12,628 million British thermal units; and annual utility bill savings of \$597,428. The program also celebrated completing more than [1,000 home energy upgrades](#) last year.



Meet the Members

New Members Expand Network Success

[Hibernation Mode: What Smart Thermostats Can Do For You](#)

- January 12, 2017
[Home Improvement Catalyst: Engaging Trades in Optimizing HVAC System Performance](#)
- January 19, 2017
[State of the Union: Best Practices from "Most Improved" Energy-Efficient States in 2016](#)
- January 26, 2017
[0 to 60: Best Practices for Accelerating Program Performance](#)

Residential Program Solution Center Spotlight



Q: How can residential energy efficiency programs boost participating contractor morale?

A: Visit the [Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center](#) to find the answer.

Related Events

[2017 Home Performance Coalition National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show](#)

March 19–22, 2017

The [Better Buildings Residential Network](#) is pleased to welcome its newest members:



- [BAM Superior Solutions](#) (Scottsdale, AZ)
- [BELCO](#) (Pembroke, Hamilton, Bermuda)
- [FMC Facility Management Consultores](#) (Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico)
- [Homewise, Inc.](#) (Santa Fe, NM)
- [HomeWorks Energy, Inc.](#) (Medford, MA)
- [Modular Lifestyles](#) (Irvine, CA)
- [Pratt Center for Community Development](#) (Brooklyn, NY)

Learn more from these programs and other members. Sign up to become a Residential Network member by completing a [membership form](#).

Resource Corner

Refresh Your Reading List

- [“Demand Response Programs Can Reduce Utilities’ Peak Demand by an Average of 10%, Complementing Savings From Energy Efficiency Programs”](#) (*Home Energy* magazine blog, February 2017)
- [Electricity End Uses, Energy Efficiency, and Distributed Energy Resources Baseline](#) (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, January 2017)
- [“Elevate Energy: Energy Efficiency Services for Affordable Multifamily Buildings”](#) (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency State and Local Climate and Energy Program, January 2017)

Nashville, TN

[2017 Indoor Environment and Energy Expo](#)

March 20–22, 2017

Nashville, TN

[2017 ACEEE/CEE National Symposium on Market Transformation](#)

April 2–4, 2017

Arlington, VA

[Association of Energy Services Professionals \(AESP\) Spring Meeting](#)

May 2–4, 2017

Salt Lake City, UT

[2017 Efficiency Exchange Conference](#)

May 9–10, 2017

Portland, OR

[Better Buildings Summit](#)

May 15–17, 2017

Washington, DC

[2017 ACEEE Energy Efficiency Finance Forum](#)

May 21–23, 2017

Chicago, IL

Have an event you want featured? Email the details to

- [“Home Energy Industry Survey”](#) (Acadia Consulting Group on behalf of five industry organizations, January 2017)
- [“HPXML Dominates Residential Market, New Report Finds”](#) (*Home Energy* magazine blog, January 2017)
- [“Maryland Benefits: Examining the Results of EmPOWER Maryland Through 2015”](#) (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy [ACEEE], January 2017)
- [“Michigan, Illinois Lead the Midwest in Smart Meter Installations”](#) (*Midwest Energy News*, February 2017)

If your organization has recently published a report or distributed a press release, we want to hear from you. Send your announcement to the [Better Buildings Residential Network](#) and we can include it in a future issue of the *Network View* or share it on social media.

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Social Media Spotlight



Will you be attending the [Better Buildings Summit](#)? Let us know by posting to social media using [#BBSummit2017](#). Stay tuned for more information about sessions and featured speakers.

As a reminder, you can connect with the Residential Network on social media by following [Better Buildings Twitter](#) with [#BBResNet](#) and [Better Buildings LinkedIn](#).