

# **Weatherization Operations Manual**

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## Introduction

Weatherization is the science of making a dwelling more energy-efficient by making improvements that may result in a return on investment in the form of reduced energy consumption, reduced energy costs, and/or increased comfort and durability of the dwelling. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) makes no representation, either expressed or implied, that any weatherization improvement made to a dwelling will result in cost savings to the dwelling owner or will provide any other benefit to the dwelling occupant(s).

### Guiding Principles of the Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program

- Weatherization implements energy-efficiency measures with a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or greater.
- Weatherization does not bring entire homes up to “code,” but the measures provided by the Program do comply with applicable codes.
- Measures provided by the Weatherization program must remain in the home. They are not to be sold, bartered, or given away for the duration of their useful life.
- Grantees are responsible for complying with manufacturer guidelines as well as state, federal, and local jurisdiction.
- All work, no matter the condition of the existing home, shall be done in a quality, professional manner.
- Weatherization only assists homes that are “substantially complete” per program guidelines.
- Weatherization does not finish new construction.
- Weatherization is not a home maintenance or rehabilitation program.
- Weatherization is not a “preventative” program; i.e., it does not replace components merely because they are old.
- Weatherization improves ventilation to enable clients to control moisture and pollutants in the home that may be exacerbated by air-sealing.
- Weatherization is not an emergency service/response program.
- Weatherization implements mandatory health-and-safety measures as well as weatherization-related health-and-safety measures that are necessary to install energy-efficiency measures, to provide a safe workplace, and/or to protect clients.

## Mandatory Health-and-Safety Measures

The following guidelines must be met in any home assisted with Weatherization funding. (See also Section 5. *Building Standards*.)

1. Smoke Detectors
  - a. Recommended: replacement of units over five years old.
  - b. Required: replacement of units over eight years old or units that do not operate.
  - c. Required: at least the minimum number of units necessary for the home.
2. Carbon Monoxide Detectors
  - a. Required: replacement of units over three years old and/or that do not meet Program standards.
  - b. Required: at least the minimum number of units necessary for the home.
  - c. Required: shall be installed before any work on the dwelling commences.
3. Correction of combustion failures before leaving the home.
4. A whole house ventilation fan is required.
5. A range hood fan over a gas combustion range is required.

After funding mandatory health-and-safety measures, all energy-efficiency measures with an SIR of 1.0 or greater and weatherization-related health-and-safety measures should be considered and implemented as the budget allows.

Grantees are to complete the assigned number of homes—serving high priority clients first as funding and logistics allow—to minimize residential energy consumption in the State. The majority of the budget for each home served should be spent on energy-savings measures to ensure successful implementation of the program.

AHFC and its Weatherization Grantees and contractors do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. All involved in the delivery of this program are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all staff, volunteers, vendors, subcontractors, and clients.

## Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM)

This Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM) provides programmatic guidance for the administration of Weatherization services in accordance with State program policy.

The following terms will be used throughout this manual:

- Grantee**—a Borough, a non-profit agency, or a Regional Housing Authority that administers Weatherization services; this includes DOE Subgrantees
- WX**— Weatherization in road-connected/marine highway areas of the state including Southcentral, Southeast, Interior, Richardson Highway, and the Kenai Peninsula.
- EWX**—Enhanced Weatherization in rural remote communities primarily connected by air; i.e., the Interior villages, Northern, Western, and Southwestern Regions and the Aleutians.

**This manual is for AHFC Weatherization Grantees and DOE Subgrantees. It is not intended to detail all guidelines. It must be used in conjunction with the grant agreement as well as any amendments, updates, and clarifications issued by AHFC for effective program delivery throughout the state.**

**For DOE funding, compliance with the State Plan and Alaska Field Guide also is required. The State Plan takes precedence over all guidance.**

### Annual Training

Annual training in the proper application of the content of this manual and the grant agreement also is provided to enable Grantees to meet AHFC's expectations for this program.

AHFC may require some or all of a Grantee's and its contractors' employees to attend training by providing at least a ten-day written notification to the Grantee of specific training requirements.

**Individuals who do not work for an AHFC Weatherization Grantee should direct questions about the Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program to Weatherization Grantees that serve their communities.**

Grantees are to follow the policies and procedures in this manual in addition to current grant conditions. Grantees are advised to keep copies of the current grant and attachments, as well as program updates and clarifications, with this manual.

Section 9. *U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Guidelines* and Section 10. *LIHEAP Funding Guidelines* pertain only to DOE Subgrantees.



AHFC will issue COVID-19 guidance to Grantees by email. DOE Subgrantees also must follow COVID-19 guidance in the DOE Health and Safety Plan in Section 9.

Grantees may reformat the appearance of forms provided by AHFC.

## Service Districts

Grantees shall provide Weatherization services throughout the year when possible depending on available funding and logistics.

A Grantee shall not weatherize a dwelling outside of its service area(s) specified in the grant agreement without prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager.

The Grantee will ensure that any grant funds directed to an entity that possesses sovereign immunity, or asserts a claim of sovereign immunity, that entity waives its sovereign immunity with respect to the use of grant funds. The waiver of sovereign immunity will be affected by a resolution from the entity's governing body if needed.

## Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Notwithstanding the service delivery rules above, Grantees with overlapping service areas are encouraged to negotiate a mutually agreeable Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)—which specifies an alternative service delivery arrangement that provides for greater economies of scale, broader service delivery, and improved program efficiencies—whenever both Grantees plan to provide services to the same community in a given program year. All such MOAs shall be subject to AHFC review and approval.

## Rural Remote Communities (EWX)

Grantees shall select those communities that meet the priority listing of AHFC (considering income, cost of fuel, condition of housing, etc.). In the interest of facilitating program outreach, program delivery, and the application process for interested residents, Grantees shall focus their efforts as follows:

- Grantees shall intend to serve all eligible units in an individual EWX community prior to moving on to other EWX communities, except in regional centers where ongoing programs exist.

By researching and estimating the number of eligible dwelling units in a village in advance, a Grantee can determine whether the village can be served in one year or over several years. Outreach shall attempt to contact every potentially eligible household in the village accordingly.

When a village will be served in one year, an aggressive effort to contact every potentially eligible household shall be made and documented. Afterward, if households attempt to apply after completion of the outreach and intake efforts, the Grantee will not be under any obligation to serve them separately. The

Grantee may choose whether to serve eligible late applicants before leaving the village. This is preferable if the village is not likely to be served again. If freight costs will be higher to improve the homes of late applicants, the number of measures applied to the homes can be reduced. Last-minute jobs often will use materials that would otherwise require expending resources to sell or move to another community. When a last-minute approved household will receive reduced Weatherization services, the Grantee will inform the household why the program only can provide reduced services and that it is a one-time grant. The household should sign a statement, acknowledging acceptance of reduced services. The reason(s) for providing a reduced project to the household shall be noted in the file.

- Grantees with overlapping service areas shall coordinate their efforts to prevent duplication of services to any one dwelling.

Grantees must notify AHFC of their plans to serve a village in the annual planning process.

### **Road-Connected/Marine Highway Areas of the State (WX)**

In the interest of facilitating program outreach, program delivery, and the application process for interested residents, Grantees shall focus their efforts as follows:

- Grantees shall perform ongoing outreach in these areas while attempting to meet the priority listing of AHFC (considering income, cost of fuel, remote distance to the urban centers, condition of housing, etc.).
- All Grantees with overlapping services areas must coordinate their efforts to provide prevent duplication of services to any one dwelling.

## **Outreach**

All potentially eligible clients shall have equal opportunity to apply for assistance.

The Grantee will design its outreach program to reach, inform, and solicit applications from the target client base.

1. For large, rural service areas, outreach may be targeted to specific communities within the service area to group projects for greater cost efficiency.
2. At a minimum, this will include providing public notice of the program, the Grantee agency, and the process for obtaining an application.
3. Notice should be ongoing as long as funding is available to ensure that priority households are reached.
4. Outreach may be conducted through a variety of means such as, but not limited to, Alaska 2-1-1, Public Service Announcements, press releases, informational

mailings, and other forms of advertisements. Enlisting the aid of other entities to post fliers and/or distribute applications at the local level is encouraged. Some examples include Village Councils, senior centers, community organizations, places of worship, employment centers, Fair Housing groups, social service agencies, utilities, general stores, schools, food banks, etc.

5. Publications funded by this grant must include the following disclaimer.
  - “This publication was developed and printed through the support of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program. The opinions, findings, and conclusions expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and are not necessarily those held by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation or the U.S. Department of Energy.”
  - If space or budgets limit the size of the publication, at a minimum include the following in the publication.
    - “This program is funded by AHFC and/or the U.S. Dept. of Energy.”

AHFC’s logo is in Section 2. *Administrative and Eligibility Forms*.

## Application Requirements

The Grantee is responsible for ensuring that the application and intake process is accessible, fair, and equitable to all potentially eligible clients. The value of conservation as part of client education should also be an integral part of this phase of the program. The Grantee will review client applications for eligibility, notify clients of their eligibility status, and prioritize eligible applications in accordance with the policies on pp. 1-47 to 1-49.

The application requirements herein provide a Grantee with information to determine the eligibility of a household unit and a dwelling unit or building. The Grantee may design an application that suits its needs but each application should, at a minimum, request the following information:

1. applicant’s name and address;
2. dwelling type (single-family, multi-family, mobile home, assisted living, etc.);
3. heating system type;
4. income for the preceding twelve months received by each resident;
5. income total for the household (residents’ income combined);
6. mobile home Serial Number (if applicable);
7. number of residents in the home;
8. ownership or rental status;
9. request for annual fuel usage (actual preferred or estimate);

10. statement signed by the applicant that all information provided by the applicant is true and correct;
11. statement signed by the applicant that the home has not been improved with AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program funds after May 1, 2008;
12. statement signed by the applicant that the home has not been weatherized by a Grantee after April 14, 2008.

The following is required to complete the application for Weatherization services unless indicated optional:

- AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program review (pg. 1-24);
- Application (See *Application Requirements* above and Section 2.);
- Authorization for Release of Information, optional (See Section 2.);
- Fuel Information Release Form (See Section 2.);
- Home ownership verification or certification by Grantee of such information (pg. 1-22)
- Income verification (pp. 1-11 to 1-21);
- Landlord-Tenant Agreement for non-owner-occupied dwelling units, including Life Estates (See pg. 1-25 and Section 2.);
- Map—required for a home without a street address. A photocopy of a map may be used to mark the location of the home; otherwise, a hand-drawn map may be used or written directions;
- Prior Weatherization review (pp. 1-23 to 24); and
- Privacy Act disclosure, which shall be provided to each applicant before an application is processed (See Section 2. *Administrative and Eligibility Forms*);
- SHPO compliance by the Grantee (for State and DOE funds, as applicable; see Section 4. *Historic Preservation*);
- Verification of the year the dwelling was built (pg. 1-23).

## Application Review Form

Grantees shall use the *Application Review* form (See Section 2.) to ensure all applications undergo a compliant eligibility review. All Grantees must collect this data and verify supporting documentation to determine applicant eligibility.

**Note—for state funds only:** An *Application Review* form may substitute for a Weatherization application and supporting documentation when:

1. A household lives in a dwelling constructed and/or operated by a Grantee. This completed form alone may comprise the eligibility portion of the client file only if the Grantee already conducts annual income verifications of the tenant's

household. Using this form in place of an entire completed Weatherization application with supporting documentation is intended to reduce redundancy in record keeping within the Grantee's organization. All cross-referenced proofs must meet Weatherization guidelines; or

2. The Grantee is processing a multi-family dwelling that it does not own such as a shelter or low-income housing subsidized by an affordable housing program that uses the 24 CFR Part 5 Definition of income to qualify tenants. Such programs include but are not limited to Section 8, Section 202, Section 811, LIHTC, etc. The Grantee must obtain verification from the property owner or manager that indicates the total number of units in the building, which units are restricted to low-income tenants, which units are occupied by households that meet the 24 CFR Part 5 Definition of income, and how often these tenants are income qualified or recertified. Only tenant household units that meet the income guidelines for the subsidy may be considered automatically income-eligible for state Weatherization funds. Other tenant households in the building must undergo a full income review if more income-eligible units are needed to qualify the building for assistance. Rental Dwelling Unit policies are explained on pp. 1-25 to 1-31.

## Definition of Household Unit

A household unit is defined as all occupants of the dwelling unit.

A full-time student away from home during the school year is considered "living together in the dwelling unit."

A live-in-aide, who is not related to the household and is medically required by a member of a household unit, is not considered a member of the household unit for income purposes.

In the case of joint ownership, income must be included for all owners who are residents of the home. Grantees must verify and document for the file all cases of multiple owners of a home.

## Income Eligibility

Income eligibility for state Weatherization funding is based on income limits published by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation that are current as of April 1 of the program year.

To qualify for Weatherization services, an applicant household's total income cannot exceed the limit for its size.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate eligibility. This is done by informing the Grantee of all income sources and providing required documentation.

## Income Review Period

Income eligibility is determined by the annual household unit gross income for the 12 months preceding the month in which an application is completed. Projecting income is not allowed.

## Automatic Qualifier (AQ) for Income Eligibility for State Funds Only

A household unit that meets one of the following conditions during the income review period automatically meets income eligibility requirements for state funds only.

**AQ-A:** The household unit:

1. lives in an owner-occupied, single-family Mutual Help Housing unit constructed and/or operated by a Grantee, which has not been conveyed; and
2. already undergoes an annual income review by the Grantee or the Grantee conducts an AHFC-authorized income review.

**AQ-B:** An occupant has received APA/IA, ATAP, TANF, SSI, Food Stamps, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (federal LIHEAP), or DHSS Senior Benefits at least once during the 12 months preceding application approval.

**AQ-C:** The household includes one resident who is *currently* receiving services under the Medicaid Waiver.

**AQ-D:** The household unit:

1. lives in a multi-family rental unit not owned by the Grantee, which is restricted by an affordable housing program that uses the 24 CFR Part 5 Definition of income to qualify tenants; and
2. already has undergone an annual income review by the landlord 12 months prior to making application for Weatherization Assistance.

**AQ-E:** The household meet the income requirements for a HUD means-tested program including but not limited to: HUD Lead Hazard Control Grants, HUD Multifamily Assisted Properties, HUD Public Housing HUD Vouchers, HUD-VASH Vouchers (VA Supportive Housing), HUD HOME Investment Partnerships Program, HUD LIHTC, etc.

Household units that have not received an AQ during the income review period must undergo a full income review.

## Definition of Household Unit Income

Household unit income is based on the gross income received by members of the household unit. Assets are not reviewed to determine eligibility, only any countable income a resident receives from assets during the income review period.

### Income includes the following:

1. Alimony,
2. Dividends, except the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend,
3. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay),
4. Interest,
5. Military family allotments,
6. Money, wages and salaries before any deductions,
7. Net gambling or lottery winnings
8. Net receipts from non-farm or farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own business or from an owned or rented farm after deductions for business or farm expenses),
9. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts,
10. Private pensions,
11. Railroad retirement,
12. Regular insurance or annuity payments,
13. Regular payments from Social Security (retirement, disability, Supplemental Security Income, Survivor's Benefits, etc.),
14. Rents (net rental income) [See exclusion #18 on pg. 1-14.],
15. Royalties (net),
16. Strike benefits from union funds,
17. Training stipends,
18. Unemployment compensation,
19. Workers' compensation, and
20. Veterans' payments.

### Income does not include the following:

1. Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank;
2. Capital gains;
3. Child Support;
4. Combat zone pay to the military;

5. Depreciation for farm or business assets;
6. Dividends from Native Corporations:
  - a. For each person who received \$2,000 or more during the income review period, deduct \$2,000 from the total received;
  - b. For each person who received less than \$2,000 during the income review period, exclude the total received;
7. Earnings of full-time high school students or post-secondary students enrolled in at least 12 credit hours during the income review period;
8. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement;
9. Federal Economic Stimulus Payments;
10. Federal non-cash benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance;
11. Food or housing received in lieu of wages, including the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms;
12. Gifts;
13. Imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing;
14. LIHEAP payments;
15. Loans;
16. Lump-sum inheritances;
17. Military Family Allotments—Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ), Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS), Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), Family Separation Allowance (FSA), and Variable Housing Allowance (VHA)
18. Money an owner-occupant receives from one or more roommates for rent or utilities;
19. Non-cash benefits such as the employer-paid or union-paid portion of health insurance or other employee fringe benefits;
20. One-time insurance payments or compensation for injury;
21. One-time payments from a welfare agency to a family or person who is in temporary financial difficulty;
22. One-time withdrawals from an investment account (The client must certify this is a one-time withdrawal.);
23. Payment for foster children or foster care adults or adoption subsidies (including “Elder Mentors/Foster Grandparents Senior Companions”);
24. Reverse mortgages;
25. Sale of assets such as property, house, or vehicle;
26. Scholarships for college or university; and
27. Tax refunds.



## Calculating Income

Verification of income for the entire income review period is required. When documentation of income for the entire income review period is not available, the intake person shall identify for the record missing documentation and the reason(s) why.

When complete documentation is not available, documentation for a shorter period may be annualized. For example, a one-week check stub amount must be multiplied by the number of weeks worked in the year, or a one-month income statement amount must be multiplied by the number of months received.

Overtime and tips are added to annualized income.

A one-time payment is not annualized by multiplying by another number.

A review of income received during the entire income review period is preferred. However, in the interest of efficient program administration, Grantees may choose to review a household's federal tax return(s) for the preceding calendar year to determine household unit income. This method for calculating income may be used to qualify a household for the current Weatherization Program Year only. Determining household unit income based on prior year federal tax returns may expedite initial application processing. However, this method of determining income-eligibility may shorten the length of time before an application must be reverified. (See Income Reverification on pg. 1-21.)

All household units that receive an automatic qualifier (AQ) during the income review period meet the income guideline for Weatherization services. The Grantee will have proof of the type and date of receipt of the AQ for the recipient in the client file. A full income review is not required but an estimate of total household unit income must be recorded in the client file. The estimate may be provided by the applicant or determined by the Grantee.

For the purposes of determining income eligibility and prioritizing households per the guidelines on pp. 1-47 to 1-49. Grantees shall calculate income and attempt to qualify all households as follows:

1. If the household receives an AQ, calculate total income based on gross (or use an income estimate).
2. If the household does not receive an AQ, calculate total gross income based on the household's tax return(s) or other acceptable proofs.
3. If the household's gross income exceeds the limit for its size, calculate total income based on adjusted gross income on the household's tax return(s). These households shall not be prioritized as 1s, 2s, or 3s.

## Required Income Documentation

Copies of income documents shall be made whenever possible. When a photocopier is not available to copy income documentation, a Grantee's intake person reviewing the documentation shall certify to observing the documentation used for the income calculation, noting the source of income, the date last received, gross amount, and term (one week, monthly, quarterly, etc.).

To meet the documentation requirements for different sources of income, the following paragraphs list alternative documents, listed in order of preference. One of the alternatives listed for a given source of income must be used. Other alternatives may be acceptable upon obtaining prior approval from the AHFC Program Manager.

### Automatic Qualifier (AQ) for Income Eligibility

Verification of receipt of an AQ during the income review period must be in the client file.

**AQ-A:** Completion of the Weatherization *Application Review* form (See Section 2.)

**AQ-B:** 1. a copy of a current check, check stub, or bank statement, or bank direct-deposit slip indicating the recipient, amount, source, and date received; or

2. a copy of a current statement of benefits from the Division of Public Assistance (DPA) or the Tribal TANF provider. Note: DHSS Senior Benefits may appear under the heading "GA" on DPA printouts and should not be confused with General Assistance, which is not an AQ. When in doubt, ask DPA staff to indicate that the "GA" benefits reported are in fact DHSS Senior Benefits.

**AQ-C:** Verification from the resident's care coordinator or benefits provider that includes the recipient's name and current date and states that the recipient *currently is receiving services through the Medicaid Waiver.*

**AQ-D:** Completion of the Weatherization *Application Review* form (See pp. 1-10 to 1-11 and Section 2.) This is contingent upon the Grantee researching the owner's method of verifying demographic and income data and determining that the owner's methods meet the requirements of Weatherization. In this case, the completion of the *Application Review* form for each tenant household that qualifies under the 24 CFR Part 5 Definition of income is acceptable. Under no circumstances may a Grantee follow this abbreviated method of intake verification and record keeping for a property it does not own without prior approval from the AHFC Program Manager. For tenant households that do not qualify under the 24 CFR Part 5 Definition of income, a full income review is required.

**AQ-E:** Verification of meeting the income requirements of a HUD means-tested program through mechanisms including, but not limited to, applicant documentation, interagency lists of recipients, shared system databases, etc.

### Alimony

1. Copy of the most current alimony check; frequency of receipt also must be stated if alimony is received uninterrupted and in a consistent amount; or
2. A signed applicant-declaration attesting to the amount and frequency of payments for a minimum of the last 13 weeks when:
  - a. the applicant receives alimony in the form of cash; or
  - b. the applicant has not received the correct amount of court-ordered payments; or
  - c. the payments received are mutually agreed upon by the applicant and former spouse without court action; or
3. A current notarized letter from the applicant's former spouse attesting to the amount and frequency of payments; or
4. A copy of current court order (or most recent amendment) indicating the current amounts paid and frequency; or
5. A letter from the attorney of record or legal agency representing the applicant, stating amount and frequency of current payments.

### Employment

1. Copies of pay stubs (identifying the recipient by name or Social Security Number) that indicate the gross income; the most recent pay stub is all that is required if it shows year-to-date gross income; when pay stubs that show the income for the full 12-months are not available, pay stubs received during the income review period may be used to annualize the income; or
2. W-2 forms and a signed statement or other indication of the length of employment (Note: Use the amount in Box 1 on the W2.); or
3. A verification from the employer on the employer's stationery or standard form or a form prepared by the Grantee stating the amount of gross wages for the income review period. The verification should indicate the date on which employment began and, if applicable, terminated; or
4. Other documentation may include copies of tax forms, Public Assistance and Department of Labor statements, or an employer's payroll report.

### Interest

1. A copy of a recent check, check stub, or statement, indicating the amount and source; or
2. A copy of a 1099 or tax return; or
3. A Grantee-prepared form completed by the income source containing current information.

The majority of household units report no interest earnings or less than \$100 annually. The source typically is an interest-bearing savings account. In these cases, Grantees may annualize interest earnings of \$100 or less when a significant change is not expected during the income-review period, and:

- Acceptable proof of interest earned year-to-date is received for a part of the income review period; or
- A copy of the recipient's 1099-INT or tax return is received for the preceding calendar year and shows interest received during part of the income review period.

**Military Family Allotments**—Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ), Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS), Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), Family Separation Allowance (FSA), and Variable Housing Allowance (VHA)

1. Copies of pay stubs (identifying the recipient by name or Social Security Number) that indicate the gross income; the most recent pay stub is all that is required if it shows year-to-date gross income; when pay stubs that show the income for the full 12-months are not available, pay stubs received during the income review period may be used to annualize the income; or
2. Copies of W-2s and a signed statement or other indication of the length of employment; or
3. A verification from the employer on the employer's stationery or standard form or a form prepared by the Grantee stating the amount of gross wages for the income review period. The verification should indicate the date on which employment began and, if applicable, terminated; or
4. Copies of Leave Earning Statements provided by the service member.

### **Pension, Retirement**

1. A copy of a recent check, check stub, bank statement, or bank deposit slip, which shows the amount and source, or a statement with all deductions indicated; or
2. A current letter (within 12 months) from the pension source stating type, amount, frequency, and effective date of benefits; or
3. A copy of a Grantee-prepared form completed and dated by an authorized benefit official, containing current benefit information; or
4. A copy of a 1099, or
5. When documentation is not available in a timely manner, a certification from the client or Grantee intake person that the gross benefit is not subject to change annually is acceptable in addition to one of the above proofs.

**Public Assistance**—Adult Public Assistance/Interim Assistance (APA/IA), Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) / Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, and DHSS Senior Benefits

1. A copy of current check, check stub, or bank statement, or bank direct-deposit slip indicating the amount and source; or
2. A copy of a current Division of Public Assistance (DPA) statement of benefits or statement of benefits from the Tribal TANF provider.

### Self-Employment

1. Self-employed individuals must provide copies of current IRS tax returns. If this is not possible, clients must call the IRS at 800 428-4732 and request their tax account information. A letter from the IRS will be sent to the client. The client must provide this letter to the Grantee for inclusion in the client's file. Alternatively, the client can sign IRS Form 4506T, identifying the Grantee as the third party.

The following IRS prior year tax returns are required for the listed type of business:

- **Sole Proprietorship.** Form 1040 complete with Schedule C "Profit or Loss from Business or Profession,"
  - **Partnership.** Form 1040 with Form 1065 "Partner's Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc."
  - **Corporation.** Form 1120, "U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation" if the client is the entire corporation; IRS certified prior year tax Form 1040 with Form 1120 and Schedule K-1, if the client is only a shareholder in the corporation.
2. In addition to any forms required above, a Grantee may seek further supporting documentation (such as a checkbook, accountant's records, business records, etc.) to verify tax form amounts or to provide current income and expenses when the end of the most recent tax year is more than 6 months past. The Grantee also may require documentation of specific business deductions if there is a question about a deduction.
  3. Applicants who perform miscellaneous "odd jobs" such as shoveling snow should show documents to support this income with a certified listing of type and date of jobs performed, names and addresses of persons for whom work has been done, and payments received. Grantees may ask such applicants to provide checking, savings, or other bank records or bankbooks to verify the applicant's income statements or tax return.

**Social Security**—Retirement Benefits, Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Survivor's Benefits

1. A Social Security statement, letter, or Social Security Administration-generated printout indicating current gross monthly benefit amount (including any Medicare premium). The recipient can call 800 772-1213, to request a printout to submit to the Grantee; or
2. A copy of a current check, plus any Medicare premium being withheld; or
3. A statement from the recipient's bank or a copy of a bank direct deposit slip indicating the amount and source of the deposit, plus any Medicare premium being withheld; or
4. A copy of the preceding tax year's 1099. The gross monthly benefit for the preceding year can be calculated by dividing the total benefits by 12. The current year's gross monthly benefit can be calculated by adding the current year's COLA adjustment published by Social Security to the gross monthly benefit based on the 1099.

**Unemployment Benefits**

1. A copy of the latest Department of Labor (DOL) check stub showing the total received, number of weeks, and remaining available balance; or
2. A statement from DOL indicating amount of benefits, date benefits began, and, if applicable, terminated; or,
3. A copy of a DOL claim record that indicates the amount of benefits, length of time, and dates that benefits were received.

**Veteran's Administration (VA) Benefits**

1. A copy of a recent check, check stub, bank statement, or bank direct-deposit slip indicating the current amount and source; or
2. A dated letter from the VA indicating the current amount of assistance; or
3. A Grantee- or VA-prepared form completed by the VA containing current benefit information; or
4. When documentation is not available in a timely manner, a certification from the client or Grantee intake person that the gross benefit is not subject to change annually is acceptable in addition to one of the above proofs.

**Workers Compensation**

1. A statement from the employer, insurance company, attorney of record, or union office indicating amount, frequency, and effective dates of payments.

## Other Forms of Income

This manual cannot address every type of income households may report. Grantees are advised to apply the aforementioned requirements in a prudent and consistent manner to other forms of income reported by applicant households. Clarification of acceptable documentation of other income may be obtained from the AHFC Program Manager.

## No Income

A household unit with no income shall:

1. Have the head of household or the person making the application sign a certification to such, and
2. Submit copies of taxpayers' most recent tax returns or have adult taxpayers sign IRS Form 4506T.

Another method for verifying no income is available for households that live a subsistence lifestyle, A recognized community leader, a current representative of the Village Council, or staff at a local Native Corporation may provide a written statement that corroborates the household unit's lack of income based on the third-party's personal knowledge of the household's income history.

## Reporting Changes in Income

Any change in income between the time of application and the scheduled assessment must be reported by a client to the Grantee to ensure that the household unit is still eligible when served.

## Income Reverification

If the home is not scheduled for an assessment before 365 days elapse after the date of the most recent proof of income on file, the household unit income must be reverified and documented again. Households that must undergo an income reverification must meet the income guidelines that are current when their income is reverified.

However, eligible households whose homes have been assessed or scheduled for an assessment do not have to undergo an income reverification if their homes will be served and inspected within 18 months of the assessment. The goal is to serve homes as quickly as possible, but logistics (limited freight schedules, back-ordered materials, flooding, etc.) may delay delivery of assistance. The scheduled assessment appointment date must be on file.

## Dwelling Unit Documentation

The Grantee and its designees (e.g., contractors) must have written permission from the owner of the dwelling unit to perform work prior to access, occupancy, or use of any real property.

Documentation is required as a part of an application to determine dwelling unit eligibility. An accurate description of the dwelling unit address shall be given. When possible, this shall include both a legal description and street address, or if there is no street address, a copy of a map indicating the location.

## Ownership Verification

Home ownership shall be verified by the Grantee. Documents that may be used for verification include:

- AHFC Weatherization *Application Review* form for a dwelling unit currently owned and/or operated by a Grantee,
- City or Borough tax assessment or bill,
- Recorded Deed or Life Estate,
- Valid Mortgage Agreement,
- Valid Purchase Agreement, or
- Vehicle Title (for mobile home).

If none of the above is available, the following may be suitable on a case-by-case basis:

1. When land ownership rests with a Native village or organization, a signed statement by a principal of the village or organization regarding ownership of the dwelling unit; or
2. An owner provides a sworn statement (affidavit) attesting to ownership, or
3. Other forms of ownership as approved by the AHFC Program Manager.

**Note:** Option 2 is not intended to allow applicant households to receive Weatherization services without a thorough review of ownership. Applicable examples may involve applicants who live in homes located on land owned by private parties, such as

- a dwelling unit built on the land, out-of-pocket by the applicant household;
- a dwelling unit purchased and relocated to the location by the applicant household, situated in the location and occupied for two heating seasons, and for which proof of ownership has been lost; such as a used ATCO trailer



purchased from a logging or construction company, a storage shed that has been converted to a dwelling, older mobile homes, etc.

In such cases, Grantees should be able to request a proof of land ownership and a brief signed statement from the land owner indicating the arrangement between the two parties.

Proof of land ownership is not required for mobile homes on leased property.

## Year Built Verification

Where possible, Grantees must verify the year a dwelling was built through local or borough property tax assessment records for real property and/or DMV records for mobile homes. When such third-party resources are not available, it may be possible to obtain verification from local third-parties such as city or tribal offices or local elders who are most familiar with the development of housing stock in the community. A signed statement from the applicant that plausibly details the history of the dwelling and is corroborated by a Grantee's site inspection and data collection may be acceptable.

Grantees are required to comply with lead based paint regulations. Verification of the year built must be in the client file. When the year built is unknown or cannot be verified reliably, Grantees must presume the presence of lead and lead safe work practices must be followed. A lead test may show no presence of lead. Grantees must weigh the costs of LSW practices and lead testing and act in the best interests of the clients, workers, and the program.

## Prior Weatherization Verification

Weatherization with State funding is intended to be a one-time grant per dwelling unit. Due to changing program guidelines and funding levels since program inception, some dwelling units may qualify for Weatherization again. This depends on when the dwelling unit was first weatherized by the program.

- Dwelling units weatherized with State funds after April 14, 2008, may not receive State Weatherization funds again.
- Dwelling units weatherized prior to April 14, 2008, are eligible to receive State Weatherization funds once more.

**Note:** *applicants* may receive Weatherization more than once; *dwelling units cannot*.

Grantees shall verify whether a dwelling unit has been served in the past to prevent duplication of funding to any dwelling unit and to ensure households are prioritized in a consistent manner by all Grantees serving a community.

- A. Grantees shall check WX Online to determine if and when a dwelling unit has been weatherized in the past. Grantees also may consult their own records of previously served dwelling units. Grantees with overlapping service areas may share information as necessary to facilitate determining whether a dwelling is a “prior wx.”
- B. Grantees shall note in the client file that a prior wx review has been performed.
- C. When a dwelling unit is verified as served with Weatherization funds after April 14, 2008, the Grantee shall automatically deny the application.
- D. When it is unclear whether a dwelling unit is a prior wx, the Grantee shall seek additional information to clarify if the dwelling unit on the application matches one on a prior wx list. If it is still not possible to determine if the dwelling unit is an ineligible prior wx, the Grantee may err on the side of the client and wait until the on-site assessment to make the final determination. In this case, the Grantee shall inform the household that its final eligibility determination will be dependent on the Grantee’s site inspection findings.
- E. If a dwelling unit served after April 14, 2008, is remodeled to create additional dwelling units (e.g., converting a single-family home into a duplex), the new unit is not eligible for Weatherization, unless whole building work was not provided the previous time the property was served.

This is very rare. One example would be only emergency heating work was provided at the end of a program year when limited funds or logistics prevented improvements to the building envelope, and the new dwelling unit has its own heat source.

- F. Grantees shall check all properties for evidence of prior weatherization, including placement of a weatherization decal. Dwelling units that are found to be ineligible due to receiving Weatherization after April 14, 2008, shall be denied Weatherization, regardless of initial approval by eligibility staff.

## AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program (HERP) Verification

State guidelines prohibit expending Weatherization *and* AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program (HERP) funds for improvements on the same dwelling unit.

A Weatherization applicant previously served by either program is not prohibited from applying to Weatherization as long as the applicant’s current dwelling unit has not:

- been served by Weatherization after April 14, 2008; **AND**
- had a HERP rebate awarded after May 1, 2008, for improvements made to the dwelling. A HERP rebate only for an As-Is rating awarded after May 1, 2008, does not disqualify a unit from receiving Weatherization.

Weatherization Grantees shall verify whether a HERP rebate of improvement costs has been awarded after May 1, 2008.

- A. Upon receipt of a Weatherization application, the Grantee shall review:
1. an applicant's certification and/or comments on the Weatherization assistance application regarding participation in the AHFC HERP; **AND**
  2. WX Online.

This initial review for potential duplication of funding shall be done even if the Grantee plans to postpone complete processing of the Weatherization application until the household moves higher up the Weatherization wait list.

- B. If the Weatherization application review indicates a HERP rebate was issued for improvements made to the dwelling after May 1, 2008, the Grantee shall deny the Weatherization application.
- C. If the Weatherization application review indicates participation in AHFC's HERP but not receipt of a HERP rebate for improvement costs, the Grantee shall not deny the Weatherization application.
- D. If information in WX Online or on the HERP list is unclear, the Grantee will contact AHFC staff via email to receive further verification.

Grantees shall note in the client file that a HERP review has been performed.

## Rental Dwelling Units

A Rental Dwelling Unit is defined as a home occupied by a household unit that is not the owner of record. This includes, but is not limited to, homes occupied under the following agreements:

- Rent-to-Own,
- Lease-Purchase,
- Life Estate, and
- Verbal.

## Authorized Agent

If an agent is to act on behalf of the owner of the property, the agent must show documentation authorizing that person to enter into contractual agreements for an owner. When an existing property management agreement does not exist, the owner may provide a signed and dated statement designating an agent for the purpose of cooperating with the Weatherization Assistance Program.

## Landlord-Tenant Agreement

For all rental dwelling units (including Life Estates), a Weatherization *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement* (LTA) (See Section 2.

*Administrative and Eligibility Forms.*) must be completed by the tenant, owner/agent, and Grantee. After all parties sign the LTA, the Grantee shall distribute copies of the LTA to the client and the owner/agent.

### Permission to Enter the Premises

Prior to conducting energy-related building inspections and assessments, repairs, and improvements, Grantees shall obtain written permission to enter the premises during application intake. A completed LTA satisfies this requirement. At least 24-hour notice shall be given to each tenant prior to assessing that unit.

For a mobile home situated on land that is not owned by the applicant household, a completed LTA from the landowner is not required.

### WX Funding Limitations on Rentals

Grantees are required to solicit an owner contribution for rental dwelling units to be weatherized. All rental units are subject to the contribution requirements.

For ***all*** rental units, Grantees will determine the amount of materials and labor needed to weatherize the building. Grantees shall solicit a cash or in-kind contribution from the owner/agent. Maximum investment limits (See pp. 1-44 to 1-46.) shall be specified in the LTA and applied equitably to all landlords.

**Note:** in a row house building where there is a complete separation between units of building thermal barrier, air pressure boundary, and mechanical systems, each unit can be treated as a single family building.

For all units in a rental dwelling of **five or more units**, the dollar amount of materials and labor provided by the Grantee shall not exceed \$3,000 per eligible dwelling unit (\$5,000 EWX) unless the owner is willing to contribute cash or in-kind services. For any owner contribution, the Grantee will provide up to \$3,000 (\$5,000 EWX) in materials and labor and then match dollar-for-dollar any owner contribution up to an amount estimated by the Grantee, not to exceed \$6,000 (\$8,000 EWX) of Weatherization funding per eligible dwelling unit.

For rental buildings of **three or four units**, the dollar amount of materials and labor provided by the Grantee shall not exceed \$4,000 (\$6,000 EWX) per eligible dwelling unit, unless the owner is willing to contribute cash or in-kind services. For any owner contribution, the Grantee will provide up to \$4,000 (\$6,000 EWX) in materials and labor, and then match dollar-for-dollar any owner contribution up to an amount estimated by the Grantee, not to exceed \$8,000 (\$10,000 EWX) of Weatherization funding per eligible dwelling unit.

For a **single-family** rental dwelling unit or a **duplex**, the dollar amount of materials and labor provided by the Grantee shall not exceed \$6,000 (\$8,000 EWX), unless the owner is willing to contribute cash or in-kind services. For any owner contribution, the

Grantee will provide up to \$6,000 (\$8,000 EWX) in materials and labor, and then match dollar-for-dollar any owner contribution up to an amount estimated by the Grantee, not to exceed \$8,000 (\$12,000 EWX) of Weatherization funding per eligible dwelling unit.

A written request to modify the investment limit for a rental unit may be submitted to the AHFC Program Manager on a case-by-case basis. The request shall include the rationale for increasing the limit.

### In-Kind Contributions or Improvements

In-kind contributions or improvements may be counted in a similar manner as cash contributions. These must be energy conservation or related health-and-safety improvements (e.g., fixing wiring or adding a circuit for a fan but not fixing entry steps) to qualified individual units or to common areas of a qualified building. Only improvements made to the building in the six months immediately prior to the date of application or during Weatherization project activities may be counted as in-kind contributions.

**Made Prior to Weatherization Project:** The Grantee will determine the *eligibility* of improvements made no more than 6 months prior to the application date and their *value* using actual receipts for materials and labor. Copies of all receipts must be obtained during initial intake and kept in the client file. When receipts are not available, the in-kind contribution will be disallowed.

**Made During the Weatherization Project:** Grantees may estimate a reasonable market value for the in-kind materials and/or labor and have the owner/agent sign a brief statement for the file, agreeing with the estimated value.

Grantees shall include in-kind contributions or improvements and their associated costs in the Weatherization project work scope. Improvements made by the owner should be made prior to the start of Weatherization activities whenever possible. If improvements must be made after Weatherization activities, the Grantee will ensure they are completed.

All owner contributions will be returned to the Weatherization Assistance Program and shall not be used for other than legitimate Weatherization activities. Grantees may have the owner make the required contribution directly to a subcontractor or materials supplier, provided the transaction is tracked for reporting purposes.

**Note:** All materials and improvements must remain with the rental dwelling unit after a tenant leaves.

## Waiver of Owner Contribution for Single-Family and Duplex Rental Dwelling Units

At the discretion of the Grantee, the owner contribution for single-family and duplex rental units may be waived by the Grantee.

- This waiver applies only to those individual landlords (not businesses or consortiums) that own four or fewer rental dwelling units, whether single-family or multi-family dwelling units.
  1. An exception would be a Housing Authority that is selling the dwelling unit to the applicant household through a Mutual Help and Occupancy Agreement, and the Title has not been conveyed yet. In this case, if the household qualifies for the program, the dwelling unit may be treated as an owner-occupied home.
  2. Another exception would be when
    - a Housing Authority has allowed a buyer, who has a Mutual Help and Occupancy Agreement, to rent the dwelling unit to a relative (tenant);
    - the tenant's household qualifies for the program; and
    - the dwelling unit otherwise qualifies for a waiver of an owner contribution (per pp. 1-28 to 1-29).
- The LTA and LTA Addendum are required to obtain permission from the owner and compliance with other program obligations, but the contribution may be waived.
- The maximum investment limit applies regardless of a waiver of an owner contribution.
- Justification for waiving an owner contribution must be documented in the client file.

The Grantee may grant a waiver of an owner contribution automatically when one or more of the following applies:

1. A member of the tenant's household is related to the owner and is not charged rent or is charged an amount that is well below market value.

This guideline applies to "generational" housing; i.e., when ownership of a home is kept within families and the current owner charges minimal (\$300 or less per month), if any, rent. In other words, the owner is not treating the home as an investment or income property. If it is not clear that it is the owner's intention to keep occupancy of the home within the family, the Grantee shall deny the waiver or obtain prior approval from the AHFC Program Manager.

A certification from the owner attesting to the relationship also is required. (This is not necessary for Life Estates, as the recorded document identifies both parties.)

2. A member of the tenant's household is named as the beneficiary in a Life Estate recorded for the property.
3. The owner's household unit income is less than or equal to the income limits for its size published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.

All Grantees shall use the DOE income limits for this purpose.

4. A severe emergency exists (See pg. 1-47);
5. The household has a lease-purchase or rent-to-own agreement and supporting documentation that meets the guidelines below; or
6. Prior approval is obtained from the AHFC Program Manager for exceptional circumstances.

**Note regarding #5 above**—In limited cases, a home that is being purchased through a lease-purchase or rent-to-own agreement may be treated as owner-occupied. To qualify for a waiver of an owner contribution, the following conditions must be met:

- The household must have lived in the home at least one year after signing the lease-purchase or rent-to-own agreement;
- The Grantee must be able to verify ownership per the guidelines on pg. 1-22 and verify that the Seller is the current owner (or authorized agent of the owner);
- The lease-purchase or rent-to-own agreement must be signed by the owner/authorized agent (seller) and a member of the client household (buyer);
- The client (buyer) must have met any special conditions stipulated—if there are any—required for conversion from lease/rent to purchase (e.g., completion of a minimum occupancy period, payment of a scheduled balloon payment, etc.).

## Overages

If the landlord declines to make a contribution and job costs exceed the estimated amount by less than 50% due to unexpected problems, no owner contribution will be required, though the Grantee may solicit one.

If a project goes over budget by less than 20%, note the overage in the client file. For overages over 20%, a written notification must be sent to the AHFC Program Manager.

## Benefits Must Accrue to Tenants

Only eligible Weatherization measures shall be applied to any rental dwelling unit improved by Weatherization. No undue enhancement shall occur to the value of the rental unit as a result of Weatherization work performed. Undue enhancement is defined as any enhancement to a building that increases the value of the property and does not provide energy conservation or health-and-safety benefits to the tenant. If an

enhancement to the building can be shown to benefit a tenant, that enhancement shall not be considered undue.

The benefits of Weatherization services must accrue primarily to the tenant and not to the landlord. The Grantee shall document in the client file (or common file for a multi-family building) how Weatherization has benefited the client in a rented dwelling unit, especially where the owner of the building pays the utilities. Some examples of acceptable documentation follow.

- “WX replaced a furnace with a cracked heat exchanger, thus assuring the H/S of the client.”
- “Insulation was added to the attic and crawl of this 4-plex, which reduces overall heat loss and stratification, thus increasing client comfort. Ventilation fans were added to units to control moisture and to improve IAQ. Moisture migration into the attic space was eliminated by air-sealing, preserving critical structural building components, mitigating conditions that could impact H/S such as mold and other environmental toxins, and increasing the durability of housing stock for lower-income households.”
- “By lowering fuel consumption (estimated 21% reduction from AkWarm), rents and tenants’ cost of living will be stabilized for the foreseeable future. Keeping subsidized rents lower increases the affordability of housing for low-income clients and helps them stretch their limited income.”

Exit interviews conducted during final inspections also can assist in determining benefits, as well as collection of the last 12 months of fuel and electricity consumption with a signed release from the accountholder(s) to obtain future records for the purpose of documenting the reduction in consumption.

### Conditions for Serving Ineligible Rental Dwelling Units

- **66% Qualification for Whole Building Work:** Sixty-six percent (66%) of units in a multi-family building (50% for duplexes and 4-plexes) must qualify by income to allow work to be done on the whole building as opposed to individual units. (Whole building work includes insulation of the roof or crawl, ventilation, heating work, and other measures that affect the entire insulated structure.)

The Grantee shall determine which method of delivering Weatherization services to a multi-family building will best achieve the goals of the program. Depending on the configuration of the individual rental units in a multi-family building, performing whole building work may be the best option. In these cases, the Grantee will expend WX funds and report units as completions according to the following guidelines.

- **Vacant Units:** If a unit is vacant, it cannot qualify for funds but improvements can be made to it. If a vacant unit is improved, it must be counted as a completion.

However, if a vacant unit will be rented to eligible parties in the near future or has a history of such, it may be counted as an eligible unit and receive funds.



The owner/agent may provide a signed statement, explaining the history of eligible tenancy and the intention to continue renting the unit to eligible tenants within 180 days, as verification that the unit meets this requirement.

- **Over-Income Units:** If a unit occupied by an over-income household unit, it cannot qualify for funds but improvements can be made to it. If an over-income unit is improved, it must be counted as a completion.

Furthermore, when assisting vacant units, the Grantee must maintain a fair and equitable prioritization of all clients on its wait list (considering application date, demographics, logistics, etc.) Priority clients in eligible housing units should not regularly be wait-listed behind vacant units.

### **Eighteen-Month Compliance Period**

Commencing on the date the LTA is signed and continuing for a period of eighteen months after the work is completed, the owner shall agree not to increase rents on weatherized units, unless those increases are demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work performed.

Demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work performed is defined as increases in the Fair Market Value of rental units, an increase in property taxes, or increases in utilities paid by the owner, in excess of 25% per year. Any increases should be split equally between all units in the building. The completion date is defined as the date the owner, agent, or tenant certifies completion of the work.

Commencing on the date the LTA is signed and continuing for a period of eighteen months after the work is completed, the owner also shall not terminate or evict any covered tenants or any subsequent tenants, ***provided*** that the tenants comply with all obligations owed to the owner in accordance with any leases or rental agreements between the owner and tenants.

The LTA applies to present tenants and any subsequent tenants for the eighteen-month period.

In addition to the provisions outlined above, all provisions of the Alaska Uniform Landlord and Tenant Act (AS 34.03.010-380) apply to the owner and tenants who are parties to this agreement.

The LTA shall run with the land and/or weatherized unit in the case of sale or transfer to other owner/agents. Copies of the LTA shall be provided to the owner, to the tenant, and kept in the Grantee's client file.

## Definition of Eligible Dwelling Unit

A "dwelling unit" means a house, cabin, a stationary mobile home, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as separate living quarters.

An eligible dwelling unit must:

- be occupied by an income-eligible household unit,
- be the primary residence of that household unit, and
- meet the following definitions and restrictions for a dwelling unit.

In addition, some rental dwelling units may qualify under the Conditions for Serving Ineligible Rental Dwelling Units (pg. 1-30).

Only the portion of a dwelling unit that is occupied by the qualifying household year-round is eligible for Weatherization. An unoccupied portion of a dwelling unit cannot receive Weatherization services.

A unit in a multi-family building occupied by an eligible owner-household is subject to the Maximum Investment Limits for multi-family dwellings (except for condominiums). (See pp. 1-45 to 1-46.) However, an owner contribution is not required.

## Substantially Complete

"Substantially Complete" means a dwelling unit has all of the normal integral parts including a foundation, floors, walls, roof, windows, doors, and permanent heating system.

A dwelling or a portion of a dwelling is not considered substantially complete if it is not considered habitable for local climates (e.g., an uninsulated building in Fairbanks).

A household that purchases or moves into a dwelling that does not have a working permanent heating system may be denied assistance, because the dwelling is not substantially complete. The Program is not intended to make homes habitable.

A building that does not meet the above criteria may be considered for Weatherization services when it has served as a primary residence for a household for at least two winters/heating seasons.

## Condominiums

Condominiums shall be treated as single-family homes.

Weatherization funds cannot be expended on most common areas/components unless all units in the building qualify. However, attic and crawl space areas that are immediately and directly above/below the qualifying unit may be served.

The Grantee shall obtain written permission from the condo association as necessary to make improvements to the client's unit.

When a unit is occupied by a tenant, the rental dwelling policies on pp. 1-25 to 1-31 apply—except the bulleted items under *Conditions for Serving Ineligible Rental Dwelling Units*. In other words, the unit should be treated as a single-family rental unit.

Contact the AHFC Program Manager for guidance if an entire condo building is occupied by income-eligible households or if some households have applied for Weatherization and others received the AHFC Home Energy Rebate for improvements.

## Commercial Use

**For state funds only**, a dwelling unit also used for commercial purposes that is occupied by an income-eligible household or an apartment building that meets all other eligibility requirements is eligible for Weatherization services using funding for the income-eligible dwelling units:

- for all of the building if 25% or less of the floor space is utilized for commercial purposes (e.g., a self-employed resident's home office, an apartment resident-manager's rental dwelling unit, etc.), or
- for only that portion of the structure occupied as a residence if more than 25% of the floor space is utilized for commercial purposes (e.g., an apartment in a warehouse; the upper half of a split-level that is used as a residence but not the lower level that is used as a hair salon, etc.), or
- for all of the building for small homes that are full-time residences the majority of the time (e.g., a 1,500 sq. ft., single-family home that is used to provide daycare services).

To determine the percentage of commercial use of the home, the Grantee shall review a household's most recent IRS Form 1040 and Schedule C and/or current profit/loss statements to verify how much business use of the home the household claims for tax purposes. This should be consistent with other information gathered during the WX intake process. Households that claim more than 25% use of the home for business purposes to gain advantages on their tax returns cannot claim lesser amounts on their Weatherization applications to qualify for Weatherization services.

When inconsistencies exist, the Grantee may at its discretion require additional verification to determine if the household unit and/or the dwelling unit may receive Weatherization services. The Grantee also may give conditional approval to an otherwise eligible household, advising the household that the final determination of business use of the home will be made during a review of the assessment.

Information gathered during the home assessment must support the amount of residential and business use reported.

## State-Licensed Assisted Living Homes (ALHs)

State-licensed Assisted Living Homes (ALHs) may be served with state funds only (not DOE funds). A current list of State-licensed ALHs may be obtained at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/pages/cl/all/default.aspx>.

The amount of funding available to weatherize an ALH is based on the type of structure and the number of income-eligible household units.

1. Owner-Occupied Single-Family ALHs that Meet Program Guidelines
  - Grantees may treat owner-occupied single-family ALHs as regular clients, when the occupants as a group meet program guidelines. The standard average cost per unit for the region applies. The ALH shall be reported as one completed home.
2. Other ALHs, defined as:
  - owner-occupied single-family dwellings whose occupants as a group do not meet program income guidelines
  - Rental single-family dwellings
  - Multi-family dwellings
  - A. Household units shall be defined per the guidelines below.
    - Each client-resident—as defined by the State—comprises one household unit.
    - A live-in aide (and the aide's immediate family members) shall be counted as a household unit with \$0 income (per Definition of Household Unit on pg. 1-11).
    - A resident owner-operator and any immediate family members comprise one household unit. (This household's income shall be calculated even when the owner-operator also acts as a live-in aide.)
  - B. Each household unit's income shall be calculated per regular program income guidelines.
  - C. A minimum of 50% of the household units must be income-eligible to qualify the ALH.
  - D. The following policies also apply to these ALHs.

- Each income-eligible household unit qualifies the dwelling for \$2,000 of materials and labor provided by the Grantee, unless the owner is willing to contribute cash or in-kind services. For any owner contribution, the Grantee will provide up to \$2,000 in materials and labor, and then match dollar-for-dollar any owner contribution up to an amount estimated by the Weatherization assessor, not to exceed \$4,000 of state Weatherization funding per income-eligible household unit.
- For rentals, Grantees also shall apply the Rental Dwelling Units policies (beginning on pg. 1-25). Where a conflict occurs, the ALH guidelines shall be followed.
- A single-family dwelling shall be reported as one completed home.
- A multi-family dwelling that provides complete individual dwelling units to client-residents so that they can live independently (apartment, efficiency, townhouse, 1/2 of a duplex, etc.) shall be reported as the number of homes in the building.
- For a multi-family dwelling that does not provide complete individual dwelling units to client-residents so that they can live independently in the dwelling unit (i.e., they do not have their own bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen/kitchenette), each 800 square feet of actual living space shall be reported as a completed home. A written explanation regarding determination of unit numbers must be in the file.

Grantees are advised to apply the aforementioned requirements in a prudent and consistent manner to Assisted Living Homes. Justification for the amount of state Weatherization funding expended on an ALH must be in the client file.

## Shelters

A Grantee may weatherize shelters under the following conditions:

- "Shelter" means a dwelling unit or units whose principal purpose is to house on a temporary basis individuals who may or may not be related to one another and who are not living in nursing homes, prisons, or similar institutional care facilities.
- The benefits of Weatherization must accrue to the tenants not the owner(s). A written explanation regarding how the tenants benefit must be in the file.
- As for any multifamily structure, AHFC guidance governing eligibility and benefits must apply. Because they are not owner-occupied, the multi-family rules for investment limits and owner permission apply.
- For the purpose of determining how many dwelling units exist in a shelter, a Grantee may count each 800 square feet of actual living space as a dwelling unit. A written explanation regarding determination of unit numbers must be in the file.

- The eligibility of individual clients does not need to be determined if there is sufficient evidence that all clients would meet the income eligibility standards all the time. This must be addressed in a letter from the property owner or manager describing the activities of the shelter, the clientele served, and their income levels.
- Justification for emergency (per pg. 1-47) Weatherization services must be in the file.
- Once accepted as a project, the standard assessment process will be applied and those measures that meet the Weatherization program guidelines will be implemented as funds allow. All required diagnostic tests will be applied and target ventilation and air-sealing numbers addressed. Commercial ventilation codes may apply. All general Weatherization rules and regulations apply, including maximum investment limits for rental dwelling units.

State review and approval is not mandatory if all the above requirements are met. All shelters will be inspected by the AHFC Program Manager unless otherwise determined. Costs will be disallowed if terms and conditions are not met.

## Ineligible Dwelling Units

Additionally or for clarification, the following dwellings are not eligible for program services. An exception to this ineligibility must be approved in writing by the AHFC Program Manager unless otherwise allowed under Other Allowable Uses of Funds (pp. 1-40 to 1-43).

1. a dwelling designated for acquisition or clearance by a Federal, State, or local program within 12 months from the date Weatherization of the dwelling unit would be scheduled to be completed;
2. a dwelling for which an AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program rebate for improvements made to the home after May 1, 2008—this includes rental dwelling units in duplexes that received the benefits of improvements to common building components;
3. a dwelling in which the household unit is not income eligible;
4. a dwelling leased or maintained by the United States government;
5. a dwelling owned or maintained by the State of Alaska or State-owned corporation, school, or authority;
6. a dwelling reported complete for Weatherization assistance after April 14, 2008;
7. a dwelling that is not occupied at least nine months of the year by the qualifying applicant-household and/or is not occupied by the qualifying household during the heating season (See note following this list.);
8. a dwelling that is not substantially complete (pp. 1-32);
9. a dwelling that is not the primary residence of the applicant;

10. a hotel or motel room;
11. a motorized vehicle;
12. a pleasure or fishing boat;
13. a portion of a dwelling not being lived in or is not substantially complete;
14. a portion of a structure being converted for an apartment or business use;
15. a travel trailer, camper, or other highly mobile dwelling;
16. certain non-conforming dwellings;
17. dwellings actively being marketed for sale or rent, unless the new occupant is also eligible for the program; and
18. an eligible dwelling unit occupied by non-cooperative residents (e.g., cancel more than one appointment, do not provide suitable access to work areas, belligerent or threatening occupants or guests, uncontrolled pets, etc.); denial for non-cooperation must be documented in the client file as well as adequate attempts by the Grantee to inform the client of necessary steps to take and timelines to receive service.

**Note regarding #7 above**— Weatherization improvements are intended to benefit the qualifying household. The greatest benefits are realized during the heating season. Households that spend winter away from home (“snowbirds”) will consume fuels/electricity elsewhere, which counteracts the intention of Weatherization. Households also should be present throughout the entire Weatherization process to fully comprehend the program and improvements provided.

Extended absences due to family emergencies and/or for medical treatment may be allowed on a case-by-case basis, as may employment that requires regular shifts away from home (e.g., slope workers, prison officers, fishing, etc.) Justification for serving a household that does not comply with Weatherization occupancy guidelines must be in the client file.

## Walk-Away Policy—Deferral

Some situations exist where uncooperative clients, unsafe or unsanitary conditions, or the condition of the structure is such that Weatherization service is not practical. The Grantee may, at its option, refuse service. If this option is exercised, the Grantee will inform the client, in writing, why the service is being refused. If the client rectifies the reason(s) for the refusal, the client may request the application to be reconsidered and the home returned to the waiting list. If the limited amount of money available to serve a home cannot begin to address the great needs of the home, then the Grantee should be able to turn down spending any money on the home. By contrast, if the home is in very good condition, no money should be spent on that home.

The walk-away policy gives Grantees the discretion to not serve homes or to limit service on homes in the following circumstances.

1. If a home is in very good condition, the service provider will:
  - a. Provide a check to ensure no unhealthy or unsafe conditions exist,
  - b. Check the heating system for proper operation and efficiency,
  - c. Justify all energy conservation work (cost-effective measures only), and
  - d. Make repairs where needed and justified.
2. If the home is in poor condition, the Grantee may refuse or offer reduced Weatherization services. Grantees may check tax assessment notices and note improvement assessments.
3. If unsafe or unsanitary conditions exist that may be hazardous to a Weatherization worker's health, service may be postponed until the unsafe or unsanitary condition is corrected. Work to correct these conditions may be done as part of the Weatherization process or completed by the owner or other parties.
4. If a client is uncooperative, abusive, or threatening toward Weatherization personnel, the Grantee may choose not to serve that client. If the Grantee chooses not to provide Weatherization services, a letter will be sent to the client outlining the reasons for denial of service. The client may be bumped to the bottom of the waiting list, removed from the list, and invited to re-apply in six months, or asked not to re-apply.
5. If Weatherization services could create potential problems or exacerbate existing problems, Grantees may defer Weatherization services until the problems are resolved.
6. If a client has an abundance of personal belongings that fills the house to the point that work cannot progress, Grantees may follow the guidelines below.
  - a. At the assessment, the Grantee shall give the client a written statement or have the client sign an agreement that the household will remove items by a certain date. If Weatherization workers return on that date and the items are still in place, the Grantee may cancel the project at that point or give the client a written notice that formally defers the project until another date agreed upon by the Grantee and the client.
  - b. If the client is unable to remove the items, the Grantee may include the cost of crews removing and replacing the items in the project scope. Grantees are not encouraged to expend limited Weatherization resources for this purpose, but there are clients who cannot perform any kind of lifting or have mental health issues that make it difficult to manage their belongings. The Grantee must document the situation in the client file.
  - c. The Grantee may provide only those measures that are not impacted by the personal possessions (e.g., exterior wall wrap, insulated skirting, etc.). It shall be documented in the client file why the amount of Weatherization measures provided was limited by the Grantee.



Cancelling projects after they are assessed can result in a significant loss to a Grantee's production, but this is warranted at times.

As practicable, Grantees are encouraged to assist deferred clients to access other resources to rectify issues that cause deferral.

Grantees shall track deferrals throughout the program year. The AHFC Program Manager may request this data at any time. At a minimum, deferral data shall be submitted in a simple spreadsheet including: client name, client ID, property address, reason for deferral, and last action.

## **Grantee Authority to Implement More Restrictive Policy**

Weatherization is meant to be a one-time grant per dwelling so that funding is available to improve as many eligible dwellings as possible. While restrictions exist to avoid duplicating services to homes served by this program or improved with an AHFC Home Energy Rating Rebate, it is possible for a household that has moved to another eligible home to receive weatherization assistance again. In most cases, the household's goals are in line with the program's goals.

However, when information obtained while processing a household indicates a client or landlord is using the program for financial gain, Grantees, in consultation with the AHFC Program Manager, may make and apply a more restrictive policy. Examples of inappropriate financial gain include but are not limited to deliberately using the program to improve a home in order to sell it, deliberately buying a distressed home and applying for a new heating system through the program, landlords moving households to different dwelling units to obtain assistance for unqualified units, etc.

Under no circumstances shall a client, property manager, or owner attempt to profit from the improvements made by the program.

## **Fraud**

Grantees may deny assistance to a household suspected of fraudulently applying or participating in the program. Once fraud is suspected before, during, or after weatherization assistance, the Grantee may deny current and future weatherization assistance to the household—regardless whether the structure would otherwise qualify for improvement. The Grantee shall send a denial letter to the household and notify the AHFC Program Manager.

## Other Allowable Uses of Funds

Homes and/or households that do not meet standard eligibility criteria may qualify for assistance in certain circumstances. Grantees will determine who will receive work under the following categories. Written permission from the AHFC Program Manager is not required for these categories. If the situation of a particular client falls outside these designated categories, the Grantee must request permission in writing from the AHFC Program Manager to work on the home.

### Fuel Switch

A Grantee may change a dwelling's heating fuel type in certain, limited situations.

- Changing from wood or coal heat to other types of fuel-fired heating systems for medical reasons, such as when the client is elderly or disabled and wood or coal preparation is difficult or impossible. The new fuel type shall not require physical effort to use. If the client is not elderly or disabled, the Grantee may obtain a third-party verification of the need.
- Heat pumps can be installed as a fuel switch option in Southeast and Kodiak, only when the client, due to age or disability, cannot operate a solid fuel system (wood or coal) or health concerns are caused by a fossil fuel system. Documentation must be in the file justifying the installation of a heat pump. All other heat pump installations must be preapproved by the AHFC Program Manager.
- Switching fuels is allowed in cases when it will be possible to save significant energy dollars for a Weatherization client through the course of fuel conversion, keeping in mind the priority of *energy* savings. Two AkWarms must be run for comparison, and an SIR of 1.0 must be met. Both AkWarms must be on file for review by AHFC. ***(The purpose of Weatherization is not to switch fuel types. This approach should be used minimally. If this practice is implemented regularly, the AHFC Program Manager will revisit the allowability of the measure.)***
- Replacing an electric water heater with a storage tank integrated with a fuel-fired boiler (i.e., indirect sidearm systems).
- Replacing a fuel-fired water heater with an electric water heater for health-and-safety concerns when the unit fails maximum depressurization testing and cannot otherwise be corrected. ***(Example: The new system now passes the maximum depressurization test when the previous one failed.)***
- When a client lives in an area of the state that has high electric costs and the client's primary heat is electric, an affordable direct-vent system (e.g., Toyotomi, Monitor, Rinnai, Navian, etc.) can be added to offset some of the electric heating cost.
- Fuel switches shall be funded by state funds only—not DOE.

- Prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager must be obtained before expending funds on any other type of fuel switch, including renewables.

## Non-Conforming Dwelling Units

Grantees may serve certain ineligible dwelling units as non-conforming dwelling units. AHFC has given a blanket approval for weatherizing specific types of non-conforming dwellings.

A travel trailer, houseboat, float home, bunker, basement of an unfinished house, or sod igloo can be considered a non-conforming dwelling unit eligible for Weatherization provided:

- it has served as a permanent, full-time residence for at least two heating seasons in that location with a foundation or mooring or on blocks; and
- is connected to electric, water, and sewer utilities when available nearby; and
- is not motorized for mobility or resting on wheels or axles.

Compliance with these guidelines must be documented in the client file.

Other ineligible dwellings may qualify as non-conforming dwelling units upon approval by the AHFC Program Manager on a case-by-case basis. The Grantee shall include detail on the proposed measures as well as the structure in a letter to AHFC requesting approval for weatherizing a non-conforming dwelling unit. Funds should not be expended on a house boat, float home, or travel trailer that may move in a year. (Boats that are being used as homes, but are in operating condition, such as fishing vessels, are not eligible.)

When an application for a non-conforming dwelling unit is received and determined income-eligible, a Grantee shall assess the non-conforming dwelling in accordance with Section 5. *Building Standards* and the grant requirements. Standard weatherization measures and techniques may not work and alternatives must be justified in the client file.

## Secondary Fuel

Adding a supplemental heat source, such as a wood stove, to a dwelling unit may be allowable on a case-by-case basis with prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager. This guideline pertains to rural areas that are regularly subject to any of the following conditions:

- extreme high cost of the primary fuel used to heat the home;
- fuel distribution to the community may be delayed for a prolonged period due to adverse weather conditions or a lack of community funding to maintain community electricity generation, or

- electrical outages are frequent and/or of a prolonged duration.

When such conditions are present, a supplemental wood stove may enable the household to keep the home heated, which may eliminate the need to vacate and may prevent freeze-up of plumbing systems.

Grantees are reminded that the goal of Weatherization is to reduce overall fuel consumption, not to increase it.

**Note:** There are dwelling units (WX or EWX) that currently depend on two types of fuel for heating. In such cases, the secondary fuel may be treated as a primary fuel when both fuels are used 50/50 to adequately heat the home.

## Warranty Work

- If a home has been weatherized in the previous program year, its final inspection was completed within the last 12 months, and for some reason needs weatherization-related repair or additional work on the Weatherization measures provided, State funds may be expended without prior AHFC approval or reverifying the household's eligibility
- If the final inspection was completed more than one year prior to the warranty request, written approval from the AHFC Program Manager must be obtained prior to expending \$5,000 or more. For warranty work under \$5,000, justification must be on file. In either case, reverifying the household's eligibility is not required.
- On rare occasion, a client may call to report the prescribed weatherization is underperforming after the warranty period has expired. The Grantee may consider the dwelling for warranty work if it determines that the original Weatherization scope of work did not adequately address the unique needs of the dwelling unit, *and* the client has called back within 24 months after the Weatherization inspection.

This could happen if conditions during the assessment were not present to alert the assessor to a problem, and the household was not capable of articulating known weatherization issues in the dwelling to the assessor.

The household does not have to undergo an eligibility re-verification unless the prescribed warranty work is estimated to exceed \$10,000.

The purpose of this guideline is to allow Grantees to maintain the Weatherization program's reputation for quality work and responsiveness to addressing the unique problems of Alaska housing stock. Northern building science is a growing discipline that is continuously researching and refining Weatherization measures.

- Warranty work requests from subsequent homeowners will not be honored without prior approval from the AHFC Program Manager. The intent of the program is to assist the qualifying households who intend to live in the dwellings served by the program.

- Units completed for warranty work may not be counted as completions. (See Section 3, *Revised Projects* for recordkeeping and reporting procedures for warranty expenses.)

***Final inspection of all homes must be completed no more than 60 days after Weatherization work is done.*** When this is not feasible, justification must be documented in the client file. Grantees are advised to inspect homes quickly so that the warranty period may start as close to the date the work was completed as possible. This guideline is intended to help Grantees deny households that would like Weatherization to come back yearly to perform annual home maintenance (readjust doors, recaulk, etc.). Timely inspections also prevent projects from dragging on, which can frustrate clients. Inspectors can address clients' questions or concerns about Weatherization measures before any confusion turns to frustration, which diminishes an otherwise satisfactory experience for the client. For additional guidance on the inspection process, see Inspections on pg. 1-51.

## Compliance

Each application would be reviewed by the Grantee to determine that the household and/or the dwelling unit is/are eligible under one of the approved categories. If there is a request outside of these categories or if the Grantee has concerns about whether a home should be served, written permission from the AHFC Program Manager will be required before work can commence. ***If clients chosen for expenditures do not clearly fall within the boundaries of what is described above and if no written permission is obtained from AHFC, any costs expended from Weatherization funding will be disallowed.***

When prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager is required, requests will be submitted in writing and fully describe the need (e.g., household make-up, severity of conditions, etc.).

Monitoring by AHFC program staff may include the following:

1. Review the overall circumstances requiring the use of State funds.
2. Review of all written documentation on the selection of the client for assistance as well as on the detail of the situation.

All documentation concerning these clients must be written and kept in the client file so that at any time a monitor could determine why the client was selected for State funds.

## Maximum Investment Limits for State Funds Only

The Grantee shall manage the budgets for all units weatherized so that the Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) of all projects combined—\$10,000 for WX and \$20,000 for EWX—is not exceeded by the end of the program year.

Maximum investment limits also apply in certain circumstances as outlined on the following WX and EWX tables. (See pp. 1-34 to 1-35, for limits for Assisted Living Homes.)

**Note:** Single-family dwellings and condominiums occupied by eligible owners are not subject to the maximum investment limits.

**WX Maximum Investment Limits for State Funds Only**

<b>Dwelling Type</b>	<b>Eligibility Status</b>	<b>No Owner Contribution</b>	<b>With Owner Contribution</b>	<b>With Waiver of Owner Contribution</b>
Single-family*	eligible tenant	6,000	up to 8,000	**
Duplex	eligible owner	6,000		8,000
	ineligible owner	0	0	
	eligible tenant	6,000	up to 8,000	8,000
	ineligible tenant or vacant	0	0	
	vacant but usually rented to eligible tenants/the owner has committed to rent unit to an eligible tenant	6,000	up to 8,000	
3- to 4-plex	eligible owner	4,000	up to 8,000	
	ineligible owner	0	0	
	eligible tenant	4,000	up to 8,000	
	ineligible tenant or vacant	0	0	
	vacant but usually rented to eligible tenants/the owner has committed to rent unit to an eligible tenant	4,000	up to 8,000	
5-plex or larger	eligible owner	3,000	up to 6,000	
	ineligible owner	0	0	
	eligible tenant	3,000	up to 6,000	
	ineligible tenant or vacant	0	0	
	vacant but usually rented to eligible tenants/the owner has committed to rent unit to an eligible tenant	3,000	up to 6,000	

\* Single-family = house, cabin, mobile home, and eligible non-conforming dwellings.

\*\* The home shall be treated as an eligible owner-occupied single-family unit subject to the average cost per unit for the region.

**EWX Maximum Investment Limits for State Funds Only**

<b>Dwelling Type</b>	<b>Eligibility Status</b>	<b>No Owner Contribution</b>	<b>With Owner Contribution</b>	<b>With Waiver of Owner Contribution</b>
Single-family*	eligible tenant	8,000	up to 12,000	**
Duplex	eligible owner	8,000		12,000
	ineligible owner	0	0	
	eligible tenant	8,000	up to 12,000	12,000
	ineligible tenant or vacant	0	0	
	vacant but usually rented to eligible tenants/the owner has committed to rent unit to an eligible tenant	8,000	up to 12,000	
3- to 4-plex	eligible owner	6,000	up to 10,000	
	ineligible owner	0	0	
	eligible tenant	6,000	up to 10,000	
	ineligible tenant or vacant	0	0	
	vacant but usually rented to eligible tenants/the owner has committed to rent unit to an eligible tenant	6,000	up to 10,000	
5-plex or larger	eligible owner	5,000	up to 8,000	
	ineligible owner	0	0	
	eligible tenant	5,000	up to 8,000	
	ineligible tenant or vacant	0	0	
	vacant but usually rented to eligible tenants/the owner has committed to rent unit to an eligible tenant	5,000	up to 8,000	

\* Single-family = house, cabin, mobile home, and eligible non-conforming dwellings.

\*\* The home shall be treated as an eligible owner-occupied single-family unit subject to the average cost per unit for the region.



## Prioritizing Applications

The Grantee shall rank eligible applicants. Priority shall be given to the elderly, persons with disabilities, children under six years old, the lowest income households, and emergencies.

"**Elderly**" is defined as 55 years of age or older. Acceptable verification of age includes:

- a copy of a current state-issued driver's license or ID card,
- a copy of a birth certificate,
- a copy of a senior property tax exemption, or
- an observation of the individual by a Grantee's staff or authorized representative noted in the client file.

Grantees may verify **disabilities** by:

- receiving a copy of a percentage of a disability letter from the Veteran's Administration that indicates at least a 50% disability; or,
- receiving a copy of a Social Security benefit verification (pp. 1-20.) that indicates payments are for a disability (SSDI/SSI); or,
- receiving a copy of a determination from a federal, State or other agency that provides assistance to persons with disabilities; or,
- receiving copies of documentation from a professional third party (professional clinician, care coordinator, case manager, etc.) indicating the nature and extent of the disability; or
- receiving a Grantee-prepared form completed by a professional third party that indicates the nature and extent of the disability; or
- an observation of an obvious visible long-term physical impairment by a Grantee's staff or authorized representative noted in the client file.

**Children** are defined by AHFC in accordance with the definition used by LIHEAP. For priority purposes, children must be under six years old. An applicant's listing of the child's name and age on the signed application is acceptable verification.

**Emergencies** are defined as Weatherization-related conditions that are life-threatening to the residents—either no working heat source(s) in winter or CO poisoning in the home. The home should be substantially complete. Copies of a red-tag notice from a utility, heating system repair/replacement estimates, hospital or emergency services reports of CO-poisoning, and/or verification by the Grantee of the severe conditions must be in the client file.

## Priority Categories

1. The household includes a resident who is elderly, disabled, or a child under 6 years old, and the total household unit gross income is less than or equal to the income limits published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.
2. The household includes a child who is 6-18 years old, and the total household unit gross income is less than or equal to the income limits published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.
3. Other households with total household unit income that is less than or equal to the gross income limits published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.

**Note—for state funds only, the following categories can be qualified using adjusted gross income.**

4. The household includes a resident who is elderly, disabled, or a child under 6 years old, and the total household unit income exceeds DOE's income limits but does not exceed AHFC's income limits for state funds that are current as of April 1st of the program year.
5. The household includes a child who is 6-18 years old, and the total household unit income exceeds DOE's income limits but does not exceed AHFC's income limits for state funds that are current as of April 1st of the program year.
6. Other households with total household unit income that exceeds DOE's income limits but does not exceed AHFC's income limits for state funds that are current as of April 1st of the program year in homes that have not been served by the program.
7. Other households with total household unit income that exceeds DOE's income limits but does not exceed AHFC's income limits for state funds that are current as of April 1st of the program year in homes served before April 14, 2008.

**Note:** Conditions of a home and/or fuel consumption may justify moving any household up the wait list, particularly emergency circumstances as described on pg. 1-47. Justification must be fully documented in the client file.

Grantees may not be able to serve all clients each year due to wait lists and the logistics of serving each community within their service areas. With prior approval from the AHFC Program Manager, Grantees may add other criteria to further prioritize applicants. Timely application updates are required to verify a household still qualifies for Weatherization assistance, before the household is moved up the wait list due to waiting a year.

## Wait List Progression

After a household has been wait-listed 12 months, the Grantee may move the household up one priority level. Thereafter, the Grantee may move the household up one priority level after every additional 12 months on the wait list.

Grantees also may move a household up the wait list when it reports a change that affects its priority. Such changes include:

- the birth of new resident (The client may submit a brief signed statement reporting the change, or a Grantee's intake person or assessor can document the child's name and date of birth in the client file.);
- a resident turns 55 years old (See pg. 1-47 for proof required.);
- a resident has been determined to experience a disability (See pg. 1-47 for proof required.); and
- a change in the condition of the dwelling unit that the Grantee determines to be an emergency in accordance with program guidelines. (See pg. 1-47 for proof required.)

The Grantee shall not lower the priority rank of a household that *has waited at least 12 months* regardless of an application update that indicates a change in household make-up or income level that would warrant a priority level *lower* than its initial priority rank. The priority system is intended to ensure the highest priority households are served before lower-priority households, but it also allows lower-ranked eligible households to receive assistance in a timely manner. Furthermore, a household's priority rank may be moved up more than one priority level in accordance with the priority guidelines above *whenever* the household's higher priority status is verified.

When an application is updated, the household make-up or income most likely will have changed, which may raise a household's priority rank (or lower its rank if it has waited less than a year). Such changes in household make-up and income should be reflected by the priority rank assigned to the household at the time the update is processed. Then, the priority should be moved up one level if the household has waited at least 12 months for assistance.

### **Note—for state funds only:**

- When an application is being routinely updated and a resident that qualified the household for a higher priority rank is reported to have died or to have vacated the residence due to medical reasons, the household's rank on the priority list does not need to be lowered for this reason.
- Similarly, households in which children age out of a higher priority group to a lower one while the household is wait-listed, do not need to be moved to a lower priority rank for this reason.

## Eligibility Notification

The Grantee shall notify an applicant in writing of its eligibility determination. An eligible notification shall include the following information:

- The Grantee's contact information;
- Expected schedule for the home work plan and Weatherization work;
- That the work will not proceed without the approval of both the owner (if it is a rental) and the client;
- Particulars necessary regarding purchase and installation of materials; and
- Requirements for final inspection and future monitoring by AHFC and the federal government.

## Ineligibility and Appeal Rights

A Grantee shall identify in a letter to an applicant the reason(s) for ineligibility.

If the reason is not for a lack of information, the letter shall identify that an appeal of the decision can be made to the head of the Grantee's Weatherization program.

The appeal process for ineligibility is as follows:

### Level 1

1. The applicant must notify the Grantee that an appeal is made and supply any information noted in the ineligibility letter;
2. The Grantee Weatherization head reviews the appeal;
3. The Grantee Weatherization head shall make a decision on the appeal and notify the applicant within 30 days of the appeal request. If the decision is that the applicant is still ineligible, the Grantee shall inform the applicant household that it can request the Grantee to submit a further appeal to AHFC.

### Level 2

1. If the applicant has requested the Grantee appeal to AHFC, the Grantee shall submit the applicant file to the AHFC Program Manager;
2. The AHFC Program Manager will review the file and give a copy of the file to the AHFC program coordinator, along with a recommendation;
3. The AHFC program manager will make a final decision on the eligibility status and notify the applicant and the Grantee within 45 days of receipt of the appeal request.

Any further appeals shall follow AHFC regulations for appeals.

## Inspections

The Weatherization Assistance Program has a reputation for providing quality work. Inspections are an important part of quality control and program compliance.

- The Grantee shall conduct a final inspection for each dwelling reported complete no more than 60 days after Weatherization work is done. When this is not feasible, justification must be documented in the client file.
- The inspector may be a qualified member of the Grantee's staff. However, the inspector shall not be the crew lead or the supervisor if the supervisor is hands-on for the project. The Grantee also may choose to contract with independent contractors who are qualified to inspect Weatherization work.

The goal is to have someone other than installers inspect their work. However, there may be times when logistics make this difficult. For smaller Grantees and/or Grantees with large service areas, separation of duties may not always be practicable.

- It is highly recommended that the Grantee conduct in-house reviews of blower door and other diagnostic numbers.
- The Grantee shall conduct file reviews for all required documentation.

A Grantee that may have difficulty complying with these guidelines shall contact the AHFC Program Manager for guidance to develop a suitable inspection process.

## Quality Control

The Grantee will ensure quality control for assessments and implementation of all measures conducted under the Weatherization program.

The Grantee also will ensure that the materials selected are designed for use in an arctic climate and appropriate for the specific application and in compliance with Section 8. *Material Standards*, as applicable. The installation of such materials also must be in such a manner as to ensure longevity of the measure over the projected life of the measure, within reason. (For example, a window should be appropriately chosen for the dwelling, climate and existing conditions, and installed in such a way that it should last for at least fifteen years. Weather stripping, however, may only last one to three seasons.) A minimum one-year warranty will be offered to all weatherization clients by Grantees on any weatherization work performed under this program.

At least one final inspection is required for each dwelling reported complete. (QCI requirements will apply for DOE-funded units.) This inspection will be performed within a timely manner following the completion of work on the dwelling, and will ensure that all materials specified in the client worksheet were installed properly, in a workman-

like manner, and in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations, weatherization program standards, and local building codes where applicable.

Work files must be reviewed for all required documentation. Diagnostic sheets will be reviewed for completeness.

# Weatherization Operations Manual

## Section 2. Administrative and Eligibility Forms

1. **AHFC Client File Monitoring Form** [This is being provided for informational purposes and is subject to change.]
2. **AHFC Logo**
3. **AHFC Monitoring Plan**
4. **AHFC WX Admin Monitoring Form** [This is being provided for informational purposes and is subject to change.]
5. **Application Review Form**
6. **Authorization for Release of Information**
7. **Current Alaska Income Guidelines Published by AHFC**
8. **Current DOE Income Guidelines Published by AHFC**
9. **Fuel Release Form**
10. **Landlord Tenant Agreement (LTA)—EWX**
11. **Landlord Tenant Agreement (LTA)—EWX** [for buildings owned or operated by Grantees]
12. **Landlord Tenant Agreement (LTA)—WX**
13. **Landlord Tenant Agreement (LTA)—WX** [for buildings owned or operated by Grantees]
14. **LTA Addendum and Cover Page—EWX**
15. **LTA Addendum and Cover Page—WX**
16. **Memorandum of Agreement** [Sample]
17. **Privacy Act**
18. **Required Admin Client File Documents Checklist**
19. **WX Application Form, pp. 1 and 2**

**Grantees may reformat the appearance of forms provided by AHFC.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Client File Monitoring Form**

**Agency:**

Client Name and/or file Number	Application	Notification Letter	Verify Inc Doc's	Property Owner Verification	Mobile Home SN	L/T Agree	CAZ. TEST COMPLIANCE	Blower Door Test	Mat & Labor cost sheet write cost if available	Primary Heating System	WX As-Is & Post AKWARM	Does IOR match the scope of work	Final Inspection qci or 3rd w/signatures	Photos	Lead Base Pre 1978 Year Built Home	Lead documents and certifications	SHPO checklist and compliance	Comments	
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**Income Verification**

Client Name/Wx#	#in Household	Income Limit	Income reported	Income reported by agency	Priority level

**Material verification**

Client #	PO,s Verified	Material from vendor verified





**Alaska**

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FINANCE CORPORATION

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STATE OF ALASKA  
MONITORING PLAN 2021  
ON SITE AND VIRTUAL OPTIONS

**Program Monitoring (PM):** 2019-2020 monitoring has been combined with 2020-2021 on an emergency basis. We adapted our PM form to make it more user friendly when we are monitoring virtually. For the most part, the agencies were not working for at least several months and have only recently started reporting completions. All three of our agencies had completed 2019 units by April of 2020. All three agencies are now working on the 2021 units and anticipate that they will meet the minimum requirement.

The Program Monitoring will be completed on two agencies for both 2019 and 2020 either onsite or virtually prior to the end of March 2021. RurAL CAP will receive a PM on site for 2020 or virtually also by that date. We review and discuss on site or through a Teams meeting the same PM forms that we have used in the past.

**The Client File Review** will also be conducted in accordance with our monitoring plan either onsite or virtually using the checklist. We will discuss the numbers and have the agency show us the diagnostic sheets, which is what we would do in an office visit. If we were not able to complete that for the 2019-20 units, we will also include 2019 units in the monitoring (Minimum 5% of files looked at for the year.)

**The process for completing both the Program Monitoring and the Client File.** Review includes the following:

1. Notify the agency at least 30 days in advance
2. Request that documents needed be loaded to the WX. Online or Mimecast which is secure or faxed if needed when there is no broadband. It is possible to resort to mail if in some areas we have no other option. In all cases, the client file number may be the reference.
3. An interview via zoom, teams, or face time or phone will be scheduled.
4. Each item on the monitoring form and/or checklist will be discussed with the agency and the responses are recorded on state staff's monitoring review form.
5. More supporting documentation may be requested depending on the answers.
6. The agency will identify the location or condition of tools, vehicles, PPE, or other inventory items.
7. When the interview is complete, a report or copies of the monitoring forms will be issued by AHFC regarding the results of the Program Monitoring and Client File Review.
8. If there are any issues identified based off the agency's answers and provided information, AHFC will follow up in writing until resolved.

**The Fiscal Monitoring** is conducted by representatives from the AHFC Audit Department.

1. In the notice letter, agencies are notified that the review remotely will be performed remotely and then request that they send us information via AHFC's secure email system, Mimecast.
2. First, the general ledger is requested from which expense selections are made. This occurs about two weeks before the actual monitoring. Once the expense selections are made the agency has about a week to provide them to us.
3. On the 'start day' of the monitoring review the auditors have an entrance meeting via webex teams and ask any questions we have regarding the expense documentation they've provided or go over any other documentation that we will need. Sometimes the Program Manager will attend to assist in explaining nuances of the program.
4. During the entrance meeting the auditors typically, schedule a date later in the week (1-2 days from the start date) to meet and have an exit teleconference where we go over the initial results.
5. Then we send out our initial 'expense discrepancy letter that lists all the issues we discuss at the exit teleconference. The agency then has 10 business days to provide additional documentation or clarification to try to resolve the discrepancies.
6. Once received the auditors look to see if there are any issues remaining that would be considered a Finding or Concern and then send the report to close out the review from our side. It's then up to the agency to coordinate with the program manager any corrective action plans to address the Finding/Concern.

**Field monitoring** would consist of reviewing the contents of the client file before the virtual site visit. The file review would be completed, and any questions or comments noted so the QCI could respond during the virtual site visit. For the actual site visit, we would have the QCI try to use Zoom, Teams, WhatsApp, or Facetime with his/her phone so we could observe the completed work and the diagnostic testing. If there is limited broadband and we cannot live feed the video inspection, the agency will document thoroughly with video the work that was completed. They will then bring the video and all the testing diagnostics to the home office where we could review the entire process via a web conferencing platform or in person. We would look at the house just as we would if we were there. We would be using all the same forms and checklists as we do when on site. AHFC will review all the work that is on the video with the agency representative.

### **Work-in-Progress**

1. A client home is identified from those that are in schedule for on-site work.
2. Once the crew has unloaded their equipment and started work, a representative will contact AHFC to begin the video walkthrough process via one of the online platforms.
3. The AHFC inspector observes the staff working from the street view and approach with the person operating the device the staff and tour the job site.
  - a. The person operating the device should be familiar with that home's scope of work to know what areas of the home to view.

- b. It will be requested that the tour also includes close-up views where needed
4. Covid protocols, such as social distancing, must be observed.
5. Each worker starting with the crew leader describes which tasks they are completing and the installation techniques that will be implemented
6. The AHFC inspector views the condition of the vehicles, tools, and other equipment.
7. He/she also asks about and view safety equipment, location of PPE, SDS manuals, and Field Guides.
8. AHFC reviews compliance with the Alaska Field Guide for each measure installed.
9. AHFC observes general worker and client safety practices and basic OSHA compliance
10. Safety violations or concerns are immediately identified and resolved.
11. If it appears something has been missed, or not addressed properly, the agency is given a chance to explain the reasoning behind why.
12. If the client is on site, a brief interview may be conducted regarding client satisfaction and the level of knowledge and information that the client has gained from client education.
13. The AHFC will issue a letter or the forms used to the agency to mark the interim inspection. If there are problems, they will be addressed before completion of the job.

#### Final Inspection - QCI

1. A completed unit that needs a final QCI is selected and the client file is sent to AHFC staff through Wx. Online or Mimecast if possible. If broadband is limited other methods will be determined as stated above.
2. The AHFC inspector views the contents of the file and views the home via Google Earth if available.
3. Notes are made in preparation.
4. The agency contacts AHFC when ready to start the inspection.
5. The Agency QCI describes each activity as they would during a proctored field exam.
6. Everything that the final inspector would normally do is completed and video streamed.
7. AHFC inspectors will ask the agency representative to slow down, stop, explain, or show a closer shot of certain measures if needed.
8. The diagnostic testing is highly important, and the camera must be angled to clearly see the meters, gauges, location of testing, and appliance operation.
9. Safety concerns observed by the AHFC inspector will be communicated immediately to the inspection team.
10. The agency may have more than one device on hand as a backup if the first one battery life is not long enough to support the entire final inspection.
11. As the final inspection is ending, the AHFC inspector gives the inspectors an opportunity to address anything they might have missed.
12. If it appears the home is being left in an unsafe manner, the AHFC inspector alerts the agency so that can be corrected, and notations are made for the monitoring letter.
13. The QCI form will be filled out and any relevant information about problems or missed opportunities will be noted.

14. If the client is on-site, the AHFC inspector will review the client questionnaire form with the client about the weatherization project. (Many are not on site at this time but AHFC sends a questionnaire to all completed projects at the end of the year.)
15. The final inspection visit is compared to the client file, and the scope of work, the AkWarm analysis, etc. to ensure that the best course of action was implemented.
16. AHFC will issue the signed QCI form to the agency when the inspection is completed. If punch list items or missed opportunities are noted, they will be corrected prior to completion of the job.

**ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**  
**Research & Rural Development Department**

SUBGRANTEE:

MONITOR:

DATE:

**SECTION I**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING**

**A. AGENCY FILES (Annual)**

	YES	NO	N/A
a) Updated Subgrantee Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM)-current version	X		
b) Local operating procedures-agency policy and procedures as it affects the program-in agreement	X		
c) Program correspondence file-approvals and waivers	X		
d) Current grant and amendments	X		
e) Current MOA's for shared service area – signed by both grantees and AHFC	X		

COMMENTS:

**B. AGENCY WEATHERIZATION PERSONNEL (SEMI-ANNUAL)**

Personnel	YES	NO	N/A
a) Current job descriptions (Wx personnel only)	X		
b) Resumes (management personnel)	X		
c) Personnel policies	X		
d) (Leave, benefits, pay, etc.)	X		
e) Travel Approved outside service area	X		
<b>DOE funding below only (if applicable)</b>			
a) All requirements passed through subcontracts			X
b) QCI inspections on all completions			X
c) Use of Field Guide in implementation			X
<b>LIHEAP funding, below only (if applicable)</b>			
a) Funding source noted on client file			X
b) Complies with stated allowable measures			X
c) Expended/reported within period of performance			X

Comments:

C. COMMUNITY FILES AND LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES (Annual)

	NUMBER	YES	NO	N/A
1) Outreach Activities-flyers/VHF/community meetings		X		
a) Local activities adequate		X		
b) Mass media activities		X		
c) Is AHFC identified as a funding source		X		
1) Client Waiting Lists		X		
a) Waiting List		X		
b) Denied applications		X		
A) Application Form		X		
a) Required Information		X		
b) Energy Use Requested		X		
c) Fuel release form		X		
B) Process for ensuring eligibility of homes		X		
a) Method of checking for prior weatherization		X		
C) All Client info treated as confidential?		X		
In House Inspection Process		X		
d) Quality Control/ inspection		X		
e) Files reviewed for completeness and accuracy?		X		
f) Diagnostics forms reviewed?		X		
g) Final inspection process		X		
h) Inspection reports?		X		
i) Callback process		X		
j) Number of contractor callbacks		X		
k) Who does inspections				

COMMENTS:

D. WEATHERIZATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

	YES	NO	N/A
a) Landlord Contributions	X		
b) How much collected (If applicable)	\$		
c) Deferral/Walkaway Policy	X		
i) policy in place	X		
ii) How used	X		
iii) How Often	0		
d) Fuel Switch Policy	X		
i) How Many			

ii) Conversions Justified			
h) Client eligibility/ priority procedures	X		
i) Is there a Priority rating checklist	X		
ii) Compliance with WOM in moving up the list	X		
i) Emergency Weatherization justification	X		

SECTION I COMMENTS:

**SECTION II**  
**WAP PROPERTY CONTROL**  
**A) GENERAL**

	YES	NO	N/A
a) Warehouse/Storage	X		
i) Storage facility	X		
ii) Adequacy of facility for storage purpose	X		
iii) Organization	X		
iv) Adequacy of security	X		
b) Multiple storage locations?			
c) Inventory Control – conducted annual inventory & reported findings to AHFC	X		
d) Overseer:	X		
e) Inventory control systems	X		
i) Account for breakage/shrinkage	X		
ii) Account for common materials	X		
iii) Any major disposal or loss in current year	X		
iv) Any major recent purchases	X		
v) Planned major purchases	X		
f) Have equip over \$250 been properly disposed of, i.e. sealed bid, transfer to another grantee, given to AHFC etc, and properly documented	x		

COMMENTS:

**B) EQUIPMENT INVENTORY FILES**

** = Important questions	YES	NO	N/A
g) Proper Approvals for purchases >/=\$5,000.00	X		
h) Master Inventory List **	X		
i) Serial numbers (if applicable) **	X		
j) Initial cost	X		
k) Date of purchase **	X		



l) Serviceability	**	X		
m) Maintenance schedules	**	X		
n) Warranties		X		
o) Operating manuals		X		
p) Funding source		X		
q) State PM approval (if required)		X		
r) Disposal of non-usable equipment		X		
s) Evidence of filed inventory control				
t) Compare to previous year				
u)		X		

Comments:

C) VEHICLES (Annual)

	YES	NO	N/A
a) Vehicle inventory			
i) Description (see comments below)			
ii) Serial number(s)			
iii) Purchase date			
iv) Purchase price			
v) Approval to purchase			
vi) Disposition			
b) # Owned			
c) # Leased			
d) Adequacy for job			
e) Condition			
f) Safety equipment			
i) First aid kit, flares, fire extinguishers			
ii) Maintenance schedules			
iii) Mileage logs for privately owned vehicles			

**SECTION IV  
TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (T&TA)**

	YES	NO	N/A
a) What classes have Wx staff taken?			
i)			
ii)			
iii)			
iv)			
b) What are the Wx staff training needs?			

i)			
ii)			
iii)			

SECTION IV COMMENTS:

**SECTION V  
LEAD COMPLIANCE**

	YES	NO	N/A
a) Is the agency a registered "Certified Renovation" firm w/DOE	X		
b) Is there a "Certified Renovator" person on staff with the agency	X		
c) Is the agency complying with RRP regulations on all pre-1978 homes	X		
d) Is the agency supplying all pre-1978 home clients the brochure "Renovate Right"	X		
e) Are Certified Renovator documents filled out properly for each pre-1978 house	X		
f)	X		

SECTION V COMMENTS:



Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
**Weatherization Assistance Program**



## Application Review

**Program Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Client #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Client Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Map on File:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Dwelling Type:** Yes No **Year Built:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner-Occupied:** Yes No **If Rental, Client Given Copy of Signed LTA:** Yes n/a

**Leased Space:** Yes No **If Privately-Owned, Proof of Ownership:** Yes n/a

**Total Gross Income:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Income Verified through: (mo/yr)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Income Eligibility Based on:**

APA/IA:	Yes n/a	Annual Housing Recertification:	Yes n/a
ATAP/TANF:	Yes n/a	Tax Return(s) / YTD Income:	Yes n/a
Food Stamps:	Yes n/a	SeniorCare:	Yes n/a
LIHEAP:	Yes n/a	SSI:	Yes n/a
		Affordable Housing Subsidy	Yes n/a

**Proof of Age:** Yes n/a Yes No

**Proof of Disability:** Yes n/a **AHFC Home Energy Rebate::** Yes No

**Proof of Emergency:** Yes n/a **Prior Weatherized:** Yes No

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Denied:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Client No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ALASKA, ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**AUTHORIZATION  
for Release of Information**

**CONSENT**

I authorize and direct any Federal, State, or local agency, organization, business, or individual to release to \_\_\_\_\_ [Subgrantee] any information needed to complete and verify my application for assistance under the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). I understand and agree that this authorization or the information obtained with its use may be given to and used by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) in administering and enforcing program rules and policies.

**INFORMATION COVERED**

I understand that previous and current information regarding me and my family unit may be needed. Verifications and inquiries that may be requested include but are not limited to:

- Employment and Income
- Public Assistance payments

**GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE ASKED**

The groups or individuals that may be asked to release the above information include but are not limited to:

- Banks and other Financial Institutions
- Medical and Child Care Providers
- Past and Present Employers
- Retirement Systems
- Social Security Administration
- State Unemployment Agencies
- Support and Alimony Providers
- Veterans Administration
- Welfare Agencies

**COMPUTER MATCHING NOTICE AND CONSENT**

I understand and agree that AHFC or [Subgrantee] \_\_\_\_\_ may conduct computer matching programs to verify the information supplied for my application or recertification. If a computer match is done, I understand that I have a right to notification of any adverse information found and a chance to disprove incorrect information. AHFC or the Weatherization agency may in the course of its duties exchange such automated information with other Federal, State, or local agencies, including but not limited to: State Employment Security Agencies, State welfare and food stamp agencies, and the Social Security Administration.

**CONDITIONS**

I agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. The original of this authorization is on file with [Subgrantee] \_\_\_\_\_. I understand I have a right to review my file and correct any information that is incorrect.

**SIGNATURES** (All adult residents must sign. Please request another copy if necessary.)

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Printed Name SSN#

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Household Member Signature Date

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Adult Household Member Printed Name SSN#

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Adult Household Member Signature Date

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Adult Household Member Signature Date

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Adult Household Member Printed Name SSN#

Reason(s) for missing signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

# FY 2021 INCOME LIMITS FOR ALASKA

Effective  
July 1,  
2021

Community Name	INCOME LIMIT - 1 PERSON	INCOME LIMIT - 2 PERSONS	INCOME LIMIT - 3 PERSONS	INCOME LIMIT - 4 PERSONS	INCOME LIMIT - 5 PERSONS	INCOME LIMIT - 6 PERSONS	INCOME LIMIT - 7 PERSONS	INCOME LIMIT - 8 PERSONS	EA ADDED FAMILY MEMBER
Anchorage Municipality Low Income Limit	73,010	83,440	93,870	104,300	112,644	120,988	129,332	137,676	8,344
Aleutians East Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Aleutians West Census Low Income Limit	67,970	77,680	87,390	97,100	104,868	112,636	120,404	128,172	7,768
Bethel Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Bristol Bay Borough Low Income Limit	72,030	82,320	92,610	102,900	111,132	119,364	127,596	135,828	8,232
Denali Borough Low Income Limit	77,000	88,000	99,000	110,000	118,800	127,600	136,400	145,200	8,800
Dillingham Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Fairbanks North Star Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Haines Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Juneau Borough Low Income Limit	81,900	93,600	105,300	117,000	126,360	135,720	145,080	154,440	9,360
Kenai Peninsula Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Kodiak Island Borough Low Income Limit	68,390	78,160	87,930	97,700	105,516	113,332	121,148	128,964	7,816
Lake and Peninsula Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Nome Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
North Slope Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Northwest Arctic Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Petersburg Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Sitka City & Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Skagway Municipality Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Valdez-Cordova Census Low Income Limit	72,450	82,800	93,150	103,500	111,780	120,060	128,340	136,620	8,280
Wade Hampton Census Area Low Income Limit (KUSILVAK)	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Wrangell City and Borough Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Yakutat City & Borough Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area Low Income Limit	65,730	75,120	84,510	93,900	101,412	108,924	116,436	123,948	7,512
2022 DOE Poverty Income Levels-FINAL	33,980	45,780	57,580	69,380	81,180	92,980	104,780	116,580	11,800

**2022 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES  
CONTIGUOUS STATES U.S. GRANTEES  
EFFECTIVE January 12, 2022**

**INCOME LEVELS**

<b>Size of Family Unit</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>200%</b>
1	\$13,590	\$27,180
2	\$18,310	\$36,620
3	\$23,030	\$46,060
4	\$27,750	\$55,500
5	\$32,470	\$64,940
6	\$37,190	\$74,380
7	\$41,910	\$83,820
8	\$46,630	\$93,260

For families with more than 8 persons, 100% of poverty level increases \$4,720 for each additional person. Therefore, for weatherization at 200% of poverty level, add \$9,440 for each additional person.

**2022 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA**

<b>Size of Family Unit</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>200%</b>
1	\$16,990	\$33,980
2	\$22,890	\$45,780
3	\$28,790	\$57,580
4	\$34,690	\$69,380
5	\$40,590	\$81,180
6	\$46,490	\$92,980
7	\$52,390	\$104,780
8	\$58,290	\$116,580

For families with more than 8 persons, 100% of poverty level increases \$5,900 for each additional person. Therefore, for weatherization at 200% of poverty level, add \$11,800 for each additional person.

**Weatherization Assistance Program  
Fuel Information Form**
**Client No.**

Type of primary heating system     Oil                     Natural Gas             Electric  
     Wood                     Propane                 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of domestic water heater     Oil                     Natural Gas             Electric  
     Propane                 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is there an alternative supplementary heating source?     No     Yes, percent of time used \_\_\_\_%

If yes, state type: \_\_\_\_\_

Last time heating system serviced: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Annual Fuel Use: \_\_\_\_ gal.

Name and address of servicer: \_\_\_\_\_ cords

Is this a business?     Yes     No

**Release**

<b>To: Fuel Supplier</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	
City	AK Zip Code	Account No.

<b>To: Fuel Supplier</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	
City	AK Zip Code	Account No.

<b>To: Electric Utility</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	
City	AK Zip Code	Account No.

I hereby authorize you to release information on my fuel bills, both past and future, to the following agency. I agree that a photocopy of this release may be used for the purpose stated.

I understand that this information will be used only to provide data for the above-named agency, and no information obtained through this release shall be made public in such a manner that the dwelling or occupants can be identified.

<b>Fuel Customer Name</b>	<b>Street Address/Mailing Address</b>	
City	State	Zip Code

Signature **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, attach copies of fuel consumption records (that show quantities used) to this form.

**LANDLORD - TENANT AGREEMENT**

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- **Tenant, complete** the Renter Certification on the back.

I, [Print name.] \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the owner/authorized agent, herein referred to as "Owner" for the property located at:

Street Address or Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rental dwelling units in this structure: \_\_\_\_\_ The property presently is rented to the following:

Primary tenant \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ rent per \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year.

Type of rental (circle one): month-to-month lease term rent-to-own / lease-purchase other: \_\_\_\_\_.

Relationship between homeowner(s) and tenant household if any: \_\_\_\_\_.

Owner/Agent authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Weatherization Provider") as provider of Weatherization services to conduct energy related building inspections and assessments, repairs, and improvements. Any materials installed under this agreement shall remain as part of the premises.

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Commencing on the date the Owner and/or tenant signs that work is complete and continuing for a period of eighteen (18) months, Owner agrees not to increase rents on units weatherized. If a lease in effect expires prior to the end of the eighteen-month period, a new lease may be signed, but rents will remain at the previous level until the expiration of the eighteen-month period, unless demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work. (10CFR 440.22(b)(3)(ii)) Demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work performed is defined as an increase in excess of 25% per year in (1) Fair Market Value of rental units, (2) an increase in property taxes, or (3) an increase in the rate of utilities paid by Owner. Any increases should be split equally between all units in the building.

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### TENANT Certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am currently renting a dwelling unit located at:  
Name (Please print.)

Street Address or Legal Description City State

I have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

Signature Date

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### LANDLORD (Owner or Authorized Agent) Certification

I have read and agree to the terms of this agreement.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent \* Date

Mailing Address City State Zip

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Msg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* AGENT: INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR AGENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER.**

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### WEATHERIZATION PROVIDER Certification

I have read and agree to the terms of this agreement.

Signature of Weatherization Provider Authorized Agent Date

[Grantee name]  
[Grantee mailing address]  
[Grantee phone, fax, email, etc.]

**LANDLORD - TENANT AGREEMENT**  
**FOR GRANTEE-OWNED AND -OPERATED RENTAL DWELLING UNIT(S)**  
PERMISSION TO ENTER PREMISES / RENTAL AGREEMENT

The undersigned below certifies that, \_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as "Owner" and "Weatherization Provider," currently owns and operates the property located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or Legal Description City State

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Number of rental dwelling units in this structure: \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or Legal Description City State

I have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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**OWNER / WEATHERIZATION PROVIDER Certification**

I have read and agree to the terms of this agreement. I further certify that all appropriate staff have reviewed and understand the limitations and obligations contained in this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner / Weatherization Provider Authorized Agent Date

[Grantee name]  
[Grantee mailing address]  
[Grantee phone, fax, email, etc.]

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### TENANT Certification

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Name (Please print.)

Street Address or Legal Description City State

I have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

Signature Date

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Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent \* Date

Mailing Address City State Zip

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Msg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

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### WEATHERIZATION PROVIDER Certification

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Signature of Weatherization Provider Authorized Agent Date

[Grantee name]  
[Grantee mailing address]  
[Grantee phone, fax, email, etc.]

**LANDLORD - TENANT AGREEMENT**  
**FOR GRANTEE-OWNED AND -OPERATED RENTAL DWELLING UNIT(S)**  
PERMISSION TO ENTER PREMISES / RENTAL AGREEMENT

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**TENANT Certification**

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Name (Please print.)

located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or Legal Description City State

I have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**OWNER / WEATHERIZATION PROVIDER Certification**

I have read and agree to the terms of this agreement. I further certify that all appropriate staff have reviewed and understand the limitations and obligations contained in this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner / Weatherization Provider Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[Grantee name]

[Grantee mailing address]

[Grantee phone, fax, email, etc.]

[Grantee]  
[Mailing Address / Office Address]  
[Phone/Fax/URL/Email]

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Dear Landlord:

Attached is an Addendum to the *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement* (LTA) that you signed to allow the Weatherization of your rental unit for the tenant named on that document. The Addendum must be signed and returned to our office before we can proceed with the Weatherization of the dwelling.

Landlords are required to contribute one half of the cost of Weatherization materials and labor in excess of \$8,000 per dwelling unit for buildings with one or two units (in excess of \$6,000 per dwelling unit for buildings with three or four units; in excess of \$5,000 per dwelling unit or buildings with five or more units). The dollar-for-dollar match may not exceed \$4,000 for buildings with one or two units (\$4,000 for buildings with three or four units; \$3,000 for buildings with five or more units). In other words, the maximum amount of Weatherization funds allowed per eligible dwelling unit in a building with one or two units is \$12,000 (\$10,000 per eligible dwelling unit in a building with three or four units; \$8,000 per eligible dwelling unit in a building with five or more units).

Attached you will find a description of proposed Weatherization improvements.

If you cannot make the required payment, the job may still proceed without all of the items being completed. If you choose to contribute, please make your check or money order payable to \_\_\_\_\_. If a contribution is required, it must be received by \_\_\_\_\_ *before* we will order materials and/or proceed with the work.

In order to complete our work in a timely manner, **please respond to this request within fifteen days of the mailing date.** Failure to respond within the allotted time frame may result in the cancellation of the project.

Thank you for your interest in this program. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

Name  
Title



[Grantee]  
[Mailing Address / Office Address]  
[Phone/Fax/URL/Email]

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**Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program**

**Landlord-Tenant Agreement  
Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement  
Addendum**

Client # \_\_\_\_\_

Date:	_____	Contractor:	_____
			name/telephone
Landlord:	_____	Tenant:	_____
Mailing	_____	Residence	_____
Address:	_____	Location:	_____
Telephone:	_____	Telephone:	_____

**Total Project Cost:**                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_                    **Total Landlord Contribution:**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This is an Addendum to the *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement (LTA)* signed by the above-named Landlord and Tenant, and the Weatherization service provider known as [Grantee]\_\_\_\_\_. It becomes effective when the Weatherization service provider receives this Addendum, signed by the Landlord; any applicable Landlord contribution; and any other documentation required as specified in this Addendum or the scope of work.

Attached is a scope of work, which describes the Weatherization measures and materials proposed for the dwelling unit. The cost of any building permits shall be borne by the Owner of the building.

In addition to the provisions of the LTA, the following provisions shall apply:

- The Landlord may elect to pay the additional cost of the proposed Weatherization measures or may elect to have the job reduced to those measures that total less than the allowed limit.
- All materials installed in the dwelling shall become the property of the Landlord upon installation and remain with the building.
- The Landlord agrees not to increase rents commencing on the date the Landlord signs this Addendum and continuing eighteen (18) months after the date the Landlord and/or the Tenant sign(s) that the work is complete. If a lease in effect expires prior to eighteen (18) months after the date the work is completed, a new lease may be signed, but rents will remain at the previous level until the expiration of the eighteen month period, unless demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work.

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- The Landlord also agrees not to terminate or evict any covered tenants or subsequent tenants, commencing on the date of signing this agreement, and continuing for a period of eighteen months after the Landlord and/or the Tenant sign(s) that the work is complete. This provision is in effect provided that the Tenant complies with all obligations owed to the Landlord in accordance with any leases or rental agreements between the Landlord and the Tenant.
- This agreement applies to present tenants and any subsequent tenants for the eighteen-month period, and the Owner agrees to provide subsequent tenants with a copy of this agreement.

In addition to the provisions outlined above, all provisions of the Alaska Uniform Landlord and Tenant Act (AS 34. 03.010-380) apply to the Landlord and Tenant(s) who are parties to this agreement.

Either party to this agreement may bring an action for specific performance of its terms. Tenants residing in dwelling units covered by this agreement are intended third-party beneficiaries of any provisions of the agreement related to rental increases, evictions, and termination of tenancies.

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**Landlord**

I have read and agree to the terms of this Addendum and do hereby authorize the Weatherization service provider to proceed with the proposed improvements. I elect to make

- ( ) a cash contribution toward improvements in the amount noted above.
- ( ) an in-kind contribution toward improvements in the amount noted above. [Note: Prior approval must be given for all in-kind contributions. Call this office *before* completing this Addendum to verify that your in-kind contribution qualifies. Once it has been approved, sign and date this Addendum and return it to this office *with copies of the invoices for your purchases if you have not already provided them.*]
- ( ) no cash contribution toward improvements because the costs do not exceed the per unit limit, or I wish to keep the cost of improvements to less than the per unit limit.

**If you do not elect to contribute the total owner contribution, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Landlord

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Check

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Name on Check or Money Order

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Number

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**Weatherization Service Provider**

I have read and agree to the terms of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Agent for Weatherization Service Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Please respond to this request within 15 days of the date of this Addendum.**

In order to complete our work in a timely manner, this request requires your prompt attention. Failure to respond within the allotted time frame will result in the cancellation of the project.

For Office Use Only:  
Signed, completed copy sent to landlord and tenant:

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

[Grantee]  
[Mailing Address / Office Address]  
[Phone/Fax/URL/Email]

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Dear Landlord:

Attached is an Addendum to the *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement* (LTA) that you signed to allow the Weatherization of your rental unit for the tenant named on that document. The Addendum must be signed and returned to our office before we can proceed with the Weatherization of the dwelling.

Landlords are required to contribute one half of the cost of Weatherization materials and labor in excess of \$6,000 per dwelling unit for buildings with one or two units (in excess of \$4,000 per dwelling unit for buildings with three or four units; in excess of \$3,000 per dwelling unit or buildings with five or more units). The dollar-for-dollar match may not exceed \$2,000 for buildings with one or two units (\$4,000 for buildings with three or four units; \$3,000 for buildings with five or more units). In other words, the maximum amount of Weatherization funds allowed per eligible dwelling unit in a building with one to two units is \$8,000 (\$8,000 per eligible dwelling unit in a building with three or four units; \$6,000 per eligible dwelling unit in a building with five or more units).

Attached you will find a description of proposed Weatherization improvements.

If you cannot make the required payment, the job may still proceed without all of the items being completed. If you choose to contribute, please make your check or money order payable to \_\_\_\_\_. If a contribution is required, it must be received by \_\_\_\_\_ *before* we will order materials and/or proceed with the work.

In order to complete our work in a timely manner, **please respond to this request within fifteen days of the mailing date.** Failure to respond within the allotted time frame may result in the cancellation of the project.

Thank you for your interest in this program. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

Name  
Title

[Grantee]  
[Mailing Address / Office Address]  
[Phone/Fax/URL/Email]

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**Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program**

**Landlord-Tenant Agreement  
Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement  
Addendum**

Client # \_\_\_\_\_

Date:	_____	Contractor:	_____
			name/telephone
Landlord:	_____	Tenant:	_____
Mailing	_____	Residence	_____
Address:	_____	Location:	_____
Telephone:	_____	Telephone:	_____

**Total Project Cost:**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      **Total Landlord Contribution:**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This is an Addendum to the *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement (LTA)* signed by the above-named Landlord and Tenant, and the Weatherization service provider known as [Grantee]\_\_\_\_\_. It becomes effective when the Weatherization service provider receives this Addendum, signed by the Landlord; any applicable Landlord contribution; and any other documentation required as specified in this Addendum or the scope of work.

Attached is a scope of work, which describes the Weatherization measures and materials proposed for the dwelling unit. The cost of any building permits shall be borne by the Owner of the building.

In addition to the provisions of the LTA, the following provisions shall apply:

- The Landlord may elect to pay the additional cost of the proposed Weatherization measures or may elect to have the job reduced to those measures that total less than the allowed limit.
- All materials installed in the dwelling shall become the property of the Landlord upon installation and remain with the building.
- The Landlord agrees not to increase rents commencing on the date the Landlord signs this Addendum and continuing eighteen (18) months after the date the Landlord and/or the Tenant sign(s) that the work is complete. If a lease in effect expires prior to eighteen (18) months after the date the work is completed, a new lease may be signed, but rents will remain at the previous level until the expiration of the eighteen month period, unless demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work.

“Demonstrably related to matters other than Weatherization work” is defined as increases in excess of 25% per year in (1) Fair Market Value of rental units, (2) an increase in property taxes, or (3) an increase in the rate of utilities paid by the owner. Any increases should be split equally between all units in the building.

- The Landlord also agrees not to terminate or evict any covered tenants or subsequent tenants, commencing on the date of signing this agreement, and continuing for a period of eighteen months after the Landlord and/or the Tenant sign(s) that the work is complete. This provision is in effect provided that the Tenant complies with all obligations owed to the Landlord in accordance with any leases or rental agreements between the Landlord and the Tenant.
- This agreement applies to present tenants and any subsequent tenants for the eighteen-month period, and the Owner agrees to provide subsequent tenants with a copy of this agreement.

In addition to the provisions outlined above, all provisions of the Alaska Uniform Landlord and Tenant Act (AS 34. 03.010-380) apply to the Landlord and Tenant(s) who are parties to this agreement.

Either party to this agreement may bring an action for specific performance of its terms. Tenants residing in dwelling units covered by this agreement are intended third-party beneficiaries of any provisions of the agreement related to rental increases, evictions, and termination of tenancies.

**Landlord**

I have read and agree to the terms of this Addendum and do hereby authorize the Weatherization service provider to proceed with the proposed improvements. I elect to make

- ( ) a cash contribution toward improvements in the amount noted above.
- ( ) an in-kind contribution toward improvements in the amount noted above. [Note: Prior approval must be given for all in-kind contributions. Call this office *before* completing this Addendum to verify that your in-kind contribution qualifies. Once it has been approved, sign and date this Addendum and return it to this office *with copies of the invoices for your purchases if you have not already provided them.*]
- ( ) no cash contribution toward improvements because the costs do not exceed the per unit limit, or I wish to keep the cost of improvements to less than the per unit limit.

**If you do not elect to contribute the total owner contribution, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Landlord

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Check

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Name on Check or Money Order

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Number

**Weatherization Service Provider**

I have read and agree to the terms of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Agent for Weatherization Service Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please respond to this request within 15 days of the date of this Addendum.**

In order to complete our work in a timely manner, this request requires your prompt attention. Failure to respond within the allotted time frame will result in the cancellation of the project.

<p>For Office Use Only: Signed, completed copy sent to landlord and tenant:  ____/____/____</p>
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**Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority**

PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska 99762

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
Between  
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.  
And  
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority**

This agreement confirms concurrence between Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP), the AHFC Weatherization Contractor of record for the Kawerak Region and Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) for authority to deliver weatherization services in the following villages for the 2008 and 2009 building seasons (through fall of 2009).

To be served by BSRHA:

Village	2008	2009	Comments
Brevig Mission	20	0	CAS Units Assess 2008 Complete 2009
Golovin	13	0	CAS Units Assess 2008 Complete 2009
Koyuk	10	0	CAS Units Assess 2008 Complete 2009
Shaktoolik	0	10	CAS Units Assess 2008 Complete 2009
St Michael	0	14	CAS Units Assess 2009 Complete 2009
Teller	0	18	CAS Units Assess 2009 Complete 2009
Wales	0	10	CAS Units Assess 2009 Complete 2009
White Mountain	14	0	CAS Units Assess 2008 Complete 2009
Nome Low Rent (Multi-Family)	46	0	CAS Units Assessment 2008 Completion 2008-2009

To be served by RurAL CAP:

Village	2008	2009	Comments
St. Michael	18	25	Non-CAS units
Stebbins		15	Remainder of non-CAS units in 2010
Nome		30	In partnership with Nome Eskimo Community
Unalakleet			In partnership with Tribal Council Housing

Over the next twelve months, BSRHA and RurAL CAP agree to work together to target additional villages for the 2010 -2012 building seasons, and to develop a subsequent Memorandum of Agreement for those years.

Agreed to this, the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Darryl Kooley, President/CEO  
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Hardenbergh, Executive Director  
Rural Alaska Community Action Program

**FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS  
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEPARTMENT

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### **Privacy Act Provisions**

Under section 3(e)(3) of the Privacy Act 1974, (5 USC 552a(e)(3)), each agency that maintains a system of records shall inform each individual from whom it solicits information of the authority which permits the solicitation of the information; whether disclosure is voluntary; the principal purpose for which the information is intended to be used; the routine uses which may be made of the information; and the consequences, if any, resulting from failure by the individual to provide the requested information. This statement is required by the Privacy Act to be furnished prior to the collection and use of the information requested on the application for weatherization. You may retain this statement for your records.

### **Program Authority**

The specific authority for the maintenance of weatherization client information is sections 416 and 417 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, Pub. L. 94-385. These sections direct the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), which is a sponsor of this program, to monitor the effectiveness of this program and to require a weatherization agency implementing this program to keep records for DOE monitoring.

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is the recipient of weatherization funds from both DOE and the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, and is required by 10 CFR 440 to document the eligibility of every dwelling unit weatherized and to maintain records for program monitoring and evaluation.

### **Voluntary disclosure**

Your responses to the request for information on the Weatherization Assistance Application, Authorization for Release of Information form, and Fuel Information form are entirely voluntary.

### **Principal purpose of information**

The information will be used by the local weatherization agency to implement the weatherization program. It will be used by the DOE and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to monitor the effectiveness of this program.

### **Routine uses**

The information which you provide may be used in monitoring, evaluating, and planning housing programs. In addition, the information may be used in investigative, enforcement or prosecutorial proceedings. Your application information is kept confidential.

### **Effects of not providing information**

Should you decline to provide the information requested on the Application and forms, your dwelling cannot be considered for weatherization assistance.

## ***Required Admin Client File Documents***

### ***This is required as part of the Client file***

The Admin Client file and WX Site Client Files are usually two different files. Admin stays in the office as it has confidential personal information. The WX Site Client File is a working file, which **MUST** be brought to the client home inspections. After the project is closed out the files may be combined, or at minimum, both be accessible for Program Monitoring and Client File Inspection.

- 1. Application:
  - Application Review* completed by the Grantee's intake person;
  - Verify client's signature is on the following documents:
    - *Application*
    - *Fuel Information Form*
    - Appropriate **Landlord – Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter / Rental Agreement** (if rental).
    - *Permission to provide weatherization assistance to the property (required on application or on another form in the WX Site Client File before WX begins)*
- 2. Income qualification
- 3. Ownership verification
- 4. Year home built verification
- 5. Prior WX review
- 6. Prior HERP review
- 7. State SHPO compliance (and DOE if applicable)
- 8. Project costs (materials, labor, freight) [DOE Subgrantees also must include a break-out of DOE funded measures / materials]



**Weatherization Assistance Application**

**Client No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Msg \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to Home \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Residence  Owner Occupied  Rental Unit  Mobile Home: Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle appropriate)

Single Family

Multiple Family (Apartment)

Subsidized Housing

Rental Unit

Complete

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord-Tenant

Owner Address \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement

Heat paid by:

Owner

Tenant

Total Number in Household

List the names, social security numbers, sex and age for all members of the household. List income received by each member 18 or older who is not a full-time student.

Name and Social Security Number	Sex	Age	Source of Income	Amount of Income	
				Calculations	Annual Total
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				
Name _____ SSN _____	M F				

Total Income \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only

Income Guidelines for a Household of \_\_\_\_\_ Members: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Documentation Attached

Categorical Eligibility  SSI Recipient  LIHEAP Recipient

On the basis of the above information, Household  IS  IS NOT Eligible for Assistance

Intake Worker's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Weatherization Assistance Application**

Number in household who are:  55 years of age or older  Native American  Disabled

**Applicant Affirmation**

I subscribe and affirm, under the penalties of law, that the statements made in this application for weatherization assistance (including statements made in any accompanying papers) have been examined by me and the best of my knowledge and belief are true and correct. Prior to any weatherization work, I agree to notify the agency of any changes in the information in this application. I understand that by signing this application, I consent to any other inquiry to verify or confirm the information I have given.

to make me eligible for this assistance. I will not be held liable for any injury or damage occurring on my property which is not a result of my negligence or malfeasance. I certify that I have given my to allow work and monitoring of work on the property listed in this application. I understand that it is the dwelling occupant and/or owner's responsibility to discover and correct unsafe or out-of-compliance conditions which exist apart from the weatherization work.

I certify that no household member has received an AHFC Home Energy Rebate after May 1, 2008 for *improvements made to the home* and that my household is not on the wait list for the rebate.

I understand that this application for weatherization assistance does not guarantee that assistance will be granted but will be used in determining eligibility for the program. Whether or not an eligible applicant will provided assistance will depend in part upon the number of applications received, the funds available and the priorities to be met by the program.

This assistance has no affect upon my social security, public assistance or any other income I have. The weatherization work done will not obligate me financially and no lien or mortgage will be held on the property, unless false or inaccurate information has been provided

I have read and understand the provisions of the Privacy Information Act.

**Applicant's Signature** X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Representative X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Homeowner Certification**

If applicant is renter, agency must use Permission To Enter Premises form and may require Landlord-Tenant Agreement

I / We, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I / we am / are the owner(s) of the

property at \_\_\_\_\_

(print address)

**Owner's Signature** X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ownership verified by: <input type="checkbox"/> Examination of deed <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	List income documentation verified:
Agency Signature	Date

Return application to:

# Weatherization Operations Manual

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## Introduction

All Grantees shall be aware of and knowledgeable of AHFC grant regulations and applicable State law as these and the grant agreement shall take precedence should any conflict with this Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM) occur. For DOE funding, the State Plan takes precedence.

The grant agreement details funding guidelines, such as the number of homes required, and specifies requirements for the current program year. This section of the WOM provides additional guidance for managing Weatherization funds and records.

Grantees shall adhere to generally accepted accounting principles.

Grantees shall review their internal policies and procedures for compliance with the requirements of the Weatherization Assistance Program.

Program procedures will encourage the most efficient and effective use of Grantee resources. Information management systems and procedures will be standardized by AHFC to the greatest extent practical and beneficial. Computer software (AkWarm and WX Online) provided by AHFC shall be used to the extent of its capabilities for financial accounting and reporting, in addition to forms provided by AHFC.

AHFC may provide forms to Grantees with the grant, in this manual, and as needed throughout the program year. Grantees may customize non-standardized systems and procedures.

A Grantee's information and resource management shall clearly and thoroughly document Weatherization financial, procurement, personnel, asset, client, and other matters. The Grantee shall provide timely information and reports to AHFC and other entities with oversight authority, as well as Grantee personnel, clients, vendors, and contractors.

A Grantee's information management shall provide necessary security to maintain the integrity and confidentiality of the information. The Grantee shall release confidential information only to Weatherization Program personnel of the Grantee, AHFC, DHSS, and DOE on an as-needed basis.

## Financial Management

The Grantee's financial management system must provide for accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each dwelling unit served.

The Grantee must account for expenses separately for each funding source specified in the grant agreement(s) executed with the Grantee. Funding sources that require separate tracking include U.S. Department of Energy, DHSS LIHEAP, and AHFC General Funds (state funds).

LIHEAP funds must be expended per the grant agreement.

All other funding sources received through the grant agreement(s) must be expended by the Program Year ending March 31.

## Financial Reporting

### Monthly Reporting

Grantees shall submit the following AHFC forms each month:

- *Monthly Expenditure Report,*
- *Monthly Program Report Check-Off Form,* and
- *Funds Disbursement Request Form*

Grantees that administer state funds only shall submit monthly reports to AHFC by the 30th of each month. Grantees that administer state and DOE/LIHEAP funds shall submit monthly reports to AHFC by the 15th of each month. If a due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the reports are due the next business day.

Monthly expenditure reports shall provide a summary of expenditures by line item using the line items in the grant budget. For each line item, the following amounts shall be provided:

- the grant budget,
- the total of previously reported outlays,
- total outlays this reporting period,
- total outlays to date, and
- the budget balance.

For Grantees requesting advance payments, an estimate of the expenditures for the 60 days following the cutoff date of the report shall be provided according to the major budget categories of:

- administration;
- materials;
- program support;
- other, including health and safety hazards, leveraging activities, liability insurance, financial audits, and
- Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA).

The total amount requested for reimbursement and advance shall be detailed by these same budget categories. This amount is the total of the outlays during the period being reported and the outlays estimated for the next 60 days, less the prior advance.

Grantees that administer LIHEAP WX funds also must provide data to DHSS quarterly per DHSS' direction and provide copies of reports to AHFC.

### Third Quarter Certification

Third quarter certification is due by January 30 of every program year from all Grantees, certifying that all minimum required units will be completed by March 31.

### Year-End Reporting

At the end of the program year, all Grantees shall submit final expenditure reports to AHFC no later than May 15 (July 31 for a LIHEAP first release and January 31 for a LIHEAP second release unless directed otherwise). This is required even when a grant is amended, because each program year must be closed. The year-end report must contain all information required in the WOM and the grant agreement, including:

- an explanation/report for any unexpended funds;
- *Final Funds Disbursement Request Form*;
- *Final Monthly Expenditure Report*;
- *Final Monthly Program Report Check-Off Form*;
- Leverage report (Grantees that have no leverage to report, at a minimum, shall submit a report that states, "We have no leverage to report.");
- Minimum dwelling units served (transmitted via WX Online);
- Training & Technical Assistance Report;
- one success story (per pg. 3-7); and
- WX As-Is and WX Post AkWarm files uploaded in WX Online for all completions.

Grantees shall submit two AkWarm files per unit served, except for multifamily units for which the WX As-Is and WX Post AkWarm files are for more than one unit.

Grantees that administer LIHEAP WX funds also must provide data to DHSS per DHSS' direction and provide copies of reports to AHFC.

The Grantee may submit its final financial billing in one or two increments, either as

- one final billing submitted by May 15 (July 15 for LIHEAP), or



- an interim March billing submitted by April 30 (April 15 for DOE) and a final billing submitted by May 15.
- A Grantee that chooses not to submit an interim billing should inform AHFC of its decision in writing by the due date for the interim billing. This ensures both parties are aware that the Grantee is not seeking an interim payment.

In addition to the above reporting requirements, the Grantee must provide AHFC with the following information if specifically requested by AHFC:

- any records that pertain to the Weatherization Assistance Program;
- a list of any personal or real property purchased with grant funds;
- all management letters concerning audits, relating to the Weatherization Assistance Program within 60 days of receipt by the Grantee;
- All third-party contracts to be approved by AHFC (15 AAC 154.745); and
- Audit reports as required by standard provisions (15 AAC 154.740).

### Success Stories

Grantees are required to submit at least one success story as part of the Year-End Reporting. Grantees are encouraged to submit more than one story per program year.

- Each story shall be about one page and tell the story of how the program improved the home and quality of life for the household and/or how it positively affected the community.
- It shall include a brief description of the pre-WX conditions, the WX measures, and the results/expected outcomes.
- Before and after pictures that illustrate the improvements shall be included.
- Verbal comments from the client/excerpts from a client letter may be included.
- Permission must be obtained when a client's name will be used/when images will identify the client.
- A signed release must be on file before using client or project information for outreach or promotional purposes. (See Section 6. *Promotional Release*)

### Accounting Records

Grantee records shall adequately identify the source and application of funds, including information pertaining to grant awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, income, and liabilities.

Grantee records must be sufficient to permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that funds have not been used in violation of the restrictions and prohibitions of applicable statutes.

A filing system shall be maintained for source documentation, including but not limited to:

- bank statements,
- canceled checks,
- contracts,
- correspondence
- financial reports,
- grant advances and reimbursements,
- grant agreement and award,
- job cost records,
- payroll records,
- tax reports,
- time cards, and
- vendor invoices.

### **Internal Control**

Grantees shall maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets. Grantees shall adequately safeguard all such funds, property, and assets and assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.

Cash receipts shall be deposited by a Grantee in a bank account on a timely basis to minimize the security risk of cash on hand. Cash and check receipts shall be received and logged in by a different person than the person who makes the deposits at the bank.

### **Budget Control**

Grantee financial management systems must provide for comparison of actual expenditures with approved budget amounts for each grant.

The average cost per dwelling unit for program and material costs cannot exceed the limits established by AHFC.

### **Budget Revisions**

Budget revisions or project changes requiring a grant amendment (pg. 3-32) can be requested by a Grantee in a letter to the AHFC Program Manager. A request shall

provide adequate documentation and justification to determine whether the change will meet all grant and program regulation requirements, and what effect the budget change will have on program effectiveness. The revised budget shall be formatted the same as in the grant award.

### **Required Approval for Specific Costs**

Prior to the grant award, the Grantee will submit a budget and budget narrative to AHFC. Included in the narrative will be requests and justifications for:

- any purchases for items that are not installed in a dwelling unit in excess of \$5,000; and
- cost allocation plans.

Costs that are not approved in the initial budget require prior written approval from AHFC before expenses are incurred by the Grantee.

### **Required Notifications**

Any change to the Grantee's Cost Allocation Plan must be approved by AHFC in writing.

The Grantee must notify AHFC in writing of any significant (exceeding ten percent (10%) of salary base) changes to the Grantee's pay range of management and director positions. This notification must be made by the 30th of the month following the change.

### **Allowable Costs**

AHFC will reimburse a Grantee only for costs allowed under the current grant and this manual. The following subsections further limit allowable costs by budget category.

#### **Administration**

Administration covers all costs that are not directly related to the installation of Weatherization measures.

The following are administration costs and cannot be expensed to program costs:

1. accounting;
2. advertising for personnel or program promotion;
3. banking fees;
4. bookkeeping and accounting;
5. consultants,

6. depreciation or use fee for equipment for buildings purchased with non-federal and non-State funds;
7. indirect costs;
8. legal;
9. office space;
10. office supplies;
11. printing;
12. postage;
13. salaries and wages for administrative personnel and Grantee officers, including the following activities:
  - a. accounting,
  - b. board functions,
  - c. budgeting,
  - d. grant preparation,
  - e. personnel,
  - f. preparing non-program reports,
  - g. office management,
  - h. reviewing agency expenses,
  - i. signing checks,
  - j. telephone,
14. telephone;
15. travel and training; and
16. utilities.

Prepaid items exceeding \$100, such as postage meter funds, should not be expensed until actually used.

Administrative expenses must not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total allowable program operations expenditures.

All administration costs shall be expensed to funding sources by the Grantee following grant requirements and guidelines.

## Materials

There are two subcategories under materials: material and freight. Material costs are the invoiced amounts for Weatherization materials. Freight is the cost of transporting materials from the source or point of receipt to a storage site or the job site by third-party carriers.

Only materials that have been selected according to the priorities required by this manual are allowable.

A maximum of 3 percent (3%) of the grant's material cost may be expensed from AHFC funds as an allowable cost to adjust the material inventory on the books to an actual inventory count or to add materials to inventory.

Eligible energy conservation materials are detailed in Section 8. *Materials Standards*.

### Program Support

Program support costs include the following:

1. The cost of purchase and delivery of Weatherization materials.
2. Labor and benefit costs for Weatherization assessors, workers, project site supervisors, and final quality control inspectors. This may include labor for Weatherization material handling at a storage facility. The percentage of the Grantee's Weatherization program manager's time spent supervising the above functions also may be included in this category.
3. Transportation of personnel, tools, equipment, and materials to and from a work site.
4. Vehicle costs related to actual Weatherization work or movement of Weatherization materials to or from storage. Costs associated with the assessment, vehicle maintenance, operation, and insurance costs shall be prorated between program costs and administration when appropriate.
5. Maintenance of tools and equipment. This does not include office equipment, which is expensed under administration.
6. Purchase, rental, or annual lease of tools, equipment, and vehicles shall be prorated under program costs and administration, as appropriate. Only the portion of anticipated use for actual Weatherization work can be prorated to program costs.
7. Storage of materials, tools, and equipment. This may include a prorated portion of rent and utilities if the storage is combined with a Grantee's office facility.
8. Weatherization sub-contract costs.
9. The cost for time spent preparing and purchasing materials.
10. Client intake and eligibility verification.
11. Transport of materials by a third-party carrier.
12. Immunization of Weatherization workers.
13. Testing Lead Blood Levels every 12-18 months for Weatherization workers that disturb lead-painted surfaces.
14. Liability, pollution occurrence, and worker's compensation insurance for Weatherization projects.

15. Fees for disposal and/or recycling of materials removed from a home. This includes costs to backhaul trash from communities that do not have proper disposal resources. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to ensure that all materials removed from the home are not reused or resold. They must be either disposed of in a landfill or recycled.
16. Permits required before work may proceed on an eligible dwelling and associated inspection fees.

### Categorizing Total Project Costs

While energy conservation is the primary focus of the Weatherization program, the health and safety of the occupants and building durability also will be addressed.

When reporting Weatherization jobs as completed, Grantees must report total project costs and break down the total into two categories:

- Conservation
- Health, Safety, and Repair

Total costs will be the sum of these two categories.

Conservation Costs	= (A)	
Health, Safety & Repair	= (B)	
Total Costs	= (C)	(A+B=C)

**Health-and-Safety** items include, but are not limited to, CO detectors, smoke detectors, ventilation, proper egress, etc.

**Repair/Building Durability** items include, but are not limited to, roof repair, gutters, and other building envelope components necessary for viability of the structure and protection of the conservation measures and safety of the occupants.

There will be Weatherization measures completed that fall under both categories. In such cases, Grantees shall break down the costs appropriately between the categories.

### Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA)

Allowed activities that can be charged to T&TA are listed in the grant agreement. Requests to use T&TA funds for other activities must be detailed in writing and submitted for *prior* approval by the AHFC Program Manager. Additional guidance follows:

1. Labor costs related to client education may be expensed as a program support cost.

2. For DOE-funded jobs only, diagnostic supplies required (e.g., confined space, etc.). Diagnostic and inspection equipment less than \$5,000 also are allowed.
3. T&TA funds that are allowable for Grantee personnel also are allowable for subcontractors acting in the same capacity as Grantee personnel.
  - a. Travel costs and per diem for attending training. Grantees may reimburse subcontractors in the same manner as staff or pay a stipend not to exceed \$150/day.
4. Mileage and/or travel expenses related to assessments or inspections may be charged to T&TA. Wages for quality control and/or third party inspections also may be charged.

T&TA activities must be tracked in a file that can be reviewed during agency monitoring by AHFC. Information should include trip reports, conferences and trainings attended, staff and subcontractors who participated, travel costs and per diem, salaries and/or stipends paid, client education materials costs, descriptions of special projects and related costs, etc.

### Unallowable Costs

1. accrued severance pay not historically justifiable;
2. bad debts;
3. contingencies;
4. contributions and donations;
5. entertainment;
6. fines and penalties;
7. food, when in travel status less than 10 hours;
8. fund raising costs;
9. gifts;
10. governor's expenses;
11. Grantee's fees or profit;
12. interest and other financial costs;
13. items/services not installed in a dwelling unit that cost more than \$5,000, which are purchased without prior approval from AHFC;
14. legislative expenses;
15. life insurance on employees with the Grantee as the beneficiary;
16. losses that could have been covered by allowable insurance, other than a reasonable deductible;
17. parking and traffic tickets;
18. publication and printing cost incurred without AHFC approval;
19. the difference in cost between first-class air accommodations and less than first-class air accommodations;

20. tips;
21. training and education that is not related to job duties;
22. travel costs for a traveler's convenience when not required for business;
23. unapproved improvements to a home;
24. unapproved travel outside a Grantee's service area;
25. under recovery of costs under grant agreements; and
26. unreasonable compensation.

## Cash Advances

AHFC may advance its own funds to Grantees.

Grantee advances are available on a monthly basis. On the *Monthly Expenditure Report*, the Grantee must estimate the cash outlays for the 60 days following the end of the reporting period. This estimate is the maximum that is allowable for an advance.

On each month's *Request for Reimbursement*, the previous month's advance is subtracted from the request and the new advance estimate is added to it. This keeps the outstanding advance amount at no more than the estimate for the 60 days following the end of the reporting period.

AHFC may restrict advances as determined by the grant agreement.

If a Grantee is unable to demonstrate the ability to manage advances properly, AHFC may determine that only reimbursement payments will be made.

## Program Income

The Grantee shall maintain records of the source, amount, and disposition of any program income for which it is accountable to AHFC. Program income includes but is not limited to income from:

- fees for services performed, which were funded by the grant;
- the use or rental of real or personal property acquired with grant funds;
- interest earned on grant funds; and
- rebates, credits, discounts, refunds, etc., and interest earned on any of them.

Assets and materials purchased with Weatherization funding may be used for other Grantee services or activities if appropriate rental or other fees are applied to the Weatherization program. However, these other uses shall not detract from the primary Weatherization purpose for which these assets and materials were purchased.



Sale proceeds for Weatherization materials reduce the Grantee's reported material costs and are not considered program income.

Contributions from owners or landlords collected under the terms of the Landlord-Tenant Agreement are not considered program income.

Grantees shall deduct program income not added to Weatherization funds for additional Weatherization work from allowable costs.

## Payments

Monthly payment requests shall be submitted to AHFC by the 30th of each month for the prior month (by the 15th of each month for DOE/LIHEAP), accompanied by a *Monthly Expenditure Report*, WX Online data for completed dwelling units if applicable, and all required documentation. Year-End payment requests shall be submitted to AHFC by May 15. (The deadline for LIHEAP is by July 31, unless directed otherwise).

Allowable and approved costs will be reimbursed by AHFC within 30 days of receipt of the payment request.

The following types of program income are subtracted from the total outlays to date to determine the amount to be reimbursed:

- audit recoveries;
- contract settlements;
- interest earned;
- net proceeds from the lease or rent equipment or vehicles purchased with Weatherization funds;
- net proceeds from the sale of materials, equipment, or vehicles purchased with Weatherization funds;
- rebates;
- refunds; and
- the amount of payments previously requested and as approved by AHFC.

The Grantee shall enter these amounts on the *Request for Reimbursement*.

The following types of program income shall be returned to AHFC at grant termination if they have not already been recovered through the payment request process:

- advances,
- interest income on advances, and
- program income not used for weatherization costs.

## Payment Withholding

AHFC may withhold payment to a Grantee if:

- The Grantee is not in compliance with the terms of the grant and other measures have failed to bring about compliance.
- The Grantee is indebted to the United States, the State of Alaska, or AHFC.

Because AHFC only reimburses for actual outlays, no reimbursements can be made for payments being withheld from contractors by Grantees.

## Deposits

Grantees shall deposit advances in interest-bearing accounts and report interest as required under Program Income (pg. 3-14).

## Procurement

### Procurement Standards and Procedures

Grantees shall have written procurement policies and procedures that conform to all grant requirements.

Grantees shall provide copies of their code or standards of conduct to all employees involved with procurement. These standards shall be available for inspection by AHFC during the monitoring process.

### Initial Procurement Decisions

Whenever possible or practical, Grantees are encouraged to join with other Grantees in bulk purchases of materials and equipment.

### Surplus Property

Grantees shall inform AHFC and other Grantees of the availability of serviceable excess property in their possession.

### Competition

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition.

Some practices, which are considered restrictive and shall be avoided, include but are not limited to:

- any arbitrary action by the Grantee during the procurement process,
- non-competitive pricing practices between bidders, and
- placing unreasonable requirements on bidders in order to qualify to conduct business with the Grantee.

Solicitations for proposals shall:

- avoid using brand names to describe the qualitative nature of materials or services (When it is impractical to write an effective description, the Grantee may specify “brand name or equal” and list the specific features of the named brand to be met.);
- clearly and thoroughly describe the requirements for the requested materials and/or services;
- identify all requirements that bidders must fulfill; and
- identify the criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals.

### **Pre-Qualified Bidders List**

Grantees may establish and maintain a list of pre-qualified bidders for materials and/or services. A list must include enough current qualified bidders to ensure open competition. Grantees will not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

### **Priority Businesses**

Grantees shall take steps to solicit proposals from local, minority, small, and women’s business enterprises.

### **Methods of Procurement**

The Grantee shall determine which procurement instrument (e.g., fixed-price contract, cost-reimbursable contract, incentive contract, purchase order, etc.) is most appropriate for a solicitation and serves the best interest of the program. The cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost method of contracting shall not be used.

The use of time-and-material contracts may be used only after a determination that no other type of contract is suitable. A not-to-exceed price must be included in all time-and-material contracts.

### Micro-Purchases

Micro-purchases may be made when annual costs for the goods or services purchased are not anticipated to exceed \$5,000 during the program year. Grantees may award micro-purchases (\$5,000 or less) without soliciting competitive price quotations if the prices are reasonable and the goods or services do not exceed the needs of the program. Micro-purchases must be distributed equitably among qualified suppliers to the extent practicable.

**Note:** Grantees shall not construe the provisions under this section as a mandate to avoid competitive procurement practices in general.

### Request for Proposals

In addition to the other procurement guidelines in this manual—particularly under Competition on pp. 3-16 to 3-18, Grantees shall adhere to the following guidelines when issuing a *Request for Proposals* (RFP).

- RFPs shall be publicized to solicit responses from an adequate number of qualified bidders.
- Any responses to publicized RFPs shall be honored to the maximum extent practical.
- Grantees shall have established procedures for evaluating responses.
- The award will be made to the bidder whose proposal best serves the program, with price and other factors considered.

### Sole Source or Single Bid

Grantees may procure materials and/or services by noncompetitive proposal without prior approval from AHFC when the Grantee's cost estimate does not exceed \$5,000.

Upon receipt of a sole bid, the Grantee shall compare it to the initial cost estimate to determine the reasonableness of the proposed price.

When responding to an expensive emergency (e.g., a boiler breakdown in winter) or in unique circumstances, if a Grantee's initial cost estimate exceeds \$5,000, written prior approval to solicit a noncompetitive proposal must be obtained from the AHFC Program Manager.

During the current program year, if a single vendor or contractor is anticipated to have—or has had in the prior program year—cumulative contracts totaling more than \$50,000, competitive procurement methods shall be used.

**Note:** Grantees shall not construe the provisions under this section as a mandate to avoid competitive procurement practices in general.

## Cost Analysis for All Procurement

Grantees shall perform a cost or price analysis for every procurement action, including contract modifications and change orders.

The analysis shall include an independent cost estimate prior to issuance of a request for proposal(s). Cost estimates may be established on the basis of a catalog, market prices for products and services sold in substantial quantities to the general public, or prices set by law or regulation. For noncompetitive procurement, consideration also will be given to:

- average profit rates in the community in which the work will be performed,
- record of past performance,
- the amount of subcontracting,
- the bidder's investment,
- the complexity of the work to be performed,
- the risk borne by the bidder, and
- other pertinent factors.

**Note:** An exception is allowed for micro-purchases. However, Grantees are responsible for paying reasonable prices for goods and services that do not exceed the needs of the program. As any other procurement method, micro-purchases may be subject to monitoring by AHFC.

## Procurement Awards

Grantees shall make awards only to responsible vendors and contractors, which possess the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration shall be given to such matters as:

- compliance with public policy,
- contractor integrity,
- debarment status,
- financial, technical, and logistical resources, and
- record of past performance.

## Procurement Disputes

Grantees shall have written protest procedures to resolve disputes arising from their procurement practices and shall in all instances disclose information regarding the protest to AHFC.

Each Grantee shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurement, in accordance with good administrative practices and sound business judgment.

Grantees shall honor its responsibilities to all parties with whom they conduct business transactions.

### **Procurement Administration**

The Grantee shall maintain a procurement administration system that ensures that all parties providing materials and services to the program perform in accordance with:

- the terms of contracts and/or purchase orders, and
- the provisions of this manual and current grant conditions throughout the period of performance established by the Grantee for the materials and services rendered.

### **Procurement Records**

Grantees shall maintain files that record the history of procurement in sufficient detail. These records will include but are not limited to the following:

- contractor selection or rejection,
- cost analysis and basis for current price,
- rationale for the method of procurement,
- selection of contract type, and
- solicitations.

### **Personal Property Management**

#### **Inventory**

A Grantee shall have an inventory control system to account for materials, tools, and equipment purchased, installed, inventoried, or in use.

An inventory shall be done at least once a year and the results reconciled with the property records. The difference between the actual inventory and the book inventory shall be documented. Inventory records shall be available to AHFC to review during monitoring.

A Grantee shall maintain a current inventory of all tools and equipment with a purchase price exceeding \$250. The listing shall provide the following information:

- acquisition date;
- acquisition price;
- condition;
- copy of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin (if applicable);
- description, model number, serial number, or other identification;
- funding source;
- location;
- programs used for; and
- supplier.

### Control System and Maintenance

A control system must be developed to ensure safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft. Shrinkage/breakage of materials exceeding 3% of total materials costs shall be reported in writing to the AHFC Program Manager at the end of the Program Year.

Maintenance must be scheduled and performed to keep property in good condition.

### Equipment and Tools

Tools and equipment costing more than \$5,000 individually require prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager.

Shrinkage/breakage of tools/equipment with a purchase price exceeding \$250 must be noted on the Grantee's inventory.

### Disposition of Property

For the purposes of disposition, "property" refers to materials, equipment, tools, vehicles, and supplies. AHFC retains ownership rights of all such property that cost and/or had a value of \$250 or more at the time of purchase and/or acquisition.

The Grantee may dispose of all materials, equipment, tools, vehicles, and supplies according to the policies below without prior approval from the AHFC Program Manager unless otherwise noted.

1. Upon disposal of a vehicle, Title must be transferred and insurance cancelled as soon as possible.
2. For property that cost/had a value of \$1,001 or more at the time of purchase/acquisition, the Grantee may dispose of it using the options below.

The following options (a-e) are not listed in any particular order.

- a. The property may be transferred to another Weatherization Grantee.

- b. The property may be used for another income-based program that the Weatherization Grantee administers.
- c. The property may be offered to another state or local government or tribal organization for use that benefits the local community with prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager.
- d. Contact the AHFC Program Manager in writing to check whether AHFC chooses to exercise its right of first refusal. Upon receipt of prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager, the property may be sold per the following guidelines:
  - The property may be sold through a competitive sealed bid process. Notice must be advertised in public locations for a minimum of five (5) working days and include the bid deadline and that payment must be in the form of a check or PO money order. (Accepting personal checks from individuals or cash is not advised.) Longer notice is recommended if the property has a current market value in excess of \$5,000. Notice must be posted in a manner to encourage maximum competition; i.e., through local newspapers or other media, Internet sites, local bulletin boards, etc. Award must be based upon the highest sealed bid.
  - The property may be sold through public auction.
  - If the property is offered for sale through a competitive sealed bid process or auction and there are no takers, contact the AHFC Program Manager. AHFC may request the Grantee to offer the property for sale a second time; AHFC may elect to take title to the property; AHFC may direct the Grantee to take the property to a State surplus site, to a salvage yard, or to a government entity/organization that manages other programs for AHFC; or AHFC will provide the Grantee with written direction.
  - Proceeds from the sale of the property must be used to fund eligible grant activities.
- e. If the property has outlived its useful life, is broken, or is beyond repair, dispose of the property properly. Grantees are encouraged to recycle where possible. Document the rationale for disposing of the property (and why recycling was not cost-effective, if applicable) and update the inventory record.

A complete record of disposition transactions must be maintained in the Grantee's files and must be available for audit by AHFC. Also, update the inventory record.

3. For property that cost/had a value less than \$1,001 at the time of purchase/acquisition, the Grantee shall dispose of it in a safe and proper manner and update the inventory record.
4. Special handling for computer equipment, printers, PDAs, storage devices, and other equipment with memory capability:



- a. If the equipment is functional and has reasonable useful life, dispose of it per #2 and #3 above (depending upon value) and take steps to ensure that no confidential data will be compromised.
- b. If the equipment has outlived its useful life, is broken, or is beyond repair, remove the hard drive, portable storage devices/disks and destroy in a manner that will ensure no confidential data is compromised. Dispose of the equipment in a safe and proper manner, preferably via a recycling center unless the cost is prohibitive. Document the rationale for disposing of the equipment (and why recycling was not cost-effective if applicable) and update the inventory record.

**Note—Prior AHFC approval is required prior to disposing of any property for a grant that will be discontinued or has been discontinued.** A Grantee that will cease to administer the program shall submit a written property inventory to the AHFC Program Manager upon request so that a disposition plan can be implemented.

## Minimizing Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

AHFC receives internal and external audits annually. These are available from AHFC's Internal Audit Department.

AHFC issues a Solicitation of Qualification for Weatherization providers (5-year cycle). All respondents are checked for federal debarment.

Grantees awarded funds:

1. Must comply with Federal and State regulations
  - a. See Grant Attachments-required compliances
    - 2 CFR 200
    - 15 AAC 154.700-154.835
    - Weatherization Operations Manual
2. Must verify contractors are not debarred from federal contracts
3. Are required to have a single audit annually (if applicable)
  - Must submit a recent audit to AHFC annually for review
4. Must receive a Fiscal Audit from AHFC annually
  - Copies are available upon request from AHFC's Internal Audit Department
5. Must receive an Annual Program Audit that reviews multiple client files for client signatures, proper invoices, confirmation that materials listed are tracked to purchase order, etc.

6. Must assess each assisted home for eligible improvements and inspect improvements to verify satisfactory completion and fulfillment of work order
7. Must receive a field review on 5-10 percent of all projects by AHFC to verify:
  - Materials listed are actually installed
  - Materials and labor costs are reasonable
  - The scope of work was agreed to and verified by the client/owner
  - All measures meet the AHFC standards
  - The Grantee acted in a professional manner at all times
8. Must receive a review of inventory reconciliation by AHFC in the field or during annual program monitoring
9. Receive Training and Technical Assistance funds to enable annual staff training in administrative and technical topics primarily through targeted conferences (including compliance with federal and state regulations)
  - Can access training online for some subject matters
  - Can obtain OSHA, Lead, and/or Mold training locally
  - Can receive some management and technical training from AHFC
10. May deny clients suspected of fraud per the client fraud policy on pg. 1-39.

## Client Records

The Grantee shall maintain accurate records of all completed dwelling units by client number. The information gathered for the client application and accompanying forms shall be entered into WX Online by the Grantee. Home assessment data shall be entered into AkWarm by the Grantee and/or its designee.

As much as practicable, a client file shall be kept in a centralized location throughout delivery of weatherization services. It is understandable that portions of a file may be in the field at times. Grantees shall make every effort to provide immediate access to documentation to AHFC monitors as necessary. By May 15, after reporting is completed for each program year, all client records must be filed in a centralized location.

## Uncompleted Dwellings

The Grantee shall maintain accurate records of all dwelling units that are not completed.

When an application is approved, expenses for the dwelling unit begin to accrue. If any time after this point—but before any material is installed—the project is terminated, the following subsections apply:

- **Applicant Request.** If prior to installation of any material, the client does not allow installation of materials, the project will be terminated and closed-out. The Grantee shall attempt to obtain a signed statement from the client refusing Weatherization services. A later application by the same applicant for the same dwelling unit shall not be approved.
- **Applicant Moves.** When a client moves after application approval but before materials are installed, the project will be terminated and closed-out. A succeeding occupant of the dwelling unit—even a former client—may apply for Weatherization services.

Material or labor expenses incurred shall be charged against the dwelling unit that was not completely weatherized. For the record, the dwelling unit shall not be considered completed unless materials exceeding \$50 have been installed in the dwelling unit, in which case the dwelling unit is considered completed.

## Client Files

### WX Online

Grantees shall use the reporting function in AHFC's WX Online software. WX Online training will be coordinated with AHFC as necessary. Participation will be required.

Grantees shall use AHFC's WX Online software to assign a client number to each dwelling unit improved with WX funds—whether the unit qualified for WX funding or received whole building work.

Most client records will be in the applicant's name. Exceptions follow:

- A. Grantees shall enter "**Vacant**" in the last name field for a vacant dwelling unit that does not qualify for funds but receives whole building performance work. The unit shall count as a completion.
- B. Grantees shall enter "**Vacant Q**" in the last name field for a vacant dwelling unit that qualifies for funds (i.e., a unit with a history of occupancy by eligible tenants and/or the landlord has committed to rent the unit to an eligible tenant). The unit shall count as a completion.
- C. Grantees shall enter "**Tenant OI**" in the last name field for a dwelling unit that receives whole building performance work, which is occupied by a tenant that does *not* complete an application *because the household most likely is over-income*. The unit shall count as a completion.

A landlord might decline to provide a tenant's name when the building already qualifies for whole building performance work based on the eligibility of other tenants. The landlord's intent is to protect privacy of the tenant. In such cases, "Tenant OI" is allowed.

- D. Grantees shall enter "**Tenant NE**" in the last name field for a dwelling unit that receives whole building performance work, which is occupied by a tenant that is

*not eligible due to failing to complete an application.* The unit shall count as a completion.

This situation might be similar to “C.” above, or the tenant is uncooperative. However, the Grantee does not have enough information to assume the household is over-income.

- E. Grantees shall enter “**Shelter**” in the last name field for a unit that receives whole building performance work. The unit shall count as a completion.
- F. Grantees may enter further identifying information in the first name field to help distinguish one vacant, non-qualifying, or Shelter unit from another when viewing the client list; e.g., “Vacant, 113D,” “Vacant, Mountain View”, “Tenant OI, #3”, “Tenant NE, Walker 4-plex,” “Shelter, Safe Haven,” etc.

A hard copy client file shall be maintained that is identified by the client number.

Grantees are not required to enter all Weatherization *applicants* in WX Online. However, Grantees are required to provide wait list statistics to AHFC upon request at any time. Grantees may use the WX Online to track new, ineligible, and/or wait-listed applicants, or they may use other methods.

In WX Online, client records shall be identified by the current program year and funding source(s) (e.g., State, DOE, Owner Contribution, etc.). At any time, AHFC should be able to call and ask the Grantee for a current list of clients and the amounts spent on their homes.

Client files shall be secured to protect the confidentiality of applicant households and the information in the applications. Client files shall be accessible only to authorized program personnel. Information from a client file shall not be released without written authorization from the client.

**A client file shall include:**

- application;
- *Application Review* completed by the Grantee’s intake person;
- client signature on the following
  - a. application
  - b. *Fuel Information Form*
  - c. Permission to provide weatherization assistance to the property  
The Grantee may include this on the application or other form before providing assistance. For rentals, it is included on all versions of the LTA.
  - d. Asbestos booklet receipt (DOE-funded projects only)
  - e. *Mold Disclaimer*
  - f. *Radon Informed Consent* (DOE-funded projects only)
  - g. *Renovate Right* brochure receipt (for pre-1978 homes)

- h. any other Health-and-Safety or special conditions notices (if applicable)
- i. Home work plan before work begins (and on change orders and *Additional Work* if applicable)
- j. acceptance of completion of work;
- income qualification;
- appropriate *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Permission to Enter Premises/Rental Agreement* (if rental dwelling unit);
- *Landlord-Tenant Agreement Addendum* (if rental dwelling unit);
- ownership verification;
- year built verification;
- prior WX review (and *Prior WX Certification* for DOE-funded projects);
- HERP review;
- needs assessment;
- *Pollution Source Survey* (DOE-funded projects only; See Section 7, #10);
- pre- and post-WX blower door tests, depending on conditions;
- WX As-Is, IOR and WX Post AkWarm printed reports;
- pressure diagnostic testing results;
- combustion safety testing results;
- *Combustion Safety Testing Report* (DOE-funded projects only);
- home work plan and/or *Description of Work*;
- written justification of accrual of benefits to tenant;
- SHPO compliance for state-funded measures (and for DOE-funded measures, as applicable);
- project costs (materials, labor, freight) [DOE Subgrantees also must include a break-out of DOE-/LIHEAP-funded measures/materials.];
- *Economic Analysis of Refrigerator Replacement* (if applicable);
- Installer certification of insulation signed by contractor or Grantee (if applicable);
- Lead Based Paint forms (for pre-1978 homes or when the year built is unknown), including lead clearance documentation;
- final inspection (QCI required for DOE-funded projects.), final inspection punch list (if applicable), and completion of work sign-off by client and Grantee;
- *Maximum Depressurization Data Sheet* (For DOE-funded projects; use *Combustion Safety Testing Report* instead.);
- heating system inspection;
- ventilation compliance (ASHRAE 62.2 2016 print-out for DOE-funded projects);
- Grantee sign-off of placing decal on electric box;

- *Agency WX Post Measures Checklist* (If DOE-funded, use QCI inspection form instead. If only LIHEAP-funded, the *LIHEAP Inspection Form* may be used instead. Note: Grantees may choose to use the QCI form for any project.);
- photographs; and
- waiver requests and approvals (if applicable).

**A client file also may include:**

- *Authorization for Release of Information*;
- *Confined Space Evaluation Form*;
- *Disposal Authorization*;
- documentation supporting priority rank;
- field supervisor change list;
- home identified on location map;
- video – visual and/or infrared; and
- work orders.

For additional client file requirements, see Section 1. *Application Requirements* and applicable forms provided in Sections 2, 4, 6, and 7.

### Revised Projects

After a project has been transferred to AHFC, additional work may be required as a result of other allowable uses of funds pre-approved by the AHFC Program Manager (per pg. 1-40), an inspection, monitoring, or a warranty request. When additional work will be provided *after* a client has certified completion of work (whether the job has been transferred or not), the client shall certify that the Grantee has informed the client of the additional work before the additional work is started. The client also shall certify completion of the additional work. The *Additional Work* form in Section 6 shall be used for this purpose. The associated costs must be recorded and, in some cases, reported to AHFC.

- **For a transferred project that incurs additional costs during the same Program Year (PY)**, the additional costs shall be recorded in the project record. Additional work typically creates a modest increase to overall project cost.

When additional costs exceed \$1,000, the Grantee shall resubmit the project as a revision to AHFC via WX Online. Revised projects shall not be counted as completions.

- **For a transferred project that incurs additional costs during a subsequent PY**, track all warranty expenses in a hard copy client file called “Warranty [current PY].”

Each PY, the Grantee shall create a warranty file for additional costs incurred for past PY projects. Each expense shall reference the respective former PY

and client number (e.g., 09-1234). Justification for the warranty work for each project shall be kept in the file. Any required client eligibility updates also shall be kept in the warranty file.

The Grantee shall charge warranty expenses to WX general program costs in accordance with this manual and its AHFC WX grant agreement.

**Note:** A separate warranty file for each project is *not* required by AHFC. Grantees are *not* required to create a separate budget item for WX warranty expenses. However, Grantees may develop additional internal procedures to track warranty work and associated expenses.

At any time, AHFC should be able to ask the Grantee for a current list of warranty clients and the amounts spent on their homes.

### Adverse Testing Conditions

Pre- and post-WX blower door tests are required on all homes except when the following conditions are present during the tests:

- extreme low outside temperature,
- high winds,
- lack of electricity, and/or
- wood fire burning in wood stove or fireplace.

Grantees shall keep exceptions to a minimum. The reason(s) why a blower door test was not performed must be documented in the client file.

### Other Files

Grantees shall maintain the following files on computer or hard copy, as appropriate, in addition to the client files.

- check register and copies of canceled checks or bank statement of cleared checks,
- copies of all invoices,
- copies of all purchase orders,
- correspondence files for all other grant-related communications,
- current copy of the Weatherization Operations Manual and all revisions,
- equipment inventory listing,
- grant correspondence file of communications with AHFC,
- grant file with the latest grant and amendments,
- insurance policies and billings,
- materials inventory listing,

- payroll records,
- procurement documents for proposals and proposal selection,
- subcontracts and related correspondence and payments,
- trip reports, and
- other documents related to a grant project.

### Record Retention

A Grantee shall maintain all Weatherization hard copy and computer files for three calendar years.

### Significant Complaints from the Public

A complaint may be received verbally or through written correspondence. If a complaint is received verbally, the Grantee may request that a written detail of the basis for the complaint be provided.

It is most effective to resolve complaints at the closest level to the complainant. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Grantee to resolve complaints. Complaints shall be resolved verbally with the client when possible. In some cases, a successful resolution can be obtained by simply restating program guidelines and providing additional client education. When a simple verbal resolution is not adequate, the Grantee shall respond in writing.

A file review and on-site inspection may be necessary, as well as new pictures. Coordinating follow-up by Weatherization personnel, inspectors, suppliers, or installers may be required. The Grantee shall keep the client informed of its activities, timelines, and determinations. All activities and client contact shall be documented and dated. It is highly recommended that all parties certify the resolution to close the complaint process.

Furthermore, the Grantee shall notify the AHFC Program Manager of any significant complaints such as:

- eligibility challenges,
- personal use of Grantee equipment or materials outside of the Weatherization program,
- unresolved worker etiquette toward a client,
- unresolved workmanship problems, and
- other concerns that are not of a minor nature.

The Grantee shall provide a written summary of the complaint, a copy of the client's written complaint (if one was submitted), actions taken, pictures, and other pertinent information (estimates, AkWarm reports, etc.) to the AHFC Program Manager. The



Grantee shall follow any instructions provided by the AHFC Program Manager regarding the handling of the complaint.

On the rare occasion that AHFC should receive a complaint directly, AHFC shall notify the Grantee to resolve the complaint.

A complaint shall be handled in a confidential manner. The name of a complainant shall remain anonymous to everyone outside of Grantee or AHFC personnel with a need to know. If it is apparent that an investigation of a complaint may reveal the identity of a household in the community, the household shall be so notified. The household can then decide if it wants the investigation to continue or not.

## Monitoring

AHFC will perform monitoring of a Grantee's performance and records on a regular basis. The Grantee will facilitate both on-site and agency monitoring processes for AHFC program/grant managers or designees. It is anticipated that AHFC staff or designees will inspect a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the units completed by each Grantee. (QCI requirements will apply for DOE-funded units.) Furthermore, at least one on-site office/facilities visit will be conducted during the program year. In some cases, a home may be monitored during weatherization work and again upon completion. Most Grantees will be monitored during several visits throughout the year. AHFC reserves the right to monitor as many projects on site as needed to ensure quality control. Monitoring includes:

- client questionnaires,
- correspondence,
- office visits,
- telephone contacts, and
- visits to dwelling units and clients served.

Performance monitoring of measured results from records and diagnostic tools will be done as appropriate, along with technical analysis of the results. After receipt of an AHFC monitoring report, a Grantee shall make all necessary corrections within a reasonable timeframe established by AHFC and provide sufficient notification of compliance to AHFC. The monitoring report and resulting compliance notification will become part of the grant file.

The following will be monitored during an on-site office monitoring:

- **Financial Records**, including general ledger, posting ledger, bank statements, check register, purchase orders, audit reports, and financial statements;
- **Procurement and Inventory System**, including procurement procedures, inventory control, property control, and security for materials and property;
- **Client Files**, for accuracy, completeness, and required forms; and

- **Program Documents and Records**, including program correspondence, current Weatherization Operations Manual, current grant and amendments, program regulations, OMB circulars for Grantee and subcontractors, client priority system, and client waiting list.

Field monitoring will consist of the following:

1. A minimum of 5% of the dwelling units completed in a year for:
  - a. appropriateness of materials,
  - b. client satisfaction,
  - c. priority selection of measures,
  - d. quality of work, and
  - e. record of materials installed in client files.
2. Units being weatherized for:
  - a. care and use of tools and equipment,
  - b. care of materials,
  - c. neatness of the work site and care for the client's property,
  - d. safety practices,
  - e. work crew appearance, and
  - f. worker conduct with the client.

A Grantee's final inspector is responsible for accompanying AHFC on a monitoring visit to dwelling units served. When an on-site visit involves travel to a rural village, the Grantee shall make necessary arrangements in the village for the visit.

AHFC's approved monitoring plan is provided in Section 2. It further details the monitoring process—including virtual monitoring options, which AHFC may implement at its discretion.

## Required Approvals from AHFC

### Grant Amendment

The following is a list of decisions for which the Grantee must receive an approved grant amendment:

- a major change in region or minimum number of dwelling units to be completed,
- Budget Revisions exceeding ten percent of the grant award as detailed in the grant agreement,
- change in the materials versus program support budget ratio when program support is to be increased,

- increase or decrease in grant funds,
- increase or decrease in grant period of performance, and
- other changes in the scope of the agreement as determined by AHFC.

### Required Reporting and Data Transfer

The following require notification or reporting by a Grantee to AHFC:

1. progress reports on a form provided by AHFC by the due date of the next monthly report;
2. dwelling completion data files generated in WX Online;
  - a. At the time a WX Online client record is submitted to AHFC,
    - the household demographics reported shall be based on the most recent application review/verification(s) on file; and
    - the *actual* priority rank assigned to the household based on the most recent application review/verification(s) on file shall be reported—not a higher priority rank assigned solely due to the household being wait-listed 12 months or more. [See Section 1, *Wait List Management*.]
3. WX As-Is and WX Post AkWarm computer files for completed dwelling units uploaded in WX Online.

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**Grantees may reformat the appearance of forms provided by AHFC.**

## Historic Preservation

The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA), State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation reviews projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act (A.S. 41.35.070).

AHFC, DOE, and OHA's **State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)** have executed a programmatic agreement, which defines Weatherization Assistance Program undertakings that are exempt from Section 106 Review. DOE Subgrantees shall comply with the programmatic agreement executed for homes that receive DOE funds.

Similarly, an agreement between AHFC and SHPO, which pertains to State Weatherization funds, has been executed. All Grantees shall comply with the memorandum of understanding between AHFC and SHPO for homes that receive State funds.

### SHPO Compliance

The Grantee shall complete the SHPO Compliance Checklist provided in this Section for each dwelling unit. This form is required in the project file.

### SHPO Section 106 Review

Additionally, when proposed Weatherization activities necessitate a review by SHPO, the Grantee must submit the following to SHPO:

1. **Alaska State Historic Preservation Office Request for Section 106 Review for HUD and DOE/AHFC Projects** [SHPO's form]. The current version of this form is provided in this Section.
2. **Supporting Documentation** as indicated under *Additional Information* on SHPO's form.
3. **Additional Information Requested by SHPO**. On a case-by-case basis, SHPO may require further detail to make its determination.

Submissions to SHPO may be emailed to oha.revcomp@alaska.gov. SHPO does not accept faxes. Grantees may choose to mail hard copies. It is highly recommended that hard copies be sent Certified Mail with Return Receipt requested to document the date of the submission. If SHPO does not comment within 30 days, the work may proceed without a response from SHPO.

Grantees are encouraged to work with SHPO to determine the type of information that will be required for dwelling units in their service area(s).

**PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE ALASKA HOUSING  
FINANCE CORPORATION AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (STATE HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION OFFICER)  
REGARDING EECBG, SEP, AND WAP UNDERTAKINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) administers the following financial assistance programs: *the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program* under the Energy Independence and Securities Act of 2007 (EECBG); *the State Energy Plan* under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (SEP); and *the Weatherization Assistance Program* (WAP) for Low-Income Persons under Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); collectively referred to as the “Programs”; (See **Appendix D**. for directory of programs and their applications.)

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented levels of funding available to the Programs, due in large measure to ARRA, has created a large volume of projects requiring expedited historic preservation reviews to ensure the timely obligation of funds, that create new jobs, and improve local and state economies;

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is experiencing unprecedented numbers of requests for historic preservation review of undertakings funded by all Federal Agencies, including undertakings funded by the Programs;

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is receiving financial assistance from DOE to carry out the Programs;

**WHEREAS**, the projects funded by the Programs are undertakings subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C 470f (NHPA) and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 800 and include rehabilitation, energy efficiency retrofits and weatherization (undertakings);

**WHEREAS**, DOE has determined that these undertakings may adversely affect properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and subject to the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA);

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(b)(4), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the ACHP) has designated this Agreement as a Prototype Programmatic Agreement (PA), which does not require the participation or signature of the ACHP;

**WHEREAS**, DOE, the ACHP, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) have determined that the requirements of Section 106 can be more

effectively and efficiently fulfilled if a programmatic approach is used to stipulate roles and responsibilities, exempt undertakings from Section 106 review, establish tribal protocols, facilitate identification and evaluation of historic properties, establish treatment and mitigation measures, and streamline the resolution of adverse effects;

**WHEREAS**, by memorandum dated August 28, 2009 (attached as Appendix C), DOE delegated certain tasks necessary for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA to grantees and sub grantees of funding from the Programs (Recipients);

**WHEREAS**, according to the August 28, 2009 memorandum, the Recipients are authorized, to initiate Section 106 compliance in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c)(4);

**WHEREAS**, the undertakings covered under this PA are not located on Tribal lands and are primarily smaller scale activities and routine projects, without the potential for adversely affecting historic properties, rather than complex undertakings with a greater potential to adversely affect historic properties, which would require completion of the typical Section 106 review process;

**WHEREAS**, DOE and the ACHP were guided by the principles set forth in the ACHP's Affordable Housing Policy statement, adopted on November 9, 2006, in negotiating this Programmatic Agreement upon which this PA is based;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, DOE, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources SHPO agree that the Programs shall be administered in accordance with the following stipulations to satisfy DOE's Section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings of the Programs:

## **STIPULATIONS**

DOE, the Recipient, and the SHPO shall ensure that the following stipulations are carried out:

### **I. Roles and Responsibilities**

- A. DOE shall be responsible for providing oversight of the PA, executing PAs with SHPOs, participating in the resolution of disputes between the SHPO and the Recipient, and providing technical assistance and guidance as needed. DOE shall be responsible for government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes, unless the Indian tribe agrees to the delegation of this responsibility to AHFC.
- B. AHFC shall be responsible for consulting with consulting parties and conducting Section 106 reviews in a timely manner, preparing documentation for the SHPO and DOE, and maintaining records on undertakings. Undertakings that involve properties greater than forty-five (45) years old for Public Structures and dwellings and are not listed on either Appendices A or B shall be submitted to the SHPO for review in accordance with this agreement.

- C. Recipients shall ensure that the provisions of this PA apply to its sub-awards.
- D. The Recipient is encouraged to use qualified professionals in conducting their Section 106 requirements.
- E. The SHPO shall be responsible for reviewing project documentation and participation in consultation as set forth in this PA.
- F. The ACHP shall be responsible for providing technical guidance, participating in dispute resolutions if appropriate, and monitoring the effectiveness of this PA.

## II. Tribal Review

- A. Execution of this PA presumes that DOE will conduct its government-to-government responsibilities with federal recognized Indian tribes. The Recipient shall not substitute for DOE in matters related to potential effects on historic properties of cultural and religious significance to Indian tribes, except with the concurrence of the Indian tribe.
- B. DOE acknowledges that Indian tribes possess special expertise in assessing the National Register eligibility of properties with tribal religious and cultural significance, and requires the Recipient to consult with them, as appropriate, in identifying historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of program areas.
- C. If the Recipient notifies DOE that an undertaking may result in an adverse effect on cultural resources with tribal religious and cultural significance, DOE shall notify Indian tribes of individual undertakings that may result in an adverse effect on cultural resources with tribal religious and cultural significance and invite them to participate in consultations. Indian tribes and the Recipient may develop a bi-party agreement that outlines their review procedures for undertakings covered in a PA. Such agreements will be submitted to DOE for review and approval, and a copy sent to the ACHP for its records.

## III. Exemptions from Section 106 review

- A. The AHFC shall not submit to the SHPO undertakings in accordance with Appendices A or B as they do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties even when historic properties may be present. The Recipient and the SHPO may agree to **modify Appendix A and/or Appendix B**, with advance notification of such modifications to the ACHP and DOE. Recipient will maintain file records with verification that undertakings were determined to be exemptions for a period of three (3) years from project completion and make them available for review if requested by DOE or the ACHP.
- B. If a property has been determined to be not eligible for inclusion in the National Register within the last five (5) years from the date the Recipient made its application for DOE financial assistance, then no further review is required under this PA.



- C. Recipients of any of the Programs may utilize either Appendix A or Appendix B in identifying exempt undertakings, regardless of whether the Exhibit on which the undertaking relates to another federally funded program.

#### IV. Review Procedures for Non-exempt Undertakings

- A. For undertakings not exempted under Stipulation III, if the Recipient has an executed Section 106 Agreement per 36 CFR part 800 for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) with the SHPO that 1) is still in effect; 2) covers the same undertakings as the DOE grant programs; and 3) is up to date with reporting to the SHPO, no separate Section 106 review is needed.
- B. Otherwise, the Recipient shall review the undertaking in accordance with Stipulations VI through X below, or consistent with SHPO approved historic preservation protocols.

#### V. Identification and Evaluation

- A. The Recipient shall establish the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for all program undertakings defined in the DOE grant agreement for the State.
- B. The Recipient shall complete the identification and evaluation of historic properties utilizing existing information including the National Register, state surveys, and county and local surveys. In addition, the Recipient and SHPO may use or develop protocols that are consistent with 36 CFR Section 800.4 for the review of consensus determinations of eligibility.
- C. The Recipient shall consult with Indian tribes or NHOs to determine if there are historic properties of religious or cultural significance that were not previously identified or considered in surveys or related Section 106 reviews, as appropriate.
- D. Archaeology surveys may be required only for new ground disturbing project undertakings and shall be limited in scope subject to the concurrence of Indian tribes that may attach religious or cultural significance to historic properties in the project area. Project undertakings requiring more than minimal ground disturbance shall be forwarded to the SHPO or Indian tribes for concurrent review.
- E. In order to avoid potential delays, prior to initiating undertakings the SHPO may review the Recipient's scopes of work for above ground surveys and archaeology surveys that are deemed necessary to administer the Recipient's Programs and to implement the terms of this PA.
- F. The Recipient shall refer disputes regarding determinations of eligibility to DOE for review and referral to the Keeper of the National Register in accordance with 800.4(c)(2).

#### VI. Treatment of Historic Properties

- A. When the Recipient and the SHPO concur that an undertaking is designed and planned in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (36 CFR Part 68, July 12, 1995 *Federal Register*) (Standards), that undertaking will not be subject to further Section 106 review.
- B. The Recipient and SHPO will make best efforts to expedite reviews through a finding of "No Adverse Effect with conditions" when the Recipient and the SHPO concur that plans and specifications or scopes of work can be modified to ensure adherence to the Standards. If the undertaking cannot meet the Standards or would otherwise result in an adverse effect to historic properties, the Recipient will proceed in accordance with Stipulation VII.

#### VII. Resolution of Adverse Effects

- A. The Recipient shall consult with the SHPO, and Native tribes as appropriate, to resolve adverse effects. The Recipient will notify DOE of the pending consultation, and DOE will participate through its designated representative.
- B. The Recipient may use standard stipulations included in Attachment A of this PA, or as negotiated as part of this PA between the SHPO and the Recipient, or if the project warrants, use of an alternate PA due to the complexity of the project activity.
- C. Consultation shall be coordinated to be concluded in 45-days or less to avoid the loss of funding. In the event the consultation extends beyond this period, DOE shall formally invite the ACHP to participate in consultation. The ACHP will consult with DOE regarding the issues and the opportunity to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Within seven (7) days after notification, the ACHP will enter consultation and provide its recommendation for either concluding the Section 106 review through an MOA or Chairman's comment from the ACHP to the Secretary of DOE within 21 days.
- D. In the case of an ACHP Chairman comment, DOE may proceed once DOE provides its response to the ACHP.

#### VIII. Emergency Situation Undertakings

- A. When an emergency undertaking is required for historic properties associated with the undertakings, the Recipient shall allow SHPO five (5) business days to respond, if feasible. Emergencies exist when there is a need to eliminate an imminent threat to health and safety of residents as identified by local or County building inspectors, fire department officials, or other local or County officials.
  - 1. The Recipient shall forward documentation to the SHPO for review immediately upon notification that an emergency exists. Documentation should include a) nature of the emergency; b) the address of the historic property involved; c) photographs showing the current condition of the building; and d) the time-frame allowed by local officials to respond to, or correct, the emergency situation.

2. The Recipient shall consider mitigation measures recommended by the SHPO and implement them, if feasible.

#### IX. Public and Consulting Party Involvement

- A. The Recipient shall maintain a list of undertakings and shall make the documentation available to the public. The Recipient shall notify the SHPO if its notified of other consulting parties or public interest in any undertakings covered under the terms of the PA.
- B. The Recipient, independently or at the recommendation of the SHPO, may invite interested persons to participate as consulting parties in the consultation process for adverse effects in accordance with Stipulations V, VI, and VII.

#### X. Administrative Coordination

- A. The Recipient, in consultation with the SHPO, may develop procedures allowing for the use of local reviews conducted by Certified Local Governments (CLG) when such procedures avoid the duplication of efforts.
- B. The Recipient, in consultation with the SHPO, may determine that an undertaking has already been reviewed under an existing Section 106 effect determination or agreement document, then no further Section 106 review under this PA is required.
- C. The SHPO shall provide comments to the Recipient within thirty (30) days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the SHPO and the Recipient, for reviews required under the terms of this PA with the exception of emergency undertakings. In the event that the SHPO fails to comment within the established period, the Recipient can assume the SHPO has concurred, and proceed.
- D. The Recipient shall advise sub-grantees in writing of the provisions in Section 110 (k) of the Act and will advise the sub-grantees that Section 106 reviews may be compromised when project undertakings are initiated prematurely.
- E. The SHPO and the Recipient shall make every effort to expedite Section 106 reviews for a period of less than the 30-day review when consistent with the terms of the DOE grant agreements and the Recipient intends to utilize the services of qualified professionals.
- F. For projects that will require either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), nothing contained in this PA shall prevent or limit the Recipient and DOE from utilizing the procedures set forth in 36 CFR 800.8 to coordinate and conduct the historic preservation review in conjunction with the NEPA review.

#### XI. Discoveries

If historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties located within a project's APE after the undertaking has been initiated, the Recipient will implement the following procedures:

- A. The Recipient shall immediately cease all operations for the portion of the undertaking with the potential to affect an historic property;
- B. The sub grantee shall advise the Recipient of the National Register eligibility of the historic property and the potential of the undertaking to impact its qualifying characteristics and an explanation of the whether the SHPO or Native tribes and concur with proposed avoidance, treatment plan or mitigation plan.
- C. The Recipient or DOE shall notify Native tribes of any discoveries that have the potential to adversely affect sites or buildings of religious or cultural significance to them. After reviewing such discoveries, the Native tribes can request further consultation on the project by notifying DOE, ACHP, and the SHPO in writing.
- D. The Recipient or sub grantee shall implement the avoidance, treatment or mitigation plan and advise the Recipient and DOE, if appropriate, of the satisfactory completion of the approved work. Once the approved work is complete may resume the activities that were halted to address the discovery situation.

## XII. Dispute Resolution

- A. Should the SHPO object within the time frames outlined in this PA to any project undertakings, the Recipient shall **consult further with the SHPO** to attempt to remove the basis for the SHPO's objection. In the event that the SHPO's objection is not withdrawn, then the Recipient shall refer the matter to DOE. The Recipient shall forward all documentation relevant to DOE, who will notify and consult with the ACHP.
- B. The ACHP will provide its recommendations, if any, within 21 days following receipt of relevant documentation. DOE will take into account the ACHP's recommendations or formal comments in reaching a final decision regarding the dispute.

## XIII. Reporting and Monitoring

- A. DOE, the ACHP, and the SHPO may monitor any undertakings carried out pursuant to this PA. The ACHP may review undertakings, if requested by DOE. DOE shall be entitled to address and make determinations on overall policy or administrative issues related to the implementation of these Programs.
- B. The Recipient shall adhere to DOE's established protocols for ARRA reporting program undertakings.
- C. DOE will submit annual reports to ACHP and NCSHPO commencing October 15, 2010 summarizing the Programs' undertakings, to include data on number of undertakings, the number of exempt undertakings, and reviews conducted under this PA.

## XIV. Amendments

DOE, the SHPO, or the Recipient may request that this PA be amended, whereupon DOE and the SHPO, and the ACHP, if involved, will consult to

consider such an amendment. Any such amendments shall be developed and executed among DOE, the Recipient, and the SHPO in the same manner as the original PA, and pertain only to this State PA.

**XV. Duration of Agreement**

This PA will be valid for **Five (5) years** from the date of execution, as verified with DOE filing the PA with the ACHP.


**XVI. Termination of Agreement**

DOE, the SHPO, or the Recipient may terminate the PA, provided that the party proposing termination notifies the other signatories and the ACHP in writing explaining the reasons for termination and affording the other signatories at least thirty (30) days to consult and seek alternatives to termination.

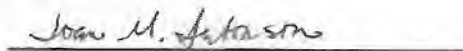
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**APPENDIX A—WAP UNDERTAKINGS EXEMPT FROM SECTION 106 REVIEW**

All undertakings will be done in accordance with applicable local building codes or the International Building Code, where applicable. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1), the following undertakings have been determined to have no potential to cause effects on historic properties:

## **A. Exterior Work**

- 1) Air sealing of the building shell, including caulking, weather-stripping, and other air infiltration control measures on windows and doors, and installing thresholds in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows or trim.
- 2) Thermal insulation, such as non-toxic fiberglass and foil wrapped, in walls, floors, ceilings, attics, and foundations in a manner that does not harm or damage historic fabric.
- 3) Blown in wall insulation where no holes are drilled through exterior siding.
- 4) Removable film on windows (if the film is transparent), solar screens, or window louvers, in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows or trim.
- 5) Reflective roof coating in a manner that closely resembles the historic materials and form, or with materials that restore the original feature based on historic evidence, and in a manner that does not alter the roofline, or where not on a primary roof elevation or visible from the public right-of-way.
- 6) Repair of minor roof and wall leaks prior to insulating attics or walls, provided repairs closely resemble existing surface composite.
- 7) Weatherization of Mobile Homes and Trailers.

## **B. Interior Work**

**Special Note:** Undertakings to interior spaces where the work will not be visible from the public right of way; no structural alterations are made; no demolition of walls, ceilings or floors occurs; no drop ceilings are added; or no walls are leveled with furring or moved, should be automatically excluded from SHPO review. This work includes:

### ***1. Energy efficiency work within the building shell:***

- a. Thermal insulation in walls, floors, ceilings, attics, crawl spaces, ducts and foundations.
- b. Blown in wall insulation where no decorative plaster is damaged.
- c. Plumbing work, including installation of water heaters.
- d. Electrical work, including improving lamp efficiency.
- e. Sealing air leaks using weather stripping, door sweeps, and caulk and sealing major air leaks associated with bypasses, ducts, air conditioning units, etc.
- f. Repair or replace water heaters.
- g. Adding adjustable speed drives such as fans on air handling units, cooling tower fans, and pumps.
- h. Install insulation on water heater tanks and water heating pipes.
- i. Install waste heat recovery devices, including 'desuperheater' water heaters, condensing heat exchangers, heat pump and water heating heat recovery systems, and other energy recovery equipment.
- j. Repair or replace electric motors and motor controls like variable speed drives.
- k. Incorporate other lighting technologies such as dimmable ballasts, day lighting controls, and occupant controlled dimming.

**2. Work on heating and cooling systems:**

- a. Clean, tune, repair or replace heating systems, including furnaces, oilers, heat pumps, vented space heaters, and wood stoves.
- b. Clean, tune repair or replace cooling systems, including central air conditioners, window air conditioners, heat pumps, and evaporative coolers.
- c. Install insulation on ducts and heating pipes.
- d. Conduct other efficiency improvements on heating and cooling systems, including replacing standing pilot lights with electronic ignition devices and installing vent dampers.
- e. Modify duct and pipe systems so heating and cooling systems operate efficiently and effectively, including adding return ducts, replace diffusers and registers, replace air filters, install thermostatic radiator controls on steam and hot water heating systems.
- f. Install programmable thermostats, outdoor reset controls, UL listed energy management systems or building automation systems and other HVAC control systems.

**3. Energy efficiency work affecting the electric base load of the property:**

- a. Convert incandescent lighting to fluorescent.
- b. Add reflectors, LED exit signs, efficient HID fixtures, and occupancy (motion) sensors.
- c. Replace refrigerators and other appliances.

**4. Health and safety measures:**

- a. Installing fire, smoke or carbon monoxide detectors / alarms.
- b. Repair or replace vent systems on fossil-fuel-fired heating systems and water heaters to ensure that combustion gases draft safely to outside.
- c. Install mechanical ventilation, in a manner not visible from the public right of way, to ensure adequate indoor air quality if house is air-sealed to building tightness limit.

**APPENDIX B – SEP AND EECBG UNDERTAKINGS EXEMPT FROM SECTION 106 REVIEW**

**A. Category 1 - No Consultation Required**

In addition to the undertakings provided in *Exhibit A (WAP Undertakings exempt from Section 106 Review)*, DOE and the SHPO have concluded that the following undertakings do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1):

**1. General efficiency measures not affecting the exterior of the building:**

- a. Energy audits and feasibility studies.
- b. Weatherization of mobile homes and trailers.
- c. Caulking and weather-stripping around doors and windows in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows or trim.
- d. Water conservation measures – like low flow faucets, toilets, shower heads, urinals – and distribution device controls.
- e. Repairing or replacing in kind existing driveways, parking areas, and walkways with materials of similar appearance.
- f. Excavating to gain access to existing underground utilities to repair or replace them, provided that the work is performed consistent with previous conditions within the building footprint.
- g. Ventilating crawl spaces.
- h. Replacement of existing HVAC equipment including pumps, motors, boilers, chillers, cooling towers, air handling units, package units, condensers, compressors, heat exchangers that do not require a change to existing ducting, plumbing, electrical, controls or a new location, or if ducting, plumbing, electrical and controls are on the rear of the structure or not visible from any public right of way.
- i. Adding or replacing existing building controls systems including HVAC control systems and the replacement of building-wide pneumatic controls with digital controls, thermostats, dampers, and other individual sensors like smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors (wired or non-wired).
- j. New installation of non-hard wired devices including photo-controls, occupancy sensors, carbon monoxide, thermostats, humidity, light meters and other building control sensors, provided the work conforms with applicable state and local permitting requirements.
- k. Adding variable speed drive motors.
- l. Insulation of water heater tanks and pipes.
- m. Furnace or hot water tank replacement that does not require a visible new supply or venting.

***2. Insulation measures not affecting the exterior of the building:***

- a. Thermal insulation installation in walls, floors and ceilings (excluding spray foam insulation).
- b. Duct sealing, insulation, repair or replacement in unoccupied areas.
- c. Attic insulation with proper ventilation; if under an effective R8 - add additional R-19 up to R-38.
- d. Band joist insulation - R-11 to R19 as applicable.
- e. Water heater tank and pipe insulation.

***3. Electric base load measures not affecting the exterior of the building:***

- a. Appliance replacement (upgrade to Energy Star appliances).
- b. Compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- c. Energy efficient light fixtures, including ballasts (Replacement).
- d. LED light fixtures and exit signs (Replacement).
- e. Upgrade exterior lighting (replacement with metal halide bulbs, LEDs, or others).



along with ballasts, sensors and energy storage devices not visible from any public right of way.

**B. Category 2 - No Consultation Required if SOI Standards are Adhered to and Verified by Qualified Historical Archeologist Staff, if Applicable.**

***1. Efficiency and repair measures:***

- a. Painting over previously painted exterior surfaces, provided destructive surface preparation treatments are not used (such as water-blasting, sandblasting and chemical removal).
- b. Installation or replacement of downspout extensions, provided that the color of the extensions is historically appropriate for the period and style of the property
- c. Repairing or upgrading electrical or plumbing systems and installing mechanical equipment, in a manner that does not permanently change the appearance of the interior or exterior of the building.
- d. Installation of new HVAC equipment (such as pumps, motors, boilers, chillers, cooling towers, air handling units, package units, condensers, compressors, or heat exchangers) in a manner that does not permanently change the appearance of the building.
- e. Integrated shingle-style or thin film solar systems on the rear roof of the structure, behind the parapet or not visible from the public right of way.
- f. Solar systems (including photovoltaic and solar thermal) not visible from the public right of way and if ground-mounted can be installed without ground disturbance and if roof-mounted will not require new building reinforcement.
- g. Wind system additions to existing wind power facilities that will not require ground disturbance and if building mounted will not require building reinforcement.
- h. Lead-based paint abatement in accordance with the Standards and Preservation Brief #37.
- i. Building cleaning in accordance with the Standards and Preservation Briefs #1, #6, and #10.
- j. Repairing masonry, including re-pointing and rebuilding chimneys in accordance with the Standards and Preservation Brief # 2.
- k. New lighting controls including photo-sensors and shading elements if not visible from the public right of way.
- l. New metering devices in a manner that does not permanently change the appearance of the interior or exterior of the building, or if the addition is on the exterior of the structure and is not visible from the public right of way.
- m. New water efficient fixtures and fittings in a manner that does not permanently change the appearance of the interior or exterior of the building.

***2. Installation or repair of roofing, siding, and ventilation:***

- a. White Roofs, Cool Roofs, Green Roofs, Sod or Grass Roofs not visible from the public right-of-way.
- b. Rainwater catches and/or gray water systems not viewable from the public right of way.

- c. Repair or replacement of existing exterior siding provided that new siding closely resembles the existing siding in dimension, profile and texture.
- d. Flat or shallow pitch roof replacement (shallow pitch is defined as a pitch with a rise-to-run ratio equal to or less than 3" to 12") with no part of the surface of the roof visible from the ground.
- e. Roof repair or replacement with materials that closely resemble the historic materials and form, or with replacement materials that are close to the original in color, texture, composition and form to restore the original feature based on historic evidence, and in a manner that does not alter the roofline.
- f. Installing vents (such as continuous ridge vents covered with ridge shingles or boards, roof vents, bath and kitchen vents, soffit and frieze board vents or combustion appliance flues) if not located on a primary roof elevation or not visible from the public right-of-way.
- g. Installing foundation vents, if painted or finished to match the existing foundation material.

**3. *Windows and doors:***

- a. Installing storm windows, storm doors or wood screen doors in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows, doors or trim.
- b. Installing insulated exterior replacement doors where the door openings are not altered and are not visible from the public right-of-way.
- c. Window or glazing treatments that do not change the appearance of the interior or exterior of the building, or if the addition is on the exterior of the structure.

**APPENDIX C – AUGUST 28, 2009 DELEGATION MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTACHMENT A: STANDARD MITIGATION MEASURES FOR  
ADVERSE EFFECTS**

The Recipient and the SHPO may develop and execute an Agreement that includes one or more of the following Standard Mitigation Measures, as may be modified to a particular activity, with the concurrence of both parties, for undertakings determined to have an adverse effect on listed or eligible historic resources. The ACHP will not be a party to these Agreements. However, the Recipient must submit a copy of each signed Agreement to the SHPO, and the ACHP within 30 days after it is signed by the Recipient and the SHPO.

**1. Recordation**

The Recipient shall ensure that the historic property is recorded prior to its alteration in accordance with methods or standards established in consultation with the SHPO. The SHPO shall identify appropriate archive locations for the deposit of recordation materials and the Recipient shall be responsible for submitting required documentation to identified archive locations. The Recipient and the SHPO may mutually agree to waive the recordation requirement in situations where the integrity of the building has been compromised or other representative samples of a similar historic resources has been previously recorded.

## 2. Architectural Salvage

The Recipient, in consultation with the SHPO, shall identify significant architectural features for salvage, and appropriate parties to receive the salvaged features. The Recipient shall ensure that any architectural features identified for salvage are salvaged prior to initiation of undertakings and properly stored. When feasible, and determined appropriate in consultation with SHPO, salvaged architectural features shall be reused in other preservation projects.

## 3. Rehabilitation

The Recipient shall ensure that the treatment of historic properties which the SHPO has determined does not meet the *Standard*, or SHPO approved design guidelines, is carried out in accordance with treatments agreed upon by the Recipient and the SHPO and are incorporated in the final plans and specifications. The final plans and specifications shall be approved by the SHPO prior to initiating the undertaking.

## 4. New Construction

The Recipient shall ensure that the design of new buildings, or additions, which the SHPO has determined does not meet the *Standards*, or SHPO approved design guidelines, is carried out in accordance with the final plans and specifications reviewed and approved by the SHPO prior to initiating the undertaking.

## 5. Archaeology

In cases where the undertaking will cause unavoidable adverse effects to National Register eligible archaeological properties, the Recipient shall consult with the SHPO to determine whether data recovery or some other treatment measure is in the public interest. If data recovery is the agreed upon treatment measure, the Recipient shall consult further with the SHPO to develop and implement a data recovery plan for those portions of the historic property that will be adversely affected. The data recovery plan shall:

- be based on firm background data, sound planning, and accepted archaeological methods;
- be consistent with applicable State laws and regulations;
- be accomplished in a thorough, efficient manner, using the most cost effective

techniques practicable;

- provide for appropriate curation of archeological materials and records, and
- provide for reporting and interpretation of what has been learned in a format understandable and accessible to the public;
- be consistent with the National Park Service's *Archeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines* (at: [http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch\\_stnds\\_7.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_7.htm)), and shall take into account the ACHP's publications, *Recommended Approach for Consultation on Recovery of Significant Information from Archeological Sites* (1999), *ACHP Section 106 Archaeology Guidance* (at: <http://www.achp.gov/archguide/>), and any archaeological guidance issued by the SHPO.

#### **APPENDIX D - List of Covered Programs.**

- Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP)
- State Energy Program (SEP)
- Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

AMENDMENT TO  
PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE  
CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (STATE HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION OFFICER) REGARDING EECBG, SEP, AND WAP UNDERTAKINGS

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2010, The United States Department of Energy (DOE), The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and The Department of Natural Resources (State Historic Preservation Officer) entered into a Programmatic Agreement (Agreement) to fulfill the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for certain DOE-funded Undertakings in Alaska.

WHEREAS, in 2010, as the result of unprecedented funding levels resulting from the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), DOE, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) developed a first-of-its-kind Prototype Programmatic Agreement (Prototype PA) for National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 reviews;

WHEREAS, the intent of the Prototype PA was to provide DOE, recipients of financial assistance under DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), State Energy Program (SEP), and Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, as applicable, and State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) with a tailored method for complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. DOE, recipients, and SHPOs negotiated and executed subsequent programmatic agreements (subsequent PAs; i.e. this Agreement) in accordance with the Prototype PA;

WHEREAS, the Prototype PA originally provided that each subsequent PA would be valid for three years from the date of execution. As the result of ACHP's Program Comment dated March 11, 2013, however, all subsequent PAs, including this Agreement, were extended through December 31, 2020. (78 FR 16275, 16277);

WHEREAS, ACHP, NCSHPO, and DOE recognize the Prototype PA and subsequent PAs continue to provide great value to DOE, recipients, and SHPOs, notwithstanding expiration of most Recovery Act funding, this amendment extends the use of the Agreement for an additional 10 years;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Energy Authority administers the State Energy Program for the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, DOE will send a copy of this executed amendment to the ACHP; NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Stipulation XIV of the Agreement, the signatories of this Amendment agree as follows:

1. Amend Stipulation XV so it reads as follows:

This PA will be valid until December 31, 2030, as verified with DOE filing the PA with the ACHP.

2. Change all references to the Alaska Housing Corporation to read the Alaska Housing Corporation and the Alaska Energy Authority.

This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument, it being understood that all parties need not sign the same counterpart. This Amendment is not effective until each party executes the Amendment.

SIGNATORIES:

 9-21-20  
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John Anderson Date  
Director  
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation - Research and Rural Development

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Curtis Thayer Date  
Executive Director  
Alaska Energy Authority


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Judith Bittner Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources - Office of History and Archaeology

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Derek G. Passarelli Date  
Director, Golden Field Office  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
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*Derek G. Passarelli* October 5, 2020  
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Director, Golden Field Office  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
United States Department of Energy

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION  
AND  
THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF PARKS AND  
OUTDOOR RECREATION, OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
REGARDING  
CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEWS OF STATE FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska (State) may designate state agencies or public corporations owned by the State to administer various formula grant programs on its behalf (a state Designee); and

**WHEREAS**, the State has designated Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) as administrators of state funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNR Commissioner has responsibility for the protection of historical and archaeological resources (i.e., “Cultural Resources”) under the Alaska Historic Preservation Act (AS 41.35), and this has been delegated to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, administered by the Office of History and Archaeology (OHA); and

**WHEREAS**, AS 41.35.010 states “It’s the policy of the State to preserve and protect the historic, prehistoric, and archaeological resources of Alaska from loss, desecration, and destruction so that the scientific, historic, and cultural heritage embodied in these resources may pass undiminished to future generations. To this end, the legislature finds and declares that the historic, prehistoric, and archaeological resources of the state are properly the subject of concerted and coordinated efforts exercised on behalf of the general welfare of the public in order that these resources may be located, preserved, studied, exhibited, and evaluated;” and

**WHEREAS**, AHFC has determined that certain state funded activities have limited potential to affect Historic Properties, Historic Districts and/or Archaeological Districts; and have consulted with OHA;

**NOW THEREFORE**, AHFC and OHA adopt the following guidelines for streamlining project reviews and will ensure that the provisions of the MOU apply to AHFC and its subgrantees.

**Undertakings exempt from review:**

All undertakings will be done in accordance with applicable local building codes or the International Building Code, where applicable. The following undertakings have been determined to have limited potential to cause effects on historic properties and may be approved by AHFC or their subgrantees without further consultation with OHA:

**I. EXEMPT ACTIVITIES**

**A. Non-invasive/Non-destructive Activities:**

- a. Energy audits and feasibility studies.

**B. Properties that are Less than 45 years old:**

- a. Activities on residential or non-residential buildings, structures or facilities, including manufactured housing or mobile homes, (collectively called “Property” or “Properties” herein) less than forty five years old when not adding square footage.

**C. Work on properties Older than 45 years old or involving ground disturbance as follows:**

**a. Building Shell Measures**

The measures should not alter or detract from those qualities that make the Property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or Alaska Historic Landmarks.

1. Air-sealing of the building shell, including caulking, weather-stripping, door sweeps, and other air infiltration control measures on windows and doors, and installing thresholds in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows or trim.
2. Sealing major air leaks associated with bypasses, ducts, air conditioning units, when consistent with appearance of the building.
3. Thermal insulation, such as non-toxic fiberglass and foil wrapped, in walls, floors, roofs, crawl spaces, ceilings, attics, and foundations in a manner that does not harm or damage historic fabric and as long as these measures do not induce, retain, or introduce moisture into the building.
4. Blown in wall insulation where no holes are drilled through exterior siding.
5. Removable film on windows (if the film is transparent), solar screens, or window louvers, in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows or trim.
6. Reflective roof coating in a manner that closely resembles the historic materials and form, or with materials that restore the original feature based on historic evidence, and in a manner that does not alter the roofline, or where not on a primary roof elevation or visible from the public right-of-way.
7. Repair of minor roof and wall leaks prior to insulating attics or walls, provided repairs closely resemble existing surface composite.
8. Repair of existing window, door, and porch screens and storm windows or doors.
9. Removing deteriorated or damaged paint or coatings down to the next sound layer by hand scraping or sanding. All abrasive methods, sandblasting and water blasting are specifically prohibited. Encapsulation of lead-based paint is acceptable.
10. Repair and/or replacement in kind of existing roofing material provided the color meets the standard of the Tribe/City/Borough/State or is the existing color.
11. Installation of temporary construction related structures such as scaffolding, screening, fences or protective walkways.
12. Installation of exterior ventilation caps no larger than 6x6 inches.
13. Weatherization of mobile homes and trailers.

**b. Ground Disturbance Activities**

1. Repairing or replacing in kind existing driveways, parking areas, and walkways with materials of similar appearance.
2. Excavating to gain access to existing underground utilities to repair or replace them, provided that the work is performed consistent with previous conditions **within the building footprint**.
3. Excavation to install exterior, below-grade insulation, to a depth not greater than 6 inches below the bottom of the footing or foundation, and limited to the area within 6 feet of the perimeter of the building.

**c. Electric Base Load & Lighting measures**

If located within a Historic District:

1. Upgrade exterior lighting (replacement with metal halide bulbs, LEDs, or others) along with ballasts, sensors and energy storage devices **not visible** from any public right-of-way.
2. Upgrades or improvements to exterior bulbs **only** (e.g., incandescent to LED conversions) that do not alter the visible aspects of the lighting housing.
3. Historic features such as decorative or distinctive light fixtures shall be retained.

If **not** located within a Historic District:

1. Upgrades or improvements to exterior lighting, including bulbs, fixtures, and/or housings (e.g., incandescent to LED conversions) that **are not located** in a historic district.

**d. Building Shell Measures**

1. Insulation of roofs, crawl spaces, ceilings, attics, floors and around pipes/ducts as long as these measures do not induce, retain, or introduce moisture into the building.
2. Blown in wall insulation where no decorative plaster is damaged.
3. Sealing air leaks using weather stripping, door sweeps, and caulk and sealing major air leaks associated with bypasses, ducts, air conditioning units, etc.
4. Thermal insulation installation in walls, floors and ceilings. Duct sealing, insulation, repair or replacement in unoccupied areas.
5. Attic insulation with proper ventilation; if under an effective R8 - add additional R19 up to R38.
6. Band joist insulation - R11 to R19 as applicable.
7. Ventilating crawl spaces.
8. Repair, refinishing and/or replacement in kind of historic flooring and floor coverings to include vinyl, tile and/or carpet.
9. Repair and replacement in kind of only those portions of historic wood flooring that are extensively deteriorated.

**e. HVAC, Domestic Hot Water, and Control Measures**

1. Clean, tune, repair, or replace heating systems, including furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, vented space heaters, and wood stoves.
2. Clean, tune, repair, or replace cooling systems, including central air conditioners, window air conditioners, heat pumps, and evaporative coolers.
3. Install insulation on ducts and heating pipes (when historic features such as decorative cast iron radiators or other distinctive features are retained).
4. Install or replace existing building controls systems including HVAC control systems, conversion of building-wide pneumatic controls with digital controls, programmable thermostats, outdoor reset controls, dampers, UL-listed energy management systems, building automation systems, and other individual sensors like smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors (wired or non-wired).
5. Replacement of existing HVAC equipment including pumps, motors, boilers, chillers, cooling towers, air handling units, package units, condensers, compressors, heat exchangers that do not require a change to existing ducting, plumbing, electrical, controls or a new location, or if ducting, plumbing, electrical and controls are on the rear of the structure or not visible from any public right-of-way.
6. Install, repair, or replace existing controls and adjustable speed drives and/or variable speed motors such as fans on air handling units, cooling tower fans, electric motors and motor controls, and other HVAC, pump, motor, or domestic hot water system controls.

7. Plumbing work, including installation, repair, or replacement of water heaters (when historic features such as hand pumps or plumbing fixtures are retained).
8. Conduct other efficiency improvements on heating and cooling systems, including replacing standing pilot lights with electronic ignition devices and installing vent dampers.
9. Modify duct and pipe systems so heating and cooling systems operate efficiently and effectively, including adding return ducts, replace diffusers and registers, replace air filters, install thermostatic radiator controls on steam and hot water heating systems.
10. Install insulation on water heater tanks and water heating pipes.
11. Install waste heat recovery devices, including 'superheater' water heaters, condensing heat exchangers, heat pump and water heating heat recovery systems, and other energy recovery equipment.

**f. Water Conservation Measures**

1. Install, repair, or replace low flow faucets, toilets, shower heads, urinals, and other water use systems.
2. Install, repair, or replace water distribution device controls.
3. Replacement of kitchen and bathroom appliances, fixtures, fittings, and accessories.

**g. Electric Base Load & Lighting Measures**

1. Electrical work, including improving lamp efficiency and converting incandescent lighting to fluorescent or other higher efficiency lighting.
2. Repair or replace electrical wiring.
3. Add reflectors, LED exit signs, efficient HID fixtures, and occupancy (motion) sensors.
4. Replace refrigerators and other appliances (upgrade to Energy Star appliances).
5. Replacement of kitchen and bathroom appliances, fixtures, fittings, and accessories.
6. Incorporate other lighting technologies such as dimmable ballasts, day lighting controls, and occupant controlled dimming.
7. Compact fluorescent light bulbs.
8. Replacement of existing with energy efficient light fixtures, including ballasts when historic features such as decorative or distinctive light fixtures are retained.
9. Replace LED light fixtures and exit signs.

**h. Health and Safety Measures**

1. Installing fire, smoke or carbon dioxide detectors, and security alarms provided any potential effects are reversible.
2. New installation of non-hard wired devices including photo-controls, occupancy sensors, carbon dioxide, thermostats, humidity, light meters and other building control sensors, provided the work conforms to applicable state and local permitting requirements.
3. Repair or replace vent systems on fossil-fuel-fired heating systems and water heaters to ensure that combustion gasses draft safely to outside.
4. Install mechanical ventilation, in a manner not visible from the public right of way, to ensure adequate indoor air quality if house is air-sealed to building tightness limit.
5. Installation of hardware to include: dead bolts, door hinges, latches and locks, window latches, locks and hinges, and door peep holes. New hardware shall be of contemporary design and made of the same material as existing hardware.

**i. Infrastructure and Site Public Improvement Work**

1. In-kind repair or replacement of site improvements, including, but not limited to fences, retaining walls, streetlights, and landscaping.
2. Upgrades or improvements to streetlights, bulbs, fixtures, and/or housings (e.g., sodium vapor to LED conversions) that are **not** located in a historic district.
3. Installation of above-ground waste heat recovery loops that do not connect historic properties **and** that are **not** located in a historic district.
4. Excavation in previously disturbed ground to a depth not to exceed 6 inches shallower than the maximum depth of the previous disturbance, to install heat recovery pipe loops or other energy efficiency measures.
5. In the event of unanticipated archeological discoveries all work shall stop and the Office of History and Archaeology shall be contacted.

**j. Archeological Investigations**

Archeological investigations will not be required for ground disturbing activities when excavation is non-intrusive, including:

1. Excavation to install exterior, below-grade insulation, to a depth not greater than 6 inches below the bottom of the footing or foundation, and limited to the area within 6 feet of the perimeter of the building;
2. Excavation activities described in Section, "Infrastructure and Site Public Improvement Work."

## **II. CONDITIONS OF THE MOU**

**a. Discoveries and Unforeseen Effects**

Should any of the participating parties or subgrantees, in the process of carrying out any action listed above, find that such action has the potential to affect a previously unknown property that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Properties or that the action will affect a known Historic Property in an unanticipated manner shall cease such action and contact the Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) and develop treatment plan in conjunction with OHA.

**b. Review**

1. AHFC and OHA shall provide for review of the MOU biennially. Any amendments to this MOU recommended during the review shall be considered in accordance with the stipulation below.
- ~~2. AHFC shall provide OHA an annual summary statement no later than January 31 concerning the use of this MOU during the prior reporting year to provide an accounting for the number and types of projects this agreement has facilitated.~~

**c. Amendment**

If any signatory to this MOU believes an amendment is necessary, that party shall immediately request all parties to consider an amendment to the MOU. No amendment to the MOU will go into effect without concurrence of all signatories.

**d. Duration**

This MOU shall become effective upon execution by the signatories to this MOU and shall remain in effect until terminated or 10 years after it becomes effective.

**Principal Points of Contacts**

Parties will be notified in writing of changes in points of contact:

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**Signatures**

CHIEF, OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

By Judith E. Bittner Date Feb 10, 2021  
Printed Name Judith E. BITTNER Title: Chief Hist. & Arch

ALAKSA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

By John Anderson Date 1-29-2021  
Printed Name John Anderson Title: Director

## SHPO Compliance Checklist

Job No. \_\_\_\_\_ Client Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year Built \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Dwelling Under 45 Years Old

Ground Disturbing Activities	GDA Exempt		Section 106 Review Required
No		Proceed with work	
Yes	Yes	Proceed with work	
	No		<b>YES</b>

### Dwelling 45 Years Old or Older

Ground Disturbing Activities	GDA Exempt	Other Activities Are Exempt	Section 106 Review Required
No		Yes	Proceed with work
		No	<b>YES</b>
Yes	Yes	Yes	Proceed with work
		No	<b>YES</b>
	No	Yes	<b>YES</b>
		No	<b>YES</b>

### Section 106 Review

Photos \_\_\_\_\_ Map \_\_\_\_\_ Scope \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

SHPO Required Modifications to Scope No Yes



**ALASKA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR SECTION 106 REVIEW FOR HUD AND DOE/AHFC PROJECTS**

*Use this form to request SHPO review of any projects involving HUD or DOE/AHFC assistance for building repair, rehabilitation, change of use, demolition, new construction, or land acquisition.*

**General Information**

*Client Name or Number:*

*Property Address:*

*Funding Source: DOE/AHFC*

*Project Applicant (Housing Agency):*

*Applicant Address:*

*Contact Person:*

*Telephone Number:*

*E-mail:*

**Project Information**

*What year was the building constructed?*

*Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:*

*Describe the existing conditions at the project site:*

*Describe the proposed ground-disturbance (installation of new utilities, connections to existing utilities, equipment staging and/or access areas, or other related activities):*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Attach a **map** of the community and identify the **project location** (arrows or circle)  
Alaska community maps can be downloaded at:  
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/PlanningLandManagement/CommunityProfileMaps.aspx>
- Attach a **photograph** of the building.
- Attach photographs of building features that may be altered by the project (for example, doors or windows).

## Finding of Effect

- ( ) *No historic properties affected [36 CFR 800.4 (d)(1)]*
- ( ) *No Adverse Effect [36 CFR 800.5(d)(2)]*
- ( ) *Adverse Effect [36 CFR 800.5(d)(2)]* *If the project results in an adverse effect, further consultation must be conducted to resolve the adverse effect.*
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**OR**

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*Please be aware that this form may only initiate consultation. For some projects, the Alaska SHPO may require additional information to complete our review, such as additional maps, photographs, construction plans, and specs. Our office may request that affected properties be evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places following our initial review.*

# Weatherization Operations Manual

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## General Policies

The intent of the Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program is energy conservation not housing rehabilitation.

Installation of measures shall comply with the standards in this section. A written explanation must be in the client file for weatherization measures that do not meet an SIR of 1.0 per AkWarm. Measures provided for applicable health-and-safety reasons only need to be identified as such without further detail.

Additional requirements are provided throughout the Weatherization Operations Manual (**WOM**) and the grant.

Weatherization services shall be provided in a manner that minimizes risk to workers, clients, and dwellings.

### Guiding Principles of the Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program

- Weatherization implements energy-efficiency measures with a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or greater.
- Weatherization does not bring entire homes up to “code,” but the measures provided by the Program do comply with applicable codes.
- Measures provided by the Weatherization program must remain in the home. They are not to be sold, bartered, or given away for the duration of their useful life.
- Grantees are responsible for complying with manufacturer guidelines as well as state, federal, and local jurisdiction.
- All work, no matter the condition of the existing home, shall be done in a quality, professional manner.
- Weatherization only assists homes that are “substantially complete” per program guidelines.
- Weatherization does not finish new construction.
- Weatherization is not a home maintenance or rehabilitation program.
- Weatherization is not a “preventative” program; i.e., it does not replace components merely because they are old.
- Weatherization improves ventilation to enable clients to control moisture and pollutants in the home that may be exacerbated by air-sealing.
- Weatherization is not an emergency service/response program.
- Weatherization implements mandatory health-and-safety measures as well as weatherization-related health-and-safety measures that are necessary to install energy-efficiency measures, to provide a safe workplace, and/or to protect clients.

## Mandatory Health-and-Safety Measures

The following guidelines must be met in any home assisted with Weatherization funding.

1. Smoke Detectors
  - a. Required: replacement of units over eight years old or units that do not operate.
  - b. Required: in all sleeping rooms, outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, on each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawlspaces and uninhabitable attics.
2. Carbon Monoxide Detectors
  - a. Required: replacement of units over three years old and/or that do not meet Program standards.
  - b. Required: outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on each additional story of the dwelling including basements, but not including crawlspaces and uninhabitable attics.
  - c. CO detectors shall be installed before any work on the dwelling commences.
3. Correction of combustion failures before leaving the home.
4. A whole house ventilation fan is required.
5. An exterior vented range hood fan over a gas combustion range is required.

After funding mandatory health-and-safety measures, all energy-efficiency measures with an SIR of 1.0 or greater and weatherization-related health-and-safety measures should be considered and implemented as the budget allows.

Grantees are to complete the assigned number of homes—serving high priority clients first as funding and logistics allow—to minimize residential energy consumption in the State. The majority of the budget for each home served should be spent on energy-savings measures to ensure successful implementation of the program.

### 1.0 General Requirements

The Grantee shall perform all work or ensure that its subcontractors perform all work consistent with the provisions of the grant agreement, all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, industry standards, and other applicable authority as amended from time to time. All work shall be completed consistent with good workmanship performed by craftsmen skilled in their trade. Whenever the information provided in this WOM may not be consistent with comparable standards imposed by other law, ordinance, regulation, industry standard or other applicable authority, the provisions that are more restrictive or that impose higher standards or requirements shall govern. For DOE funding, the DOE State Plan takes precedence over the WOM.

## 1.1 Subcontractors

The following requirements apply to subcontractors (Service Dealers) who work in units that are to be weatherized.

### 1.1.1 Subcontractor License and Insurance Requirement

Subcontractors must comply with the requirements of the grant.

### 1.1.2 Competency

It is important that installers and technicians be qualified to do the work required under this program. The Grantee should be aware that there are many trades for which the State of Alaska does not require workers to have a professional license. Therefore, the competence of the installer or repair technician must be determined by other means such as the general reputation of the business, competency certifications provided by equipment manufacturers, or by technical schools with Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) or other programs.

## 1.2 Warranties

The Grantee and all subcontractors shall provide warranties against any defect in the material, manufacture, design, or installation of all materials, equipment, or products that is found within one (1) year from the date of completion of installation. The defects found within the warranty period shall be remedied without charge to the client and within a reasonable period of time.

## 1.3 Code Compliance

All materials, equipment, or products installed will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and code regulations. The Grantee is responsible for complying with applicable codes for its service area(s).

## 1.4 Materials

All materials used shall meet the specifications found in WOM Section 8, *Materials Standards* (i.e., *10 CFR 440 Appendix A—Standards for Weatherization Materials*).

### 1.4.1 Alternate Materials

The Grantee shall get written approval to use alternate materials from the AHFC Program Manager.

## 1.5 Manufacturers' Requirements

The Grantee and subcontractors shall conform to all manufacturers' requirements regarding installation, use, and maintenance of all materials, equipment, or products installed or supplied through the Weatherization program. Whenever the information provided in this WOM may not be consistent with a manufacturer's requirements, the Grantee shall follow the manufacturer's requirements. If the manufacturer's requirements are less restrictive than the WOM, the Grantee shall document the manufacturer's requirements in the client file.

## 1.6 Certificate of Insulation—All Forms of Insulation

The certificate of insulation shall contain the following information and shall be completed in ink and signed by the installer:

- a. Address of residence.
- b. Date of installation.
- c. Name, address, and phone number of installer.
- d. Amount (number and size of bags).
- e. Final R-Value of insulation.
- f. Area of space in square feet that was insulated.

### 1.6.1 Posting of Certificate

Upon completion of the installation of the insulation, the completed certificate shall be posted in the interior of the area insulated in a location nearby, and visible from, the access to the area. A copy of the certificate also shall be kept in the client file of the Grantee.

### 1.6.2 Posting Empty Bag/Wrapper—Loose Fill

Upon completion of the installation of the insulation, the Grantee or subcontractor shall post near the Certificate of Insulation an empty bag or wrapper from the insulating material that was installed.

## 1.7 Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR)

The Grantee shall install those individual conservation measures that have a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or greater, prioritizing them in the order of greatest savings to investment. In certain situations, due to variables, the Grantee may not be able to complete the highest SIR measure(s).

## 1.8 Level of Finish Required

The Grantee shall complete all work in a professional manner. Work will be finished to the minimum standards stated below:

- a. **Wood Exposed to Exterior**—All wood installed by Weatherization exposed to the exterior will comply with one of the following:
  1. Treated for exterior use.
  2. Primed.
  3. Rot-resistant species (for example, cedar).
- b. **Window Install**—Window replacement will include:
  1. Trim on both inside and outside.
  2. Reinstallation of curtain rods.
  3. A pre-work agreement with the owner on how existing shades, exterior shutters, or other specialty items will be handled.
  4. Window replacements on mobile homes that do not have overhangs must have angle flashing installed above the window and extending 6” horizontally beyond the window opening. This is for bulk water from the roof. Flashing can be installed anywhere above the window; i.e., it does not have to be right at the top of the window.
- c. **Door Install**—Door replacement will include:
  1. Trim on both sides.
  2. New door knob and deadbolt (keyed alike) if applicable (unless agreed to with the owner prior to work start).
  3. If multiple doors are replaced, locksets and deadbolts keyed alike.
  4. If house-to-garage door replaced, the door must have self-closing hinges or a door closer installed and operating.
  5. Door replacements on mobile homes that do not have overhangs must have angle flashing installed above the door and extending 6” horizontally beyond the door opening. This is for bulk water from the roof. Flashing can be installed anywhere above the door; i.e., it does not have to be right at the top of the door.
  6. If a glass lite is installed in a new door, the glass shall be no larger than 12” x 12” or 144 sq. in.
- d. **Ductwork in Living Space**—New ductwork installed:
  1. Shall be installed so ducts fit into framing cavity when possible.
  2. Shall be designed for minimal chase work.
  3. Ducting joints shall be sealed (metal tape or mastic rated for use).
- e. **Fibrous Insulation**—Fibrous weatherization materials **INSTALLED** in living spaces (i.e., cellulose, fiberglass, etc.):
  1. Shall be shielded from both indoor and outdoor environments. Shielding protects both the weatherization materials, and more importantly, the occupants from exposure to the insulation fibers.
- f. **Accidents or Inadvertent Damage to Home**—Damage to a home that occurs during weatherization work will be repaired to the finish state prior to damage. This would include new materials and paint if applicable. If a broken item is no longer available, a similar quality item will be installed.



- g. **Hollow Core Doors**—When installing a grill or under-cutting a hollow core door, solid backing (wood) must be installed if a cut exposes the hollow part of the door.

## 2.0 Health and Safety

During the course of performing energy assessments and/or weatherization work, the work in progress at each dwelling must be monitored to identify potential or existing hazards (e.g., asbestos, mold, radon, structural instability, CO, other IAQ issues, uncontained sewage, etc.) to either weatherization workers or dwelling occupants. All work must be completed consistent with the provisions of the grant, all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, industry standards, and other applicable authority as amended from time to time. Strict compliance with OSHA or other safety standards is mandatory. Whenever the information provided in Section 5, *Building Standards* may be inconsistent with comparable standards imposed by other law, ordinance, regulation, industry standard or other applicable authority, the provisions that are more restrictive or that impose higher standards or requirements shall govern. For DOE funding, the DOE Health and Safety Plan and State Plan take precedence over the WOM. At no point, should the Grantee compromise employee or client health in pursuit of energy savings.

### 2.1 Worker Safety

Each worker is responsible for working in a safe manner so as to not endanger either himself or others. Worksite supervisors are responsible for ensuring the safety of all workers and clients on the worksite.

All weatherization workers, whether employees or subcontractors, are required to abide by the State of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Standards, Volumes I & II, (8 AAC 05) published by and available through the Alaska Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards and Safety.

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Weatherization Assistance Program allows a waiver for non-performance of assessments, installations, or any portion of these functions, if such action will expose workers to conditions regarded as unsafe or unhealthy as determined by OSHA Construction Industry Standards.

### 2.2 Housekeeping Activities

All scrap lumber, waste material and debris will be removed from the immediate area as work progresses. An area outside the home should be designated for storing such material. The material should be removed from the premises at the end of each work day or when the job is completed.

Equipment (e.g., blower hose, power tools, extension cords, etc.) will be removed from the immediate work area and properly stored when no longer required or when each phase of the weatherization process is completed.

### 2.3 Client Safety

Grantees and their representatives are required to take all reasonable precautions against performing work on homes that will subject clients to health or safety risks. During the initial assessment, the assessor will make an evaluation of conditions existing within the home. Clients shall be educated regarding work areas, barricades, no-entry areas, and work practices (e.g., lead safe work). In cases where a person's health is fragile and/or crew work activities would constitute a health or safety hazard, special arrangements shall be required to ensure occupants are protected. Document and have the client sign any measure recommended for health-and-safety refused by the client.

### 2.4 Health-and-Safety Limitations

State and federal guidelines limit expending WX funds on health-and-safety issues.

- a. The program cannot address health-and-safety items that exceed the scope needed to make installation of WX measures possible.
- b. In some cases, it may be cost-prohibitive to provide an allowable health-and-safety item.
- c. The program is not intended to provide *general* home rehab, repair, or health-and-safety improvements.
- d. The program does not remediate mold, lead, asbestos, or radon. However, some Weatherization measures may impact these hazards and are addressed later in this section of the WOM.

### 2.5 Walk-Away Policy—Deferral

If conditions exist where repairs are required that are beyond the scope of the program, health-and-safety conditions are such that weatherization workers or materials would be jeopardized, or weatherization activities may aggravate an unsafe situation or the durability of the home, the Grantee may choose not to weatherize that home until such conditions are remedied. If that choice is made, a written notification to the client and/or homeowner will be issued, clearly explaining the conditions and that work may commence when the conditions are remedied. Such notice may specify a timeframe for resolving the condition that is reasonable for the client and the program. See also WOM Section 1, *Walk-Away Policy—Deferral*.

### 3.0 Home Energy Assessments

All homes receiving weatherization services shall receive an on-site assessment.

#### 3.1 Scope of Assessment

The Grantee shall evaluate the dwelling for the following:

- a. Cost-effective energy-efficiency improvements.
- b. Comfort issues.
- c. Health-and-safety issues.
- d. Building issues that may negatively affect or prohibit installation of energy-efficiency measures.

#### 3.2 Assessment Requirements

##### 3.2.1 In-Home Safety

The Energy Assessor should be aware of unsafe conditions encountered in the course of the energy assessment. Specific precautions will be exercised to protect both occupants and crew workers. Complications that may arise from existing unsafe conditions will be documented before any work begins on a home. If conditions exist that could pose a hazard to clients or crews, the assessor may decide to delay weatherization work until those conditions are remedied.

Potentially unsafe conditions may include but not be limited to:

**Carbon Monoxide/Indoor Air Quality:** Workers shall not be exposed to carbon monoxide (CO) levels greater than 70 PPM ambient. Clients shall be notified of the potential dangers of CO exposure.

**Electrical:** The condition of wiring may be affected by weatherization activities. Precautions will be taken when working around wiring throughout the home. When necessary, specific instructions will be documented.

The assessor shall address problems that will interact with weatherization (i.e., shielding combustible materials from heat-producing sources; minor repair of connections; fuse/circuit breaker replacement, etc.) or are obvious hazards to workers or clients. The Grantee shall notify the client/owner of other issues that are beyond the scope of the Weatherization program (i.e., replacement of unsafe service panel; extensive replacement of unsafe wiring, etc.).

**Structural:** Weatherization materials (i.e., cellulose, fiberglass, etc.) will be shielded from both indoor and the outdoor environments. Shielding protects both the weatherization materials, and more importantly, the occupants from exposure to the insulation fibers.

Structural repair measures include replacement of a damaged or missing section of the building envelope (i.e., drywall, plywood or other sheathing material). Another measure may include repairing damaged or leaking components to protect insulation.

The Grantee shall notify the client/owner of other issues that are beyond the scope of the Weatherization program (i.e., extensive roof repair, major portions of the interior surface area requiring drywall, and major portions of the exterior surface area requiring sheathing material, etc.).

### 3.2.2 All assessments will include:

- a. Diagnostic testing (blower door testing). See 4.0 *Diagnostic Testing*.
- b. Combustion safety diagnostic testing when combustion appliances are present. See example in WOM Section 6, *Maximum Depressurization Data Sheet*. For compliance with BPI 1200, use WOM Section 6, *Combustion Safety Test Form*.
- c. Mold Disclosure report. See example in WOM Section 7.
- d. Health-and-safety notification.
- e. Visual inspection, which shall include inspecting all accessible areas as follows:
  1. Attics.
  2. Crawlspace.
  3. Building envelope.
  4. Roofs.
  5. Insulation levels.
  6. Heating systems.
  7. Ventilation systems.
  8. Interior surfaces.
  9. Appliances.
  10. Home energy bills.
  11. Plumbing and electrical (only where insulation may be installed).
  12. Smoke alarms and CO detectors.

### 3.3 Review of Assessment with Client

The Grantee shall review the findings of the assessment and anticipated scope of work with the occupants of the dwelling. Documentation of the assessment findings and anticipated scope of work shall be retained in the client file.

### 3.4 Client Authorization

The Grantee shall obtain a signature from the client (occupant of the dwelling unit) and the landlord (if it is a rental dwelling), authorizing installation of the measures to be performed on the eligible dwelling prior to work commencing. A copy of the signed

authorization shall be retained in the client file. Any changes after work has started must be documented and pre-approved by the client before continuing with work.

### **3.5 Assessment Documentation**

The Grantee shall document the findings of all assessments in the client file. These findings shall describe the condition of the home at the time of the assessment, the work performed, and the final condition of the home.

#### **3.5.1 Photographic Record**

The Grantee shall record the condition of the home by taking a minimum of two photographs of the home's exterior elevation that capture the essence of the dwelling unit. These photographs shall be dated and retained in the client file.

### **3.6 AkWarm**

The Grantee shall evaluate 100% of homes using an AkWarm computerized energy assessment. A copy of the improvement options report, pre-weatherization rating ("As-Is AkWarm"), and post-weatherization rating ("Post AkWarm") must be retained in the client file.

The Grantee shall install those individual conservation measures that have a Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or greater.

#### **3.6.1 AkWarm Updates and Training**

The Grantee is required to maintain the following areas and data related to AkWarm:

- a. Update new versions of software as required.
- b. All assessors shall be trained to perform a computerized energy assessment.

#### **3.6.2 Calculation of Installed Measure Cost**

The Grantee shall calculate installed measure costs. Measure costs shall be calculated using one of the following methods:

1. Installed measure costs are equal to verifiable subcontractor costs.
2. Local crew-based agencies may calculate and document their construction costs including materials and labor costs.

## 4.0 Diagnostic Testing

The Grantee shall perform diagnostic testing on all dwelling units prior to weatherization measures being installed and upon completion of each project.

Required Tests:

- Blower Door
- Zonal Pressure
- Duct Pressure Pan (Forced Air System)
- Dominant Duct (Forced Air System)
- Room to Room Pressure Differential
- CAZ Compliance
- Combustion Safety
- Gas Range CO
- Combustion Efficiency
- Whole House Fan Flow
- Gas Line Test

### 4.1 Diagnostic Testing Equipment

The Grantee shall:

- a. Use a digital manometer to perform all pressure diagnostic testing measurements.
- b. Maintain blower door(s) and calibrate digital manometer(s) as recommended by the manufacturer(s).

### 4.2 Blower Door Test

The Grantee shall perform a single-point depressurized blower door test before any weatherization measures are installed and at the conclusion of any project. A second (different house configuration) blower door test is required if the home has an attached conditioned garage and/or conditioned crawlspace with access from the living area (See 4.2.2 only if using ASHRAE 62.2 Option 1.). Results of pre- and post-weatherization blower door testing must be documented in the client file. If unable to complete pre- or post- weatherization blower door tests, provide documentation in the client file to justify.

**Exception(s):**

- a. A pressurized single-point blower door test is acceptable to avoid the possibility of pulling known pollutants into the building during the test procedure (e.g., vermiculite in attic). If it is required to complete a positive test, then the post-weatherization test also will be a positive pressure test.

#### 4.2.1 Building Set-Up to Test Thermal Boundary (AkWarm)

The goal of the set-up is to test the **airtightness** of the dwelling. The Grantee shall include conditioned crawlspaces, lofts, and attached conditioned garages. **DO NOT** temporarily seal intentional openings in the building envelope (such as dryer exhaust, ventilation system intake or exhaust, or a chimney for a furnace or water heater). Below is the building set-up:

- Close all exterior windows.
- Close all exterior doors. (Doors from the house to unheated arctic entries are considered exterior and shall be closed for the test.)
- Open all doors between house and conditioned garage.
- Close exterior garage pedestrian and vehicle doors.
- Close exterior crawlspace hatches.
- Open all interior doors to rooms and basements that are conditioned, including an access hatch to a conditioned crawlspace and doors to conditioned utility/heater rooms. The objective is to treat the entire building as one conditioned space and to subject all of the leaks in the building to the same pressure difference.
- Turn off all combustion appliances, so they will not turn on during the test. (**Note:** *If combustion appliances turn on during a depressurization test, it is possible for flames to be sucked out of the combustion air inlet (flame rollout). This is a fire hazard and possibly can result in high CO levels.*)
- If there are attached spaces (e.g., townhouses) that could contain a vented combustion appliance, either adjust those appliances to prevent them from turning on during the test or be sure that the attached spaces are not depressurized or pressurized when the blower door is operating.
- Be sure that fires in fireplaces and woodstoves are completely out. Take precautions to prevent ashes from being sucked into the building during the test.
- Turn off all exhaust fans, vented dryers, air conditioners, ventilation system fans, and air handler fans.

#### 4.2.2 Building Set-Up to Test Living Space (For Ventilation ASHRAE 62.2 Option 1)

The goal of the set-up is to test the **airtightness of the living space** of the dwelling. This test is required only if the home has an attached conditioned garage and/or conditioned crawlspace with access from the living area. **DO NOT** include conditioned crawlspaces, lofts, and attached conditioned garages. **DO NOT** temporarily seal intentional openings in the building envelope (such as dryer exhaust; ventilation system intake or exhaust; or a chimney for a furnace or water heater). Below is the building set-up:

- Close all exterior windows.
- Close all exterior doors (Doors from the home to unheated arctic entries are considered exterior and shall be closed for the test.)
- Close all doors between house and conditioned garage.

- Close exterior garage pedestrian and vehicle doors.
- Close exterior crawlspace hatches.
- Open all interior doors to rooms and basements that are conditioned, including doors to conditioned utility/heater rooms.
- Close access hatch to a conditioned crawlspace.
- Turn off all combustion appliances, so they will not turn on during the test. (**Note:** *If combustion appliances turn on during a depressurization test, it is possible for flames to be sucked out of the combustion air inlet (flame rollout). This is a fire hazard and possibly can result in high CO levels.*)
- If there are attached spaces (e.g., townhouses) that could contain a vented combustion appliance, either adjust those appliances to prevent them from turning on during the test or be sure that the attached spaces are not depressurized or pressurized when the blower door is operating.
- Be sure that fires in fireplaces and woodstoves are completely out. Take precautions to prevent ashes from being sucked into the building during the test.
- Turn off all exhaust fans, vented dryers, air conditioners, ventilation system fans, and air handler fans.

#### 4.2.3 Blower Door Set-Up and Test Procedure

The Grantee shall reference the blower door Owner's Manual for guidance on blower door set-up, manometer set-up, and single-point test procedure. Buildings will be set-up as detailed above—not per the Owner's Manual. The blower door test pressure will depressurize (or pressurize depending on the situation) the home by 50 Pascals from the baseline pressure.

#### 4.2.4 Baseline Data

The Grantee shall document baseline information, such as wind speed, temperature, and baseline pressure, using a diagnostic test report.

#### 4.2.5 Pre and Post Test Home Set-Up

Building configuration including attic vents, garage exterior doors, crawlspace exterior hatches, etc. should be configured the same for both the pre and post tests. To acquire reliable numbers, consistent building set-up is required.

### 4.3 Blower Door Tests in Multi-Unit Buildings

#### 4.3.1 For 2- to 24-unit buildings, test per 4.3.2 to 4.3.3.

#### 4.3.2 Single-unit or Compartmentalization Test

Perform a pre and post single point CFM50 blower door test of individual unit. When possible, open adjacent units to the outside. Test will calculate air leakage to outside



and inter-unit leakage together. A minimum of 10% of each set of units with similar floorplans will be tested.

#### 4.3.3 Whole Building Test (when feasible)

In multi-level apartment and condominium buildings where the entire building is to be weatherized and where there is a common entry and common hallway that make it possible to complete a “whole-building” blower door test, open all units to common hallways and entries to create one test zone. If the crawlspace is conditioned, it should be opened to the building during the test.

- a. If the building is small enough or tight enough that it can be tested to -50 pa with one blower door (CFM50 < approximately 5,000), complete a single-point pre and post test at -50 pa.
- b. Where -50 pa cannot be reached with a single blower door, use multiple blower doors to complete a multi-point depressurization test. Measure pre and post test baselines to calculate baseline corrections. Evaluate the test data with analysis software as recommended by the blower door manufacturer

**4.3.4 For buildings with 25 or more units or 5 stories and above**, consult with the AHFC Program Manager before proceeding to develop the testing protocol for air leakage.

### 4.4 Zonal Pressure Testing

The Grantee shall perform zonal pressure testing in all zones (attics, crawlspaces, garages and other unconditioned spaces). The test shall be performed prior to the installation of weatherization measures that alter the shell of the dwelling. Zonal pressures shall be recorded with reference to (WRT) the living space of the home. Pre and post zonal pressure measurements shall be documented in the client file.

#### 4.4.1 Duct System Testing

The Grantee shall perform pressure pan (or pressure block) testing of all forced air duct systems. The standard for duct system for tightness is 1 pa or less at each supply register. The standard for return plenums is 5 pa or less. See 15.5 *Duct Sealing*. Post testing of ducts in enclosed cavities, such as wall bays, dropped ceilings, floor joists, mobile home bellies, etc. shall be performed prior to insulating those cavities. Pre and post duct pressure pan measurements shall be recorded in the client file.

##### Exception(s):

- a. Duct systems that are entirely within the heated building envelope and not connected to any exterior wall, attic, or ceiling building component, or buffered zone, are not required to be tested.
- b. The Grantee may use a duct tester to perform duct tightness testing. The standard for tightness is 100 CFM leakage to outside at 25 pa.

- c. Duct tightness testing and standards shall take into consideration the home plumbing system and potential freeze-ups. If duct sealing is not completed and numbers are above the standard, document the reason for not sealing in the client file.

#### 4.5 Dominant Duct Leak Testing

The Grantee shall perform dominant duct leakage testing of all homes with ducted forced air heating distribution systems. Pre and post dominant duct leakage measurements shall be recorded in the client file.

#### 4.6 Room-to-Room Pressure Differential Testing

The Grantee shall test and record the pressure differential between rooms and the main body of the dwelling. Pressure differentials of more than 5 pa must be corrected. Pre and post pressure differential measurements shall be recorded in the client file.

### 5.0 Combustion Appliance Zone Depressurization

The Grantee shall perform a worst-case depressurization test in each Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ). When CAZ depressurization limits are exceeded under worst-case conditions, the depressurization shall be brought within acceptable limits as detailed in Table 1. For DOE, follow BPI 1200.

Table 1: CAZ Depressurization Limits<sup>1</sup>

Venting Condition	Limit (Pascals)
Natural draft water heater (including outside chimneys) or fireplace	-3
Wood stoves and fireplace inserts, including airtight models with outside combustion air	-10
Individual natural draft boiler or furnace	-5
Toyo stove/Monitor	-20
Power vented or induced draft boiler or furnace	-10
Chimney-top draft inducer; High static pressure flame retention head oil burner; Direct vented appliances; Sealed combustion appliances	-20

#### Exception(s):

- a. If reasonable efforts cannot meet or reach the CAZ Depressurization Limits standard, the Grantee shall document in the client file the actions taken and the education provided to the client. (**Note:** *The worst-case test shall be completed*)

<sup>1</sup> Building Performance Institute Standard

*with the garage-to-house pedestrian door closed if this is the “normal” operation of house. If the occupants have the door propped open, then test with the pedestrian door open; but, if there are self-closing hinges, then test with the door closed. The same applies for a sealed utility room with a normally closed door.)*

A *Maximum Depressurization Data Sheet* (See WOM Section 6.) shall be filled out for each appliance and be present in the client file.

### 5.0.1 Combustion Safety Testing

**Combustion Appliances Defined:** any liquid, gas, and solid fuel burning appliances including water heaters, wood stoves, ranges, ovens or stove tops, furnaces, boilers, space heaters, fireplaces, fireplace inserts, and gas logs.

### 5.0.2 Post Weatherization Combustion Safety Testing

The Grantee shall perform a Combustion Safety Test on every combustion appliance at the conclusion of the Weatherization project.

## 5.1 Heat Rise

The Grantee shall test all forced air heating systems for heat rise. Follow manufacturers’ specifications.

## 5.2 Draft and Spillage Tests

The Grantee shall perform spillage and draft tests for all natural draft space heating systems and water heaters. Draft and spillage shall first be tested under worst-case conditions and then repeated for natural conditions if the appliance fails under worst-case.

### 5.2.1 Single Chimney with Multiple Appliances

When a chimney is shared by multiple appliances, the appliance with the smallest BTU input rating shall be tested first, and remaining appliances shall be tested in order of increasing input rate.

### 5.2.2 Multiple Fuel Sources Vented into a Single Chimney

Multiple fuel sources vented into a single chimney are cause for deferral of services until the situation is corrected unless it is allowed by the manufacturer. Documentation must be in the client file.

### 5.2.3 Draft Testing

The Grantee shall measure vent draft pressure at steady-state operating conditions of all natural draft heating and hot water appliances. Draft test location should be

approximately 1-2 feet downstream of the appliance draft diverter. After the test, the test hole must be sealed with a metal plug or screw that fills and seals the hole. Appliances shall draft at or above (i.e., have more draft) the minimum acceptable draft level detailed in Table 2.

If the draft test fails, the Grantee shall make appropriate repairs. If the owner refuses suggested work to remedy the failure, the Grantee shall document on a health-and-safety notice and have the owner sign.

Table 2: Minimum Acceptable Draft Test Action Levels<sup>2</sup>

Outside Temperature (degree F)	Draft Pressure Standard (Pa)	Water Column
<10	-2.5	1" = 249 Pascals
10-90	$(\text{Outside temp} / 40) - 2.75$ *	
>90	-0.5	

\* Calculation is as follows: Divide the outside temp by 40; then, subtract 2.75 from this value. The result is the minimum acceptable draft.

#### 5.2.4 Spillage

The Grantee shall test for spillage on all atmospheric draft appliances. The Grantee shall measure and record the amount of time it takes for spillage to stop and draft to be established. Any appliance that continues to spill flue gases beyond one minute fails spillage test. If the owner refuses suggested work to remedy a failure, the Grantee shall document on a health-and-safety notice and have owner sign. The Grantee shall make appropriate repairs.

Induced draft heating systems shall be checked for spillage at the base of the chimney liner or flue. If a chimney is shared between an induced draft heating system and a natural draft water heater, spillage shall be checked at the water heater draft diverter.

### 5.3 Carbon Monoxide Tests

The Grantee shall perform a CO test on ambient air and all combustion appliances. The Grantee shall measure CO in the undiluted flue gasses in the flue of the appliance, using a digital gauge that measures in parts per million (PPM). For all combustion appliances, CO shall be measured at steady-state operating conditions. CO levels must be recorded and appropriate actions taken, as detailed in Table 3 in 5.4.

<sup>2</sup> Building Performance Institute Standard

#### 5.4 CO Measurement for Power-Vented, Direct-Vented, or Sealed Combustion Units

The Grantee shall not drill holes in flues for power-vented, direct-vented, or sealed combustion units. CO shall be measured at the exterior outlet of the flue.

Table 3: Carbon Monoxide Test Action Levels For Combustion Appliances<sup>3</sup>

CO Test Result*	Retrofit Action
0 – 99 PPM	Proceed with work; if gas and above 25 PPM, recommend cleaning of appliance burner
100 – 400 PPM	Considered unsafe and the problem needs correcting. The unit may be operated minimally if no spillage of flue gas is detected.
More than 400 PPM	Conditions are considered unsafe. The appliance must be disabled and not run—even if no CO is detected in the ambient space—until the condition is corrected.

\* CO measurements for undiluted flue gases.

##### Exception(s):

- a. Direct-vent on-demand water heaters (e.g., Toyo, Monitor, etc.) are exempt from the Retrofit Action for the 0-99 PPM and 100-400 PPM test levels in Table 3. The Retrofit Action for the “More than 400 PPM” test level is required.

##### 5.4.1 Range Tops and Gas Ovens

For DOE, follow BPI 1200. For state funds, use the protocols below.

##### Range Top Test Protocol

- a. Turn on and visually inspect all burners.

**Level I Action**—If burners do not ignite properly or do not burn cleanly, a clean-and-tune of the appliance shall be recommended.

##### Oven Test Protocol

- a. Remove any items/foil in or on oven.
- b. Make sure self-cleaning features are not activated.
- c. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- d. Turn to 400 degrees.

<sup>3</sup> Building Performance Institute Standard

- e. Test oven for CO in the flue, before dilution air.
- f. Continually monitor ambient CO levels during test.

**Level I Action**—100 PPM to 400 PPM as measured; educate the client and issue a health-and-safety notice.

**Level II Action**—If greater than 400 PPM, the problem needs to be corrected before sign-off of the completed job. Notify the owner and occupant in writing.

- a. Typically, the Grantee will arrange for a qualified appliance technician to repair the unit. When the cost for a technician to repair the unit at the home is prohibitive, the Grantee may replace the cookstove after meeting the following conditions:
  - The Grantee has verified the cookstove is jetted correctly for the type of fuel.
  - The Grantee has tested the unit 2 times using different Monoxers to verify the test was performed correctly.
  - The test results exceed 400 pm after 5 min or steady state.
  - The client/owner certifies accepting replacement with a similar unit. (The existing unit most likely will not be available.)
- b. However, the Grantee shall not replace a burner or an oven that does not work.

#### 5.4.2 Ambient Carbon Monoxide

The Grantee shall monitor ambient CO levels upon entering the combustion appliance zone and during the test period for all appliances. If ambient levels exceed 70 PPM at any time, turn off the appliance immediately and make appropriate repairs. The maximum allowable ambient CO level in a dwelling where weatherization work has been completed is 10 PPM. Take action if over 10 PPM.

#### 5.4.3 Gas Leak Test

The Grantee shall test accessible gas lines for leaks with a gas detector of the appliances below. Verify with bubble soap solution.

- a. Water heater
- b. Heating system
- c. Gas dryer
- d. Gas cookstove (Gas cookstove does not need to be moved to access gas line unless gas leaks are suspected.)

Provide repair of fuel leaks. If major gas leaks are encountered, ventilate the area, advise client to vacate the premises, and immediately contact the local utility (if applicable).

## 5.5 Documentation

The Grantee shall document in the client file repairs and the actions taken to correct all combustion safety failures.

## 5.6 Un-Vented Fuel Burning Space-Heating Appliances

The Grantee shall not proceed with weatherization of dwellings that have existing un-vented fuel burning space-heating appliances until they are removed and disposed of. The Grantee shall notify the owners and the occupants of any hazards that exist with un-vented space heaters and of the program requirements that un-vented space heaters be removed before weatherization services can be delivered.

## 6.0 Building Envelope Air-Sealing

The Grantee shall perform air-sealing where it is determined by a weatherization assessment to be effective based on one of the following considerations: health, safety, building durability, or cost-effectiveness.

### 6.0.1 Air-Sealing Locations

Air-seal the building envelope including the duct system, at the pressure boundary, and align it with the thermal boundary. This includes house-to-garage penetrations.

### 6.0.2 Cost Effective Air-Sealing

Priority air-sealing is an allowable expense and shall include air-sealing of all large holes, obvious bypasses, chase ways, and gaps that exist between the unconditioned areas and the conditioned areas. Priority areas to address include:

- Ceiling/Attic—top plates, wire penetrations, plumbing stacks, dropped kitchen or similar soffits, chimneys, light boxes (Preferred: air-sealing completed from attic when feasible, otherwise from living space).
- Recessed lights into unconditioned space.
- Purlins and ridgepole intersection to wall AND ceiling.
- Walls—holes or damage to wall.
- Rim joists.
- Cantilevered floors.
- Ceiling and wall connection of double-wide mobile homes.
- Addition connection to main body of mobile home.
- Common walls between dwelling units in multi-families.
- Garage-to-house separation.

- Blower door guided air-sealing.
- Weather-stripping of doors and windows

### **6.0.3 Use of Pressure Diagnostics and Blower Door**

The blower door shall be used to assist in determining appropriate air-sealing measures.

## **6.1 Preferred Installation Method**

The preferred method for installing air-sealing materials is from the attic side—not living space side—of ceilings and attics, from the inside surface of walls, and from the underside of floors.

### **6.1.1 Dirt and Debris Removal**

All loose dirt and debris or other materials that might prevent the adherence of the air-sealing materials to the surface shall be removed prior to installation.

### **6.1.2 Depth of Sealant**

Sealant shall be installed following the manufacturer's recommendations.

### **6.1.3 Filler Materials**

Filler materials that will adequately support the sealant, such as polyurethane foam, backer rod, or other suitable materials will be installed in cracks deeper than 1/2" to a depth of 3/8" below adjacent surfaces to support the sealant when necessary.

## **6.2 Sealing Bypasses Around Chimneys, Flues and Stovepipes**

Bypasses around chimneys, flues, and stovepipes shall be sealed using metal flashing. Combustible materials must be a minimum of 3" from the chimney (Refer to 7.4.3.). Closer clearances are acceptable if allowed by the manufacturer. The distance between the flashing and chimney cannot exceed 1/16". The flashing must be no less than 26 gauge galvanized steel. (Photo documentation must be in the client file.)

### **6.2.1 Fireplaces with Broken or Missing Dampers**

Installation of chimney top dampers or a removable draft stopping device is allowable. Installation of the device must be clearly marked.



### 6.3 Sealing Non-IC-rated Fixtures

Non-IC-rated fixtures in a closed top dam shall not be air-sealed. The box or other method can be air-sealed. The preferred method is to upgrade existing recessed lights to airtight IC-rated or surface-mount light fixtures. Both are allowable weatherization expenses.

**Closed Top Dam Defined**—A fixture that is dammed with a metal, sheetrock, or other non-combustible material that extends at least 24” above the fixture and has a cover over the top that will prevent insulation from entering inside the dammed area.

## 7.0 Attic/Ceiling Insulation

Insulating attics and ceilings are allowable expenses when justified using the AkWarm improvement options report where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

**7.0.1 Installing Loose Fill**—Insulation material shall be installed in a uniform manner throughout the attic and cover exterior wall plates. Two insulation depth markers will be installed approximately 5’ and 15’ from the attic access and visible from the access.

**7.0.2** When insulating attic/ceilings, the thermal and pressure boundary should be aligned.

### 7.1 Ceiling Loading

Visually assess the ability of the ceiling to bear the weight of additional insulation.

### 7.2 Insulating Knee Walls

Insulating knee walls (when part of the thermal boundary) is an allowable expense when justified using the AkWarm improvement options report where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

#### 7.2.1 Cavity under Knee Wall

The floor cavity immediately below the knee wall shall be air-sealed.

#### 7.2.2 Vapor Barrier

Any vapor barrier that is installed shall be located on the warm side of the cavity being insulated.

### 7.3 Sloped Ceilings

Sloped ceiling cavities shall be insulated using one of the following methods:

- a. Dense pack the sloped ceiling area. Seal all penetrations and bypasses along slope to prevent any moisture migration.
- b. Sloped cavities may be insulated with loose fill, batt, or rigid insulation while maintaining a ventilated 1" air space between the insulation and the roof sheathing.

### 7.4 Attic/Ceiling Damming

Attic/ceiling damming requirements are detailed below.

#### 7.4.1 Recessed Lighting Fixtures and Other Heat-Producing Fixtures

A solid, flame-resistant enclosure shall be securely attached over or around all recessed lighting fixtures or other heat-producing fixtures (including doorbell transformers) that are not listed for insulation cover (IC). Such enclosures shall:

- a. Keep insulation at least 3" from the sides of the fixture.
- b. Be made from metal or sheetrock, or other material with a flame spread rating of 25 or less, in accordance with ASTM E-84. (See WOM Section 6.)
- c. Be securely attached to the ceiling structure to prevent their displacement during and after the installation of insulation.
- d. Extend at least 24" above the top of the fixture if it is a closed-top enclosure.

#### Exception(s):

- a. If a closed-top enclosure is impractical, an open-top enclosure can be used. An open-top enclosure shall extend at least 4" above the final level of insulation. There shall be 1" or more air space above the dam. All other requirements listed above still apply.
- b. Type IC-rated metal recessed lighting fixtures and other heat-producing fixtures that are certified by an independent laboratory as being capable of dissipating fixture heat can be covered with insulation. These fixtures shall be marked as UL Listed "Recessed fixture Type IC."

#### 7.4.2 Exhaust Fans

Exhaust fans in attics and/or dropped ceilings are not considered heat-producing fixtures.

### 7.4.3 Flues and Chimneys

If insulation is added, these conditions apply:

- a. 3" air space required around all chimneys and flues.
- b. A retaining dam shall be constructed to ensure 3" air space is permanently maintained, extending a minimum of 4" above the final level of insulation. The dam needs to be capped with non-combustible material before insulating.
- c. Closer clearances are acceptable if allowed by the manufacturer. (Documentation must be in the client file.)

### 7.4.4 Photo Documentation

A photo that clearly shows the installed insulation dam shall be kept in the client file.

## 7.5 Exhaust Ducting in Attics/Ceilings

Refer to 12.0 *Mechanical Ventilation*.

## 7.6 Heating and Cooling Ducting in Attics/Ceilings

Refer to 15.0 *Heating and HRV Ducts*.

## 7.7 Knob and Tube Wiring in Ceilings/Attics

Insulation may be installed over knob and tube wiring found in attics or ceilings when the following procedures are followed.

### 7.7.1 Inspection

The wiring shall be surveyed by a licensed electrical contractor who shall certify in writing that the wiring is in good condition with no evidence of improper overcurrent protection, conductor insulation failure or deterioration, and with no improper connections or splices. Repairs, alterations or extensions of or to the electrical system shall be inspected by an electrical inspector.

### 7.7.2 Overcurrent Protection

All knob and tube wiring that is to be covered with insulation shall have overcurrent protection. Overcurrent protection shall be either circuit breakers or Type S fuses. Type S fuse adaptors shall not accept a fuse of an ampacity greater than is permitted.

### 7.7.3 Insulation

After inspection and any subsequent repairs and corrections are made, or over current protection installed, fiberglass or cellulose insulation may be installed. Loose

or rolled thermal insulating materials may be installed over knob and tube wiring as long as the insulation meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code, as identified with a flame spread factor of 25 or less. Foam insulation is not allowed for use with knob and tube wiring. If repairs or overcurrent protection are not made or provided, then no insulation shall be installed in contact with the knob and tube wiring, and the owner of the building will be notified in writing of the areas needing repair or circuits needing overcurrent protection.

## **7.8 Wiring (Other than Knob and Tube)**

Insulation may be installed over wiring (other than knob and tube wiring) found in attics or ceilings when the following procedures are followed.

### **7.8.1 Splices and Connections**

All splices and connections shall be in UL Listed junction boxes that have covers that are attached with screws prior to insulating the attic.

## **7.9 Attic Access**

Access shall be provided into attic spaces wherever it is practical for a person to reasonably work. Access shall be from the exterior when possible. Exterior access shall be sized to allow for entry into the attic. All installed attic access shall be easily movable, such as on hinges or screwed. Nails shall not be used to secure attic access covers. If interior access is required, access covers and doors that open to conditioned living spaces shall be airtight and insulated.

### **7.9.1 Framing Access Openings**

Attic entry access shall be framed to prevent loose-fill insulation from falling or sloughing through the opening. If interior access is to be installed, it shall have an opening of least 14 1/2" x 24", and be installed in a workmanlike manner. In all cases, a rigid dam around the opening shall extend at least 4" above the level of the insulation and made of a minimum 1/2" plywood or equivalent.

### **7.9.2 Knee-Wall Access Openings**

If attic access is provided through a knee wall, the access shall be at least 14 1/2" x 24". All installed knee-wall access shall be airtight and easily movable, such as on hinges or screwed. No nails can be used to secure knee-wall access covers.

### **7.9.3 Insulating Access Openings**

Attic access covers shall be insulated to the same level as the surrounding area whenever possible.

## 7.10 Retractable Ladders

Attic access doors that incorporate retractable ladders or similar devices shall be insulated to at least R-10 by installing an insulating cover over the opening of the attic. This cover shall be designed and installed in a fashion that will allow it to be easily removed and reinstalled by the homeowner when the attic access is used.

## 7.11 Passive Ventilation

When no electricity is available, the installation of ventilation is allowable, such as opening windows or opening wall ports. The installation of additional ventilation is not required.

### 7.11.1 Ventilation Baffling

Baffling shall be installed for those eave/soffit vents that are necessary to meet minimum ventilation requirements. Baffling shall be installed in a fashion that will permanently maintain the airflow from the vent. Baffling shall be installed in a fashion that allows the maximum amount of insulation to be installed over the top plates of outside walls. Baffling shall extend a minimum of 4" vertically above the level of insulation and be stapled on the inside. Baffles will extend down to top plate and direct airflow from soffit venting up and over insulation.

## 8.0 Wall Insulation

Insulating walls is an allowable expense when justified using the AkWarm improvement options report where the Savings to Investment ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

### Existing Wall Cavities

If any of the following conditions exist, then the wall cavity should not be insulated:

- a. **Knob and Tube Wiring**—Wall cavities that contain knob and tube wiring that cannot be certified.
- b. **Insulated Cavity**—Cavities that are fully insulated.
- c. **Cavities Containing Ducts/Heaters**—Any part of the cavity that is used as, or contains, an HVAC duct, contains a gas wall furnace, or contains an electric wall heater or other heat-producing device.
- d. **Un-insulated Soffit Next to Cavity**—The cavity is open to an un-insulated soffit with a recessed light fixture or other heat-producing device that cannot be properly dammed.
- e. **Cavities Next to Fireplace or Chimney**—The cavity is next to a masonry fireplace or chimney with less than 3" clearance between cellulose and masonry.
- f. **Cavity Next to Pocket Door**—The wall cavity is connected to an unprotected pocket door cavity.

- g. **Repairs Needed**—Interior or exterior repair is needed and will not be performed as part of the weatherization package of the dwelling, water leaks are present, or substandard interior or exterior sheathing is present.
- h. **Solid Walls**—Walls are solid masonry, concrete, concrete block, wood, or adobe.

## 8.1 Dense Pack Wall Insulation

All closed wall cavities that can be insulated shall be insulated by means of dense-packing insulation. Manufacturer's specifications shall be adhered to for density and installation techniques.

### Exception(s):

- a. The voltage drop is greater than 5 volts at any outlets or lights before insulating.

### 8.1.1 Fill Tube Method

Insulation will be installed using the fill-tube method.

### 8.1.2 Interior/Exterior Installation

Installers shall get a signed authorization prior to drilling from the homeowner or landlord allowing the installer to drill holes in the home. Dense pack insulation may be installed from the exterior or interior.

### 8.1.3 Water Column (WC) Pressure

Insulation blowing machines shall be tested and perform at a minimum of 80 inches WC on the date of installation. This measurement shall be recorded on the certificate of insulation.

### 8.1.4 Balloon-Framed Walls

Walls that do not have a top and/or bottom plate (balloon-framed) shall have stops installed in the top and/or bottom of the cavity before insulating. The stops shall be installed in a manner that will withstand dense-pack insulation installation.

## 8.2 Treatment of Interior and Exterior Surfaces

The following procedures should be followed when treating exterior or interior surfaces for insulation purposes.

### 8.2.1 Lead-Based Paint

Exterior and interior siding shall be inspected prior to any work. Siding surfaces that may be coated with lead-based paint shall be tested, or presumed to be coated with

lead-based paint. Work shall follow procedures in 23.0 *Lead-Safe Weatherization (LSW)*.

### 8.2.2 Removing Exterior Siding

Exterior siding shall be removed or lifted to gain access to the exterior wall for drilling. Siding shall be replaced after insulation is installed. Any siding that is damaged shall be repaired or replaced with matching siding that is primed and painted to match existing siding.

### 8.2.3 Drilling Exterior Siding

Exterior siding not containing asbestos that cannot be removed or lifted before drilling walls may be drilled through with the owner's permission. Holes shall be drilled in a level line, and all holes will be filled with a tight-fitting, wooden plug that is installed using an exterior grade, non-silicone-based adhesive, and then filled and smoothed with exterior-grade spackle, textured to match existing surface(s), primed, and painted to match existing siding.

## 8.3 Open Wall Cavities

The following procedures shall be followed when insulating open wall cavities.

### 8.3.1 Insulating Open Cavities

Batt insulation shall be tight-fitting, but not compressed. Insulation installed on the interior of home shall be installed per the manufacturer's specifications.

## 8.4 Interior Applied Insulation

- a. An appropriate air/vapor barrier shall be established.
- b. Insulation shall be covered to meet applicable manufacturer's specification and fire code.

## 9.0 Crawlspace/Under-Floor/Perimeter Insulation

Insulating floors over unconditioned crawlspaces and basements or walls of crawlspaces or basements is an allowable expense when justified using the AkWarm improvement options report where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

### Exception(s):

- a. The clearance between the ground and the structural framing of the sub-floor is less than 24".

- b. Floor contains knob and tube wiring that cannot be certified safe by a licensed electrician or inspector.
- c. There is sewage waste on the ground, or any other condition is present that poses a health or safety hazard that cannot be corrected with available repair funds.
- d. The sub-floor, floor, or structural members are wet, rotten, or unsound, and the problem cannot be corrected with available repair funds.
- e. Insect or rodent infestation is present that cannot be eliminated prior to insulating.
- f. Extensive debris or household goods or personal belongings are present.

### 9.0.1 Installation Standard

Insulation shall be installed as follows:

- a. Be in substantial contact with the sub-floor or wall with no voids or gaps.
- b. Insulation shall be cut to fit each joist space.
- c. All ends shall fit tight without overlapping.
- d. Insulation shall fit tight against structural members, rim joist, foundation walls, and pipes.
- e. Insulation shall not be installed between conditioned space and water/heat pipes unless it can be assured that water pipes stay above freezing such as in an insulated utilidor.

### 9.1 Insulation Support

Insulation shall be properly fastened so as to not sag or fall out.

### 9.2 Ground Cover

Ground cover moisture barrier shall be installed in accordance with the following:

- a. Shall be installed in a crawlspace when no ground cover exists or when an existing ground cover has been extensively damaged.
- b. All wood or other cellulose fiber-based debris, where practical, shall be removed before new ground cover is put in place.
- c. The ground cover shall be 6 mil polyethylene, or its equivalent in perm-rating, strength, and resistance to soil-chemical degradation.
- d. All joints shall be lapped a minimum of 12" and taped with tape rated for polyethylene, or sealed with a compatible poly sealant.
- e. The poly cover shall extend at least 6" up the foundation wall/footer or pier blocks but shall not contact any untreated wood members.
- f. New ground cover may be installed over existing ground cover that is deteriorated or incomplete.



**Exception(s):**

- a. When under-floor insulation is installed over an unconditioned basement or crawlspace and has no exposed soil, ground cover is not required.
- b. Ground cover is not required when there is no air boundary (i.e., skirting) between the under-floor and outside.

**9.3 Crawlspace Access**

If adding a crawlspace access, the minimum access opening size shall be 18" x 24".

**Exception(s):**

- a. Smaller access is allowable when dictated by existing framing.

**9.3.1 Exterior Access**

Exterior access to the crawlspace shall have a cover or door that fills the opening, is tight-fitting, and can be securely attached using hand-operable mechanical fasteners. Nails shall not be used to secure access covers to framing. The cover and framing material exposed to weather, or in contact with soil or concrete, shall be pressure-treated or cedar. Other types of wood may be used if they are primed and painted with exterior grade paint. Nails, screws, fasteners or other hardware used shall be made of galvanized metal, stainless steel, or similar corrosion-resistant material.

**9.3.2 Interior Access**

Interior access to the crawlspace shall have a cover or door that fills the opening and is reasonably tight-fitting. Horizontal access covers shall provide structural support equivalent to that of 3/4" plywood. Access covers adjacent to a conditioned space shall be insulated to a minimum of R-19 for horizontal openings and to a minimum of R-11 for vertical openings. The insulation shall be permanently attached to access covers. Interior access covers shall be weatherstripped if used as the envelope boundary.

**9.4 Passive Ventilation in Crawlspace****9.4.1 Closeable Vents**

Closeable vents are allowable. Use caution during installation. Foundation vents can be a source of heat loss and air infiltration.

**9.4.2 Vent Opening Location**

New vent openings shall not be located within 48" of existing water pipes.

### 9.4.3 Vent Screening and Framing

All new and existing vents shall be screened with 1/4" corrosion-resistant wire mesh, secured on all four sides, and trimmed so that no exposed edges of the wire mesh are showing from the outside. Expanded metal covers may be used. Wood framing in contact with concrete or ground shall be pressure-treated or cedar.

### 9.4.4 Rigid Foam Plug

When using a removable rigid foam plug to insulate an existing vent, clearly mark it.

## 9.5 Sealed Crawlspace and Mechanical Ventilation

If installing an exhaust fan in the crawlspace, the exhaust fan shall be rated for continuous operation, sized to provide a minimum of 1 CFM exhaust for every 50 square feet of crawlspace floor area. Exhaust termination shall be a minimum of 5' (measured on the horizontal) from any operable door or window fresh air inlet. Ground cover is required as detailed in 9.2 *Ground Cover*.

### 9.5.1 Combustion appliances in crawlspaces must have combustion air to code.

## 9.6 Crawlspace/Unconditioned Basement Combination

In instances where an unconditioned basement and crawlspace are found in the same structure, two treatment options are acceptable and shall be evaluated for cost effectiveness:

### 9.6.1 Crawlspace/Unconditioned Basement Combination, Option 1

Treat the entire area as a crawlspace and insulate accordingly.

### 9.6.2 Crawlspace/Unconditioned Basement Combination, Option 2

Construct a permanent wall dividing the two areas. Treat each area according to relevant specifications.

## 9.7 Rim Joist Area

Rim joist and sill areas shall be air-sealed and insulated to a minimum of R-10 using rigid foam or spray foam.

## 9.8 Exterior Foundation Insulation

Exterior foundation insulation shall be an acceptable alternative to under-floor insulation at the discretion of the Grantee. When exterior foundation insulation is installed, the Grantee or subcontractor shall follow the specifications detailed below.

**9.8.1 Minimum R-Value for Walls**

Insulation installed shall have a minimum thermal resistance of R-10.

**9.8.2 Insulation Installation**

Insulation shall be installed from the bottom edge of the siding to a depth equal to the local "frost line" (as determined from local building or water utility officials) or 2' below grade.

**Exception(s):**

- a. Insulation shall not be installed, nor excavation take place, below the level of any foundation footing.

**9.8.3 Excavation in Preparation for Insulation**

Prior to any excavation, the Grantee or subcontractor shall reach an agreement with the client regarding protection or removal and replacement of any plants or other items, which will be disturbed and damaged by the excavation. Any required excavations shall be promptly backfilled after work is completed, and all plants or other items replaced in their original locations, unless released, in writing, from this obligation by the client.

**9.8.4 Utility Locating**

The installer shall be responsible to locate, protect, and if damaged, repair any underground cables, pipes, utility lines or other obstructions during excavation.

**9.8.5 Surface Preparation and Attachment of Insulation**

The foundation surface shall be cleaned and prepared in accordance with the insulation manufacturer's recommendation. Insulation shall be attached to the foundation according to manufacturer's specifications.

**9.8.6 Protection and Flashing of Insulation**

Insulation material shall be protected and flashed to prevent water intrusion, and rated for ground contact where required.

**9.9 Interior Foundation Insulation**

When interior perimeter insulation is installed, the installer shall follow the specifications detailed below.

### 9.9.1 Minimum R-Value

Insulation installed shall have a minimum thermal resistance of R-10.

### 9.9.2 Batt or Blanket Insulation Installation

Batt or blanket insulation shall be in contact with foundation, extend from the bottom surface of the sub-flooring (including band joists), and permanently fastened downward to the crawlspace floor. All seams between adjacent batts, blankets, or sheets shall be either continuously taped or stapled (on no more than 6" spacing) along their entire length.

### 9.9.3 Rigid Insulation and/or Spray Foam

The insulation shall start at the bottom of the sill and extend to the crawlspace floor. If code dictates, insulation shall be covered with appropriate fireproofing to meet code.

### 9.10 Cantilevered Floors

Cantilevered floors shall be insulated using one of the following methods.

#### 9.10.1 Insulate Cantilever, Open Through Rim

When the floor joists extend beyond the foundation wall and the rim area is open, extend the insulation batt into the cantilevered area from the crawlspace. The thickness of the batt insulation shall be thick enough to satisfy the requirement that insulation be in substantial contact with the under-floor. Install rigid foam into rim cavities and air-seal so no air movement is occurring from cantilevered area to crawlspace. If there are plumbing and heating in the cantilevered area, minimum R-10 rigid foam insulation will be installed to the exterior of pipes or ducting and air-sealed to effectively bring the plumbing and heating to within the thermal and pressure boundary.

#### Exception(s):

- a. Plumbing and ducting are situated such that insulation cannot be installed. Do not insulate and document the reason in the client file.

#### 9.10.2 Insulate Cantilever, Open Under Floor

The installer shall install insulation batt that is the full thickness of the floor joist from the exterior. A cover of 3/8" exterior grade sheathing or similar material shall protect the insulation installed. If subjected to intermittent moisture (i.e., splashback, etc.), wood sheathing shall be primed on all exposed sides or pressure-treated plywood shall be used. Air-seal penetrations through sheathing or sub-floor.

### 9.10.3 Insulate Cantilever, No Access

The installer shall drill through existing interior or exterior cover, blow insulation into all joist cavities until full, plug holes using plugs and glue recommended for the surfaces being glued. Fiberglass insulation shall be blown at a density of 1.5 pounds per cubic foot and cellulose insulation shall be blown at a density of 3.5 pounds per cubic foot. Air-seal penetrations through sheathing or sub-floor.

### 9.11 Floor over Unheated Attached Garage, No Access

The installer shall drill through existing interior or exterior cover, blow insulation into all joist cavities until full, plug holes using plugs and glue recommended for the surfaces being glued. Cellulose insulation shall be blown at a density of 3.5 pounds per cubic foot. If the ceiling being drilled for access is drywall or plaster, the holes shall be plugged and skim coated with joint compound ready for light sand.

#### 9.11.1 Floor over Attached Garage, Open Joists

Under-floor insulation installed in open floor joists over a garage shall be covered with material having a flame spread index of 25 or less, and a smoke developed index of not greater than 450 when tested in accordance with *ASTM E84-01 Flamespread*. (See WOM Section 6.)

## 10.0 Skirting—Insulated and Un-insulated

Foundation perimeters of buildings exposed to weather can be skirted. When conditions do not allow for insulating floors, such as too little clearance or plumbing that needs to remain within the heated envelope, a well-sealed insulated skirt is an effective measure.

Un-insulated skirting can be an effective measure in high wind areas where wind washing can cause extensive heat loss even though a floor might be insulated.

Skirting can prevent wind washing, which can be the cause of plumbing freezing.

#### Exception(s):

- a. Where permafrost exists, skirting can cause the ground to melt and possibly cause frost heaving.
- b. When there is sewage waste on the ground or any other condition is present that poses a health or safety hazard that cannot be corrected with available repair funds.
- c. The sub-floor, floor, or structural members are wet, rotten, or unsound, and the problem cannot be corrected with available repair funds.
- d. Insect or rodent infestation is present that cannot be eliminated prior to skirting.
- e. Extensive debris or household goods or personal belongings are present.

### 10.1 Installation Standard

All materials that contact ground should be moisture-tolerant and rot-resistant such as AWW.

When installing insulated skirting, it is advisable to have a sealed ground vapor retarder. (See 9.2 *Ground Cover*.) If this is not possible, the use of an exhaust fan that keeps the crawlspace at negative pressure is another option. (See 11.5 *Sump Pumps* and 11.6, *Mechanical Crawlspace Ventilation for Moisture Control*.)

Skirting shall:

- a. Be securely fastened to existing structure.
- b. Be able to withstand wind loading.
- c. Be able to shed bulk water and prevent water intrusion.
- d. Have all joints sealed with exterior grade caulk.
- e. Have at least one access door provided.
- f. Be fastened with exterior grade fasteners that are compatible with AWW materials.

### 10.2 Skirting Insulation

- a. Insulation should be a minimum R-Value of R-10. 2" rigid board foam is recommended.
- b. Insulation shall be applied to the interior side of skirting directly against the sheathing.
- c. Attach insulation using appropriate fasteners and/or adhesive.
- d. Avoid insulation voids.

### 10.3 Access Door

- a. Shall be provided with easy-opening hardware.
- b. Access doors may not be closed and opened by use of screws.

## 11.0 Moisture Control

**Moisture Problem Defined:** Any condition, which, if left unattended, will allow moisture in any state (liquid, vapor, or ice) to damage the dwelling structure. Evidence of moisture problems includes, but is not limited to, visible rot, mold, peeling paint, swollen/bulged/soft building materials and/or discoloration of building component surfaces.

### 11.1 Roof/Plumbing Leak

The Grantee shall not air-seal or insulate locations that contain plumbing or roof leaks. The Grantee shall inspect for indications of leaks prior to insulating and, if found, make the owner aware using a health-and-safety notification form. A copy shall be retained in the client file.

### 11.2 Gutters and Downspouts

Gutter repair and/or installation are allowable if necessary to prevent rainwater from entering the crawlspace or basement.

### 11.3 Below Grade Vents and Penetrations in Foundation Walls

When crawlspace vents and other penetrations are found to be installed below grade, they shall be assessed to determine whether water from outside is entering the crawlspace through the vents or penetrations. The path of water into the crawlspace shall be eliminated before weatherization work is completed in the crawlspace.

### 11.4 Ground Cover

All crawlspaces should have ground cover installed as outlined in 9.2 *Ground Cover*.

### 11.5 Sump Pumps

A sump pump may be replaced, repaired, or installed to prevent water from accumulating under a dwelling.

### 11.6 Mechanical Crawlspace Ventilation for Moisture Control

In crawlspaces with seasonal standing water, an exhaust fan may be installed above the high water mark that allows for continuous ventilation of the crawlspace directly to the outdoors.

### 11.7 Dehumidifiers

A dehumidifier may be replaced, repaired, or installed to prevent water damage to a dwelling unit having persistent and unresolved high moisture levels. The installation shall comply with specifications detailed in 13.0 *Dehumidifiers*.

## 11.8 Client-Controlled Conditions

The Grantee shall inform the client of any observed client-controlled conditions contributing to high moisture levels in the dwelling. The Grantee shall document in the client file those recommendations that would help lower moisture levels.

## 11.9 Mold

The Weatherization Assistance Program is not a mold remediation program. Funds should not be used to test, abate, remediate, or purchase mold insurance. Abatement/remediation is defined as disturbing more than 10 square feet of mold area. Funds may be used to correct energy-related conditions to allow for effective weatherization work and/or to ensure the immediate health of workers and clients. The Grantee should ensure that regular weatherization work is performed in a manner that does not contribute to mold problems.

### 11.9.1 Observed Pre-Existing Mold

The initial home weatherization assessment shall record if mold is observed. At a minimum, document unusual odors in the house, moisture (or signs of past moisture) on windows and/or doors, visible mold, gutter or grade problems around the home, wet crawlspaces, and unusually high humidity levels. If mold is observed, photographs shall be taken, and the location and an estimate of the area in square feet shall be documented in the client file.

### 11.9.2 Pre-Work Notification

If mold is observed, the Grantee shall provide to the client (and owner if rental dwelling) notification to inform the client of the observation of mold in the home. The notification will include specific work to be done on the home that should minimize the mold problem. The notification needs to be discussed with and signed by the client (and owner if rental). A copy of the signed statement shall be retained in the client file.

### 11.9.3 EPA Mold Pamphlet

The Grantee shall provide to every client served the EPA pamphlet "A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home." The client shall sign a document acknowledging receipt of the pamphlet and a copy shall be kept in the client file. (Acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet can be part of notification listed in 11.9.2 *Pre-Work Notification*.)

### 11.9.4 Personnel Training

Grantees are required to provide assessor AND crew training on identification and assessment of moisture and mold hazards, methods to alleviate conditions that promote mold growth, prevention of mold, and protocols for client notification. DOE developed a recommended mold training curriculum that can be used for training



purposes; a copy of the presentation is available at the Weatherization Assistance Program Technical Assistance Center website (<http://www.waptac.org>).

### 11.9.5 Deferral of Weatherization Work due to Mold

- Weatherization in dwelling units with mold conditions greater than 30 contiguous square feet (i.e., is touching without any breaks; if questionable, assume it is contiguous) must be deferred until the mold conditions are remediated by the owner or a company licensed and insured to provide mold abatement.
- If the Grantee deems regular weatherization work would contribute to mold growth, then the work should be deferred until the mold conditions are remediated by the owner or a company licensed and insured to provide mold abatement.

If weatherization work is deferred due to observation of mold, then the client should be referred to the appropriate public or non-profit agency for remedial action. Refer clients to the EPA website (<http://www.epa.gov/mold>) for more information—not remedial action.

### 11.9.6 Moisture Control and Ventilation

In situations where mold conditions are observed but do not cause a deferral, regular weatherization work shall assess for and incorporate ways to minimize moisture sources, condensation problems, and ensure an operational ventilation system is installed per 12.0 *Mechanical Ventilation*.

### 11.9.7 Worker Protection

Procedures for worker protection found in U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) “*A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace*” (<http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldresources.html>) shall be followed when alleviating or working in the area of mold.

### 11.9.8 Occupant Protection

Procedures for occupant protection found in U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) “*A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace*” (<http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldresources.html>) shall be followed when alleviating or working in the area of mold.

## 12.0 Mechanical Ventilation

The Grantee shall ensure mechanical ventilation is available to alleviate excess moisture and the buildup of indoor pollutants. Whole house and spot ventilation shall minimally meet the following standards. Higher flow rates may be deemed necessary dependent on pollutant sources, moisture, occupants, etc.

- a. The ventilation system shall have an override control, which is appropriately labeled and readily accessible to the occupant. It may be integrated in a labeled

wall-mounted control or in the air-moving device that requires the removal of the cover plate or grill. It may be a labeled breaker.

## 12.1 Whole House Mechanical Ventilation

Mechanical whole house ventilation is required. The Grantee may select Option 1 or Option 2 in order to meet this requirement (only one of them). The option used to comply with whole house ventilation must be documented in the client file. All options must comply with 12.1.1, 12.1.2, and 12.1.3. **If using *Department of Energy funds*, the Grantee must use ASHRAE 62.2 2016.**

**Option 1:** ASHRAE 62.2 2016

**Option 2:** Install a fan that is flow-tested to meet or exceed the flow requirement determined in the table below (if applicable, adjusted for occupancy density). The fan shall be controlled by an automatic switch that does not require the occupant to activate it or a similar control.

### Option 2 Ventilation Requirements

Number of Bedrooms:	0-1	2-3	4-5	6-7	>7
<1500 square feet	35	55	75	95	115
1501-3000	50	70	90	110	125
3001-4500	65	85	105	125	145
4501-6000	80	100	120	140	160
6001-7500	95	115	135	155	175
>7500 square feet	110	130	150	170	190

**Different occupant density:** The table assumes two persons in a studio or one-bedroom dwelling unit and an additional person for each additional bedroom. Where higher occupant densities are known, the rate shall be increased by 10 CFM for each additional person.

### 12.1.1 Whole House Ventilation Systems

The following types of whole house ventilation systems may be installed to meet the whole house ventilation requirement.

- a. Exhaust fan
- b. Heat Recovery Ventilator.

### 12.1.2 Whole House Fan Requirements

- a. Have a sone rating of 1 or less.
- b. Motors shall be rated for continuous use.
- c. Equipped with a back draft damper located at either the fan outlet or the vent termination.

**Exception(s):**

- a. Heat Recovery Ventilator and remote mounted fans are exempt from sone rating requirements.
- b. Fans designed and wired to operate constantly do not require a damper.
- c. -3 sone rating required for mobile home ventilation.

### 12.1.3 Verification of Fan Performance

An exhaust fan will be performance-tested using an approved method to ensure the ventilation rate meets whole house ventilation required CFM flow. Document in the client file.

## 12.2 Source-Specific Exhaust in Kitchens

A working range hood, vented to the exterior, shall be present where a combustion range, cook top, or oven is present. If using a range hood as a whole-house fan, the range hood must comply with whole house requirements.

**Exception(s):**

- a. A home without electricity.
- b. A range hood is impractical. Document in the client file.

### 12.2.1 Kitchen Range Hood Ducting Shall:

- a. Be constructed of galvanized metal, stainless steel, or copper.
- b. Be airtight, with smooth interior finish and ducted to the outside.
- c. Be connected to the collar of a termination cap. Collar shall pass through the wall or roof sheathing.
- d. Be mechanically fastened at each joint using 3 equally spaced screws, and sealed using an approved UL Listed method.
- e. Have a terminal cap with an opening size at least equivalent to the net free area of the duct.
- f. Have no more than the equivalent of two 90 degree elbows in the run.

### 12.3 Source-Specific Exhaust in Bathrooms

Installation is an allowable expense for health-and-safety reasons. When replacing a fan that has a light, the replacement fan also must have a light.

**Exception(s):**

- a. When a like-for-like replacement is not available, obtain the client's signed approval of the type of fan unit that will be installed prior to changing the unit. Keep justification for the deviation and the client's certified acknowledgement in the client file.

#### 12.3.1 Sone Rating

Exhaust fans installed to provide local bathroom exhaust shall have a sone rating of 1 or less.

**Exception(s):**

- a. -3 sone rating for a mobile home exhaust fan.

#### 12.3.2 Energy Use

Exhaust fans installed to provide local bathroom exhaust shall have an operating watt draw of 50 watts or less.

#### 12.3.3 Bathroom Ducting Requirements

- a. Ducts will be smooth, will have the shortest run possible, and will have no more than two 90 degree elbows.
- b. Duct diameter will be equal to or greater than the exhaust fan outlet.
- c. Up to 2' of flexible duct will be permitted to accommodate tight spaces and reduce noise.
- d. Ducts installed outside of the thermal envelope will be insulated to a minimum of R-8.
- e. Shall be airtight and ducted to the outside.
- f. The duct shall be connected to the collar of the termination cap. The collar shall pass through the roof sheathing.
- g. Shall be mechanically fastened at each joint, to the fan outlet and to the collar of termination cap, using a minimum of 3 equally spaced screws and sealed using a UL Listed method.
- h. Terminal elements shall have at least the equivalent net free area of the duct work.
- i. Horizontal duct runs shall be supported using nylon, plastic, or metal strapping with a minimum width of 1/2". Support strapping or hangers shall not compress

the insulation. Support strapping or hangers shall be installed within 1' of a joint or connection and a minimum of every 4' thereafter, or per manufacturer's recommendation.

- j. Insulated flex duct may be used if the diameter is 50% more than the fan outlet.

## 12.4 Crawlspace and Garage Ventilation

Exhaust fans may be installed for operation in crawlspaces or garages to exhaust pollutants and maintain a pressure boundary relative to the dwelling unit. The fan installed shall meet the following requirements.

### 12.4.1 Fan Rating

Fans installed for the purpose of maintaining a pressure boundary shall be rated for continuous operation.

### 12.4.2 Fan Termination Point

Fans installed for the purpose of maintaining a pressure boundary shall not terminate within 3' of a door, window, combustion appliance air intakes, or fresh air intakes.

## 12.5 Dryer Ducting

Clothes dryers shall be vented directly to the outside in accordance with the following procedures.

### Exception(s):

- a. **Electric Dryer**—If the location prevents ducting from being installed per code, notify the client and document in the client file. Ensure the home has other means of mechanical ventilation and instruct the owner to use it while the dryer is operating.
- b. **Gas Dryer**—If the location of the dryer prevents code-compliant ducting to the outside, all weatherization work shall be deferred until the situation is resolved.

### 12.5.1 Dryer ducting

Dryer vent ducts shall conform to the following:

- a. Extend directly to the outside of the structure.
- b. Have a smooth interior finish.
- c. The vent shall terminate in a non-screened vent cap with a damper.
- d. Not exceed 25' in length from the dryer location to the outlet terminal; the maximum length shall be reduced 2 1/2' for every 45 degree elbow and 5' for each 90 degree elbow.

- e. Extension material in excess of 6' must be metal with a non-ribbed interior and must be mounted in such a fashion that no traps or reversing horizontal runs are present. Horizontal runs shall be sloped toward the vent discharge. Discharge will not place moisture on building materials or walkways.
- f. Screws shall not be used to connect dryer ducting.
- g. A rated flex duct behind the dryer may be used for extensions of 6' or less. This refers to transitional ducting, which is not included in the maximum length of the duct calculation ("d." above).
- h. Shall be insulated to a minimum of R-4 if the duct is more than 6' in length and passes through unconditioned space.

**Exception(s):**

- a. Condensing dryer.

## 12.6 Outdoor Air Inlets

You may install outdoor air inlets if whole-house fan performance during normal operating conditions creates a negative pressure with reference to the dwelling unit of more than 5 Pascals. Document pre and post tests.

### Whole-House Fan Test Protocol

With a digital manometer, test the pressure difference between the inside and the outside of the dwelling with only the whole-house ventilation fan operating.

Outdoor air inlets for individual rooms when installed shall:

- a. Have a controllable and secure opening.
- b. Be sleeved and flashed or otherwise designed so as not to compromise the properties of the wall or window in which they are placed.
- c. Be screened or otherwise protected to prevent entry of leaves, debris or pests.
- d. Not be located within 10' of hazardous or unsanitary locations.
- e. Shall not be placed in closets.
- f. Shall not be placed within 6' of a chair, couch, or bed. Air should not be introduced where it will cause discomfort for the client.

## 13.0 Dehumidifiers

The installation of a dehumidifier is allowable, provided it is determined to be the most effective and cost-efficient method of reducing moisture problems or high moisture buildup in a home. Dehumidifiers shall be installed only after other measures with less of an energy penalty have been found ineffective at reducing moisture problems.

**Moisture Problem Defined**—Any condition, which, if left un-attended, will allow moisture in any state (liquid, vapor, or ice) to damage the dwelling structure. Evidence

of moisture problems includes, but is not limited to, visible rot, mold, peeling paint, swollen/bulged/soft building materials, and/or discoloration of building component surfaces.

### 13.1 EnergyStar-Rated and AHAM-Certified

The dehumidifier installed shall be EnergyStar-rated and certified by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) Specification DH-1 ([www.aham.org](http://www.aham.org)).

### 13.2 Sizing

The Grantee shall size dehumidifiers for installation according to the following general guidelines, and dehumidifiers shall be controlled by a humidistat to automatically maintain the desired humidity level. Dehumidifier capacity shall be determined by the rated capacity test contained in AHAM Specification DH-1 ([www.aham.org](http://www.aham.org)).

Floor Area of House (sq. ft.)	Dehumidifier Capacity (Pints/24 hours)
Up to 1,000	25
1,000-2,000	30
2,000-3,000	35

### 13.3 Low Temperature Location

When the dehumidifier is to be located in a basement or other area where the normal operating temperatures are expected to be below 65 degrees Fahrenheit, the Grantee shall install a dehumidifier rated to operate in “low temperature” conditions.

### 13.4 Electrical Safety

The Grantee shall observe all manufacturer warnings regarding electrical safety. The Grantee shall not allow drain hoses, water drainage, or disposal near electrical circuits, cords, or devices.

### 13.5 Hose to Drain Required

The Grantee shall install a hose to drain the dehumidifier's water bucket. The hose shall be mechanically attached to the water bucket outlet and terminate at a drain or sump. The hose installed shall not create a tripping hazard.

## 14.0 Heating Systems

Grantees/subcontractors shall ensure that upon completion of weatherization services all dwelling units have a safe, operable, permanently installed, and adequate heating system.

**Heating System Defined**—Heating system is any component of a residential space heating system which:

- a. Distributes heat (duct work, air handler, baseboard, pipes, or radiators).
- b. Generates heat or controls combustion (furnace, boiler, space heater, or safety controls).
- c. Ventilates products of combustion (flue, vent pipe, and chimney).
- d. Stores and supplies fuel for the heating system (tank or fuel line).

**Adequate Heat Defined**—Heating facilities are considered adequate if they are capable of producing the BTUs calculated by AkWarm needed to heat the habitable portions of the home at the outside design temperature for the location.

### 14.1 Inspection and Testing of Heating Systems

The Grantee shall inspect and test the heating system(s) in each dwelling unit for safe operation prior to delivering weatherization services and upon completion of each project.

All newly installed or repaired heating systems will be inspected to ensure safe and proper operation before job completion sign-off. This applies to all heating and hot water appliances including wood stoves, space heaters, furnaces, boilers, renewables, etc.

The Grantee shall document in the client file the condition of the heating system. This will include:

- a. Heating system inspection
- b. Pre and post combustion efficiency tests
- c. Pre and post combustion safety tests

The client will be notified if any flammable material is stored next to a heating unit (i.e., rags, paper, etc.) All flammable materials stored near heating units should be removed immediately.

#### 14.1.1 Inspection of Electric Heating Systems

The minimum requirement for electrically heated dwelling units is:

- a. Visual inspection of the electrical system.
- b. Visual inspection of heating system clearances to combustibles.



- c. Visual inspection of air handler (if present).
- d. Verification that the system is permanently installed and securely attached to the floor, wall, or ceiling.

## 14.2 Electric Heating System Service

Electric heating systems can be serviced to:

- a. Correct hazards identified during initial inspection.
- b. Complete system checks and repairs detailed in the work order form.
- c. Improve distribution efficiency.

### 14.2.1 Minimum Service, No Hazards

- a. Fan blades and cabinet of the air handler cleaned free of all visible dirt.
- b. Check and change furnace filter if necessary.

## 14.3 Gas and Oil Heating System Service

Gas- or oil-fired heating systems can be serviced to:

- a. Correct hazards identified during combustion safety inspection and testing.
- b. Improve combustion or distribution efficiency.

### 14.3.1 Minimum Service, No Hazards

The minimum service for a gas or oil heating system where no hazards have been identified is:

- a. Check and change furnace filter if necessary.

## 14.4 Heating System Replacement

Heating system replacement is allowed for the following reasons:

- a. Excessive repair cost.
- b. Health and safety.
- c. Efficiency.
- d. Fuel Switch.

### 14.4.1 Excessive Repair Cost

Heating system replacement is allowable when the Grantee determines that it is more cost-effective to replace the heating system than it is to repair or replace inefficient, non-operable, and/or unsafe components. If repair costs would exceed 50% of the replacement cost, replacement is allowable.

#### 14.4.2 Health-and-Safety Reasons

Heating systems may be replaced for health-and-safety reasons (e.g., high CO, cracked heat exchanger, improper installation, occupant's disability, etc.). Document in the client file.

#### 14.4.3 Replacement for Efficiency

Replacement of a heating system to improve efficiency is allowable when justified using simple payback.

- a. The Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating of the existing heating system shall be determined either from the manufacturer's information or by the type and age of the unit.
- b. The replacement cost shall be determined by the Grantee.

#### 14.4.4 Mini Split Heat Pump Installation

Heat pumps may be considered eligible as a heating system replacement option when the SIR is 1.0 or greater. All systems must be UL Listed to be reimbursed under the Weatherization Program.

#### 14.4.5 Fuel Switch

A Grantee may change a dwelling's heating fuel type in certain, limited situations.

- a. Changing from wood or coal heat to other types of fuel-fired heating systems for medical reasons, such as when the client is elderly or disabled and wood or coal preparation is difficult or impossible. The new fuel type shall not require physical effort to use. If the client is not elderly or disabled, the Grantee may obtain a third-party verification of the need.
- b. Heat pumps can be installed as a fuel switch option in Southeast and Kodiak, only when the client, due to age or disability, cannot operate a solid fuel system (wood or coal) or health concerns are caused by a fossil fuel system. Documentation must be in the file justifying the installation of a heat pump. All other heat pump installations must be preapproved by the AHFC Program Manager
- c. Switching fuels is allowed in cases when it will be possible to save significant energy dollars for a Weatherization client through the course of fuel conversion, keeping in mind the priority of *energy* savings. Two AkWarms must be run for comparison, and an SIR of 1.0 must be met. Both AkWarms must be on file for review by AHFC. (*The purpose of Weatherization is not to switch fuel types. This approach should be used minimally in the course of the program. If this is implemented regularly, the AHFC Program Manager will revisit the allowability of the measure.*)
- d. Replacing an electric water heater with a storage tank integrated with a fuel-fired boiler (i.e., indirect sidearm systems).

- e. Replacing a fuel-fired water heater with an electric water heater for health-and-safety concerns when the unit fails maximum depressurization testing and cannot otherwise be corrected. The new system must remedy the health-and-safety concern(s). (**Example:** *The new system now passes the maximum depressurization test when the previous one failed.*)
- f. When a client lives in an area of the state that has high electric costs and the client's primary heat is electric, an affordable direct-vent system (e.g., Toyo, Monitor, Rinnai, Navian, etc.) can be added to offset some of the electric heating cost.
- g. Fuel switches shall be funded by state funds only—not DOE.
- h. Prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager must be obtained before expending funds on any other fuel switch including renewables.

#### 14.4.6 Permit Required

Necessary permits shall be obtained prior to the replacement of the heating system. All applicable code regulations must be met as described in 1.3 *Code Compliance*.

#### 14.4.7 Minimum Efficiency of New System

All new oil or gas heating systems installed shall have a minimum AFUE rating of 80%.

#### 14.4.8 Thermostats

Installation of a thermostat or replacement of an existing thermostat is allowable.

### 15.0 Heating and HRV Ducts

All heating and HRV ducts located outside the heated envelope of the dwelling unit should be insulated to a minimum of the adjacent thermal envelope. Seal ducts before insulating. When ducts are insulated or sealed they must meet the requirements detailed in this section.

#### 15.1 Duct Survey, Inspection, and Testing

The Grantee shall conduct diagnostic testing and visually inspect all accessible ducting in the heat distribution system including the plenums, trunk and branch lines. Refer to 4.0 *Diagnostic Testing*.

#### 15.2 Duct Testing Required

Pressure pan testing of duct systems is required. Refer to 4.4.1, *Duct System Testing*. All mobile home duct systems must be tested.

**Exception(s):**

- a. The Grantee may elect to have ducts tested using a duct testing device and the associated procedures outlined by the manufacturer as an alternative to pressure pan testing.
- b. The entire distribution system is located within the envelope's conditioned space.

**15.3 Dominant Duct Leak Test Required**

Dominant duct leak test is required. Refer to 4.5 *Dominant Duct Leak Testing*.

**15.4 Ducts to be Repaired or Replaced**

The Grantee or subcontractor can reconnect all serviceable ductwork found disconnected from boots, trunks or plenums. The method used for reconnection can be permanent and appropriate to the materials being connected. All ductwork that is torn, crushed, or severely deteriorated can be replaced or repaired.

**15.5 Duct Sealing**

When determined necessary by diagnostic testing or visual inspection, ducts shall be sealed to the following standard:

- a. All accessible connections to the air handler cabinet and plenums both inside and outside shall be sealed to provide permanent, airtight connections using mastic and fiber mesh.
- b. All accessible ductwork-to-ductwork connections both inside and outside shall be sealed to provide permanent, airtight connections using mastic and fiber mesh tape.
- c. All accessible elbows, holes, joints, seams, including lateral seams shall be sealed to provide permanent, airtight connections using mastic and fiber mesh tape.

**15.5.1 Gaps**

Gaps greater than 1/8" shall be sealed with a 2" wide fiber mesh tape embedded in mastic.

**15.6 Flex Duct Requirements**

- a. Flex duct shall be of the proper length for connection between two points without excessive bends or sag.
- b. Horizontal and vertical runs of flex duct shall be supported using nylon, plastic, or metal strapping having a minimum width of 1/2". Support strapping or hangers shall not compress the insulation.

- c. Support strapping or hangers shall be installed within 1' of a joint or connection with a maximum of 4' between supports.
- d. Flex duct shall not be installed in a manner allowing direct contact with the ground.
- e. Flex duct shall be connected to metal collars or boots using a layer of mastic between the metal and inner layer of the flex duct. The inner layer of the flex shall be secured using a compression strap. The outer layer of insulation shall also be secured using a compression strap.

### 15.7 Metal Duct

- a. Metal duct, existing or installed, in unconditioned spaces shall be insulated to the level of the thermal boundary. If this level cannot be met, document the reasons in the client file.
- b. Metal ducts shall be of proper length without unnecessary elbows or changes in direction.
- c. Sections shall be securely connected to each other using a minimum of 3 screws for round ducts and 4 for rectangular.
- d. Insulation shall be permanently secured with rot/stretch-proof twine or rust-proof wire, without unduly compressing the insulation.
- e. Horizontal and vertical duct runs shall be supported using nylon, plastic, or metal strapping having a minimum width of 1/2". Support strapping or hangers shall not unduly compress the insulation.
- f. Support strapping or hangers shall be installed within 1' of a joint or connection with a maximum of 4' between supports.
- g. Metal ducts shall not be installed in a manner allowing direct contact with the ground.

### 16.0 Domestic Water Heater Replacement

Water heater replacement is an allowable cost when energy savings can be justified with an SIR of 1.0 or greater.

Installed water heaters shall be anchored or strapped to resist horizontal displacement per code.

Water heaters may also be replaced for a health-and-safety reason.

#### 16.1 Health-and-Safety Reasons for Replacement

- Active water leak that is not cost-effective to repair.
- Combustion byproducts are not venting to the outside properly, and there is no other appropriate solution to eliminate the problem but to replace water heater with a sealed combustion unit or non-combustible fuel unit (i.e., electric).

- Access to hot water is required to maintain the health of the occupants (i.e., sanitary conditions for households with young children).

## 16.2 Fuel Switching

Fuel switches also may be justified and allowed on a case-by-case basis. See 14.4.5 *Fuel Switch*.

## 17.0 Domestic Water Pipe Insulation

Installation of insulation on accessible hot and cold water lines in unconditioned and semi-conditioned spaces is an allowable cost. The first 6' of supply and return of a water heater also is an allowable cost.

### Exception(s):

- a. Water pipes shall not be insulated if any of these conditions are present:
  - Water pipes or valves are leaking or are improperly supported.
  - When electric heat tape is being used to prevent freezing of pipes.

## 17.1 Installation Standard for Foam Pipe Insulation

Insulation shall be installed to manufacturer's specification and be a minimum of 1 1/2" thick.

## 18.0 Water Heater Insulation

Water heater insulation blankets are allowable costs.

### Exception(s):

- a. A tank shall not be insulated if any of the following conditions exist and cannot be corrected with available funding:
  - Internal insulation is R-12 or greater.
  - There is evidence of leaks or other impending failure.
  - External insulation is prohibited by the manufacturer.
  - There is evidence of improper combustion for a gas-fired unit.
  - Vent pipe or draft hood is improperly installed.
  - There is improper or inadequate venting for a gas-fired unit.
  - Combustion air supply is improper or inadequate.
  - A temperature and pressure relief valve is not present or is located more than 6" from the tank or is capped or plugged.

- Hazardous or improper electrical connections are present.
- Thermostat cover plate is not present.
- Burner access doors are not present.
- Manufacturer's required clearances cannot be maintained.

### **18.1 Insulation Wrap R-Value**

Insulating wraps shall have an insulation value of R-10 or greater.

### **18.2 Minimum Clearances for Heat Producing Appliances and Venting**

Clearances between the surface of the wrap and adjacent heat producing appliances, including vent connectors, shall be maintained according to state and local codes.

## **19.0 Window Replacements and Repairs**

Window replacement or repair is allowable for the following reasons:

### **19.0.1 Energy Efficiency**

Windows and storm windows may be replaced or repaired for energy-efficiency reasons if the total cost is justified using an evaluation of cost-effectiveness where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

### **19.0.2 Health-and-Safety Reasons**

Windows may be replaced or repaired if the window's condition is compromising the health and safety of the dwelling unit occupants, this includes egress in bedrooms. If the cost to replace the window is less than the cost to repair the window, then the window may be replaced.

### **19.0.3 Security Reasons**

Windows may be replaced or repaired for security reasons. If the cost to replace the window is less than the cost to repair or replace components of the window that will reasonably ensure that the window is secure, then the window shall be replaced.

### **19.0.4 Durability Reasons**

Windows may be replaced or repaired for durability reasons if any window components have failed or are deteriorated, and they have compromised the structural integrity of the window or of the wall framing around the window. If the cost to replace the window is less than the cost to repair the window, then the window shall be replaced.

### 19.1 Lead-Based Paint

The Grantee shall address painted window components in houses built before 1978 using lead safe work practices unless testing indicates no lead-based paint is present. See 23.0 *Lead-Safe Weatherization (LSW)*.

### 19.2 Replacement Windows

The replacement window shall have a label from the National Fenestration Rating Council (<http://www.nfc.org/label.aspx>) that indicates the U-factor rating and the air leakage rating. Window minimum U-value shall be .28.

#### 19.2.1 Photo Documentation

A photo that clearly shows the window before it is replaced shall be kept in the client file.

#### 19.2.2 Screens

All replacement windows that are operable shall have a removable insect screen.

#### 19.2.3 Exterior and Interior Trim

All replacement windows shall be trimmed in a workmanlike manner. Exterior trim, for replacement windows, whether existing or new, shall have any bare wood surfaces primed with an exterior grade primer.

**Exception(s):**

- a. If cedar trim is used in an exterior application, then no primer or sealer is required.

### 19.3 Storm Windows

A storm window may only be installed over a prime window that is structurally sound. The prime window shall be free of decay; broken windowpanes; worn or damaged rollers; missing, deteriorated, or broken glazing; and broken sashes. The Grantee shall evaluate the costs to replace a window unit with the costs associated with repairing a prime window and installing a storm window to ensure that the most cost-effective treatment is applied. The interior window, whether the prime or storm, needs to be as airtight as possible.

#### 19.3.1 Operable Storm Windows

Operable storm windows shall be installed over existing operable prime windows, and the storm window shall not interfere with the operation of the prime window. If the operation of the prime window is impeded by paint buildup, mechanical fasteners, or other reasons, a storm window can be installed if the window is restored to an



operating condition or if the Grantee and homeowner agree in writing that the nonopening window is not required for egress or ventilation.

### **19.3.2 Storm Window Removal**

All storm window installations shall provide an easy method of removing the storm sashes so that both the storm and prime windows can be washed.

## **19.4 Safety Glass**

Safety glass shall be used in replacement window units or replacement glazing in locations where required by building codes.

### **19.4.1 Safety Glass Requirements**

Safety glass shall conform to the Safety Glazing Certification Council (SGCC) labeling requirements. Installed safety glass shall have a permanently affixed manufacturer's label or etching.

## **19.5 Replacement Glazing**

Replacement glazing shall meet the specifications found in WOM Section 8. *Materials Standards* (i.e., *10 CFR 440 Appendix A—Standards for Weatherization Materials*).

## **19.6 Obscure Glass**

Obscure glass shall be installed in windows where privacy is important. The Grantee shall make the owner aware of locations where obscure glass is to be installed.

## **19.7 Egress Window**

If replacing a window in a bedroom, at least one window must meet egress.

## **20.0 Door Replacement and Repairs**

Door replacement or repair is allowable for the following reasons:

### **20.0.1 Energy Efficiency**

Doors can be replaced or repaired for energy-efficiency reasons if the total cost to install is justified using an evaluation of cost-effectiveness where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

### 20.0.2 Health-and-Safety Reasons

Doors can be replaced or repaired for health and/or safety reasons if the door's condition is compromising the health and/or safety of the dwelling unit occupants. If the cost to replace the door is less than the cost to reasonably repair the door, then the door shall be replaced.

### 20.0.3 Security Reasons

Doors can be replaced or repaired for security reasons. If the cost to replace the door is less than the cost to repair or replace components of the door that will reasonably ensure that the door is secure, then the door shall be replaced.

### 20.0.4 Durability Reasons

Doors can be replaced or repaired for durability reasons if any door components have failed or have been damaged and they have compromised the structural integrity of the door. If the cost of replacement is less than the cost to reasonably repair the door, then the door shall be replaced.

## 20.1 Replacement doors

Replacement doors shall be metal or fiberglass, and insulated to a minimum R-5. All exterior door replacements shall be exterior grade.

### Exception(s):

- a. Wood or composite doors are allowable if a metal or fiberglass door cannot be used. Wood doors shall be solid core. Veneers on wood doors shall be a minimum of 1/8" thick hardwood.

### 20.1.1 Photo Documentation

A photo that clearly shows the door before it is replaced shall be kept in the client file.

### 20.1.2 Exterior and Interior Trim

Trim shall be installed in a workmanlike manner and shall match the existing trim as is reasonably practical. Exterior trim for replacement doors and doorframes, whether existing or new, shall have any bare wood surfaces primed with an exterior grade primer.

### Exception(s):

- a. If cedar trim is used, then no primer or sealer is required.

## 20.2 Door Finishes

Replacement wood doors will be primed and painted or sealed on both sides and on all four edges with exterior grade paint. Metal doors shall have a factory primer.

## 20.3 Locksets and/or Deadbolts

The configuration of the lockset/deadbolt on a replacement door shall match the existing. If installing a new lockset/deadbolt, they shall be keyed alike. The Grantee will provide two keys to the owner or occupant of the dwelling unit. When multiple locksets/deadbolts are installed in the same dwelling unit, they shall have matching keys.

## 20.4 Other Attached Items

- a. Address numbers that were present on the existing front door or trim shall be reinstalled on the new door.
- b. If an existing door had a mail slot or mechanical doorbell, the Grantee shall provide alternatives that do not require penetration of the door.
- c. If a glass lite is installed it can be no larger than 12" x 12". The glass must be a double pane thermal.
- d. If replacing an exit door, door shall have exterior landing and stairs (including guardrail and handrail) per prevailing building code.
- e. Peepholes can be installed on solid doors and shall be no more than 60" from the bottom of the door.

### Exception(s):

- a. Peepholes are only required if original door had a peephole.

## 21.0 Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon Monoxide detectors are required outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on each additional story of the dwelling including the basement, but not including crawlspaces and uninhabitable attics.

Specifically for multi-family buildings, one detector is required in each unit or more as required by code.

Replace an existing CO detector that is over 3 years old or does not meet Program standards.

## 21.1 Detector Standards

Detectors shall:

- a. Have a minimum 5-year operating life.

- b. Have a battery with a minimum 5-year life.
- c. Have a digital display that indicates CO levels in Parts Per Million (PPM).  
One CO detector with a digital display in the dwelling unit is sufficient as long as other locations requiring a CO detector are protected by non-digital display units.
- d. Be UL Listed.

## 21.2 Detector Power Options

**Battery-Operated Detectors**—Battery operated detectors shall make an audible noise when the battery is at the end of its life cycle.

## 21.3 Labeling Devices

All installed detectors shall be labeled in a permanent fashion with the date of replacement. (This information need not be visible while the detector is mounted on the wall.)

## 21.4 Manufacturer's Instructions

The manufacturer's instructions shall be left with the occupant of the dwelling unit.

## 21.5 Education of Dwelling Unit Occupants

The Grantee shall provide at least one occupant of the dwelling unit with verbal and written information regarding the dangers of CO, how to read the CO detector, instructions on how to respond to CO levels, and how to change the batteries.

## 21.6 Installation of CO Detectors

- a. CO detectors shall be installed before any work on the dwelling commences.
- b. All CO detectors will be installed per manufacturer's instructions by the Grantee.

## 21.7 Installation in Sleeping Areas

A CO detector shall be installed inside any closable sleeping room that:

- a. Contains a combustion appliance.
- b. Has a door that directly enters a garage.

## 21.8 Testing

The Grantee shall test each detector for proper operation after installation as per test procedures in the owner's manual provided by the manufacturer.

## 22.0 Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are required in all sleeping rooms, outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, on each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawlspaces and uninhabitable attics.

New/replacement is required for any units that are over 8 years old, inoperative, or do not meet Program standards.

### 22.1 Detector Standards

Detectors installed shall be UL Listed.

### 22.2 Detector Power Options

Detectors shall be powered by one of the following methods:

- a. **Hardwired**—Hardwired detectors shall have a battery backup.
- b. **Battery-Operated**—Battery-operated detectors shall have a lithium battery. They shall make an audible alarm when the battery is at the end of its life cycle.

### 22.3 Manufacturer's Instructions

The manufacturer's instructions shall be left with the occupant of the dwelling unit.

### 22.4 Labeling Devices

All installed detectors shall be labeled in a permanent fashion with the date of replacement. (This information need not be visible while the detector is mounted on the wall.)

### 22.5 Education of Dwelling Unit Occupants

The Grantee shall provide at least one occupant of the dwelling unit with verbal and written information regarding the operation of the smoke detector(s), the importance of testing, and battery replacement.

### 22.6 Installation Location(s) for Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors shall be installed on walls and/or ceilings per the manufacturer's requirements.

## 22.7 Hearing Impaired

Hard-wired smoke alarms with visual alarms for hearing-impaired individuals are allowable weatherization expenses when current occupants would benefit from a specialized detector.

## 22.8 Testing

The Grantee shall test each detector for proper operation after installation.

## 23.0 Lead-Safe Weatherization (LSW)

Lead Safe Weatherization (LSW) must be applied to all pre-1978 housing.

- a. Required: compliance with current EPA Renovator Repair and Painting Rule.
- b. Required: documentation of compliance in the client file.

## 24.0 Asbestos

When the presence of asbestos is suspected and likely to be disturbed during the installation, modification, or replacement of any materials, equipment, or products, all health and building regulations and code requirements shall be followed.

## 25.0 Radon

Radon abatement is not an allowable activity.

## 26.0 Other Measures

The purchase and installation of the following energy conservation measures is allowable.

### 26.1 Types of Measures

- a. Water flow restrictors.
- b. Furnace or cooling filters, up to one-year supply.
- c. Items that are primarily directed at reducing infiltration, such as weatherstripping, caulking, and glass repairs.
- d. Brochures and other written information concerning the potential savings from installation of Low-cost No-cost measures.
- e. Compact fluorescent lamps.
- f. Replacement lamps for energy-efficient fixtures.

## 26.2 Energy Efficient Lamps (i.e., Bulbs)

The Grantee may replace incandescent screw-in light bulbs with compact fluorescent screw-in lamps (CFLs) or LEDs in each dwelling unit receiving weatherization services.

### Exception(s):

Lamps should not be installed if any of the following conditions exist:

- a. The socket or fixture is nonfunctional, damaged, or unsafe.
- b. The circuit is controlled by a solid-state timer.
- c. The circuit is controlled by a non-CFL-compatible dimmer. (LED is allowable.)
- d. The fixture is located in a storage room, closet, or other seldom-used room.
- e. The fixture is controlled by an occupancy sensor.
- f. The client refuses to have lamps installed.

### 26.2.1 Types of Compact Fluorescent Lamps

Lamps that are installed shall be EnergyStar-compliant and be warranted for one year from the date of purchase.

### 26.2.2 Light Output

CFLs must provide light output levels that meet or exceed the level of the bulbs that they are replacing.

### 26.2.3 Outdoor Locations

CFLs may be installed in outdoor locations attached to the dwelling provided they are installed in a fixture that protects the lamp from the weather.

### 26.2.4 Testing

The installer shall test all installed fixtures before leaving the dwelling unit and shall ask the client if the lighting level is adequate, if the client is available.

## 27.0 Lighting Retrofit

Retrofit of lighting fixtures or replacing fluorescent tubes with LED lamps is allowable if the cost is justified using an evaluation of cost-effectiveness where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

### 27.1 Type of Fixtures and/or LED Lamps

Fixtures that are installed shall be hard-wired fluorescent fixtures that meet all of the following:

- a. UL Listed.
- b. EnergyStar compliant.
- c. Fully warranted for one year after the date of installation.
- d. T-8 or T-5 type fluorescent or LED lamp that is easily replaceable.
- e. Interior fixtures shall be with electronic ballast only.
- f. Installed according to local electrical code and manufacturers specifications.

### 27.2 Light Output

Fixtures must provide light output levels that meet or exceed the level of light needed for the task they are illuminating.

### 27.3 Exterior Fixtures

Exterior fixtures shall be constructed of UV resistant materials and rated for installation in damp or wet locations. Magnetic ballast fixtures are allowed.

### 27.4 Testing

The installer shall test all installed fixtures before leaving the dwelling unit, and shall ask the client if the lighting level is adequate, if the client is available.

## 28.0 Refrigerator Replacement

Refrigerators may be replaced when the replacement is justified using a State approved evaluation of cost-effectiveness where the Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR) is 1.0 or greater.

### 28.1 Document Cost-Effectiveness

The Grantee shall document in the client file that the replacement is cost-effective with an SIR of 1.0 or greater and the method used to determine the SIR. Use the approved calculator from [www.energytools.com](http://www.energytools.com).



## 28.2 Allowable Methods to Determine SIR

The Grantee shall use the following methods to determine the SIR before replacing a refrigerator:

Weatherization program online tool: [www.energytools.com](http://www.energytools.com)

### 28.2.1 Data Logging and Databases

The Grantee shall use a minimum of 2 hours of data logging information, or data base referrals to determine energy usage of existing refrigerators. Link to refrigerator database [www.kouba-cavallo.com/refmods.htm](http://www.kouba-cavallo.com/refmods.htm)

## 28.3 Replacement Refrigerators

Replacement refrigerators shall have the EnergyStar rating. Replacement refrigerators shall not have extra features such as door ice, through-the-door water dispensing, or automatic icemakers.

### Exception(s):

- a. A non-EnergyStar refrigerator may be installed provided the SIR for the non-EnergyStar model is demonstrated to be higher than the SIR for the EnergyStar model.

## 28.4 Refrigerator Sizing

The smallest size refrigerator that is practical for each household should be installed. The following guidelines shall be used:

Family of 1-2	15 cubic foot
Family of 3-5	18 cubic foot
Family of 5 or more	21 cubic foot

## 28.5 Client Agreement

The Grantee and client shall have a written agreement that is documented in the client file that the refrigerator being replaced will be removed by the Grantee. Additional refrigerators or freezers, whether working or not, may be removed upon written agreement between the owner and the Grantee.

## 28.6 Establishment of Ownership

If the refrigerator is installed in a rental unit, the ownership of the existing and the replacement refrigerator shall be established, and documented in the client file. This shall be done before the replacement refrigerator is installed.

**28.7 Disposal of Removed Refrigerators**

The Grantee shall remove the old refrigerator from the property and dispose of it at an EPA-approved disposal site that reclaims the refrigerant. The client file will contain documentation of the proper disposal from the disposal facility, or a statement signed by a commercial vendor indicating that the vendor will dispose of the refrigerator at an approved disposal site that reclaims the refrigerant.

# Weatherization Operations Manual

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18. **Maximum Depressurization Data Sheet**
19. **Promotional Release**
20. **Required WX Site Client File Documents**

Grantees may reformat the appearance of forms provided by AHFC.

**Accrual of Benefits to Tenant** [required for DOE funding only]

Client #: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Check below applicable benefits. Provide description when required. Shaded blocks indicate that DOE does not consider the benefit primarily accrues to the tenant.

Benefit	Tenant Pays Utilities	Utilities Included in Rent
Unsafe combustion appliance(s) repaired/replaced, ensuring H/S of tenant (e.g., cracked heat exchanger, backdrafting water heater, etc.)	Describe:	
Installation of ventilation equipment designed to mitigate potential sources of pollution within home (e.g., high moisture, mold, uneven temperatures throughout home, cold exterior surfaces) that can negatively affect health of clients		
Moisture migration into attic eliminated by air-sealing, preserving critical structural building components, mitigating conditions that could impact H/S such as mold and other environmental toxins		
Lower energy bills when seasonal temperatures are consistent with historic temperatures		
Lower than expected energy bills in the event of hotter/colder weather than in previous years		
Longer-term preservation of the property as affordable housing		
Continuation of protection against rent increases beyond that required under the WAP regulations (10 CFR 440.22(b)(3)(ii))		
Investment of the energy savings in facilities or services that offer measurable direct benefits to tenants	Describe:	
Investment of energy savings from WX work in specific H/S improvements with measurable benefits to tenants	Describe:	
Additional improvements, not related to WX, to heat and hot water distribution, and ventilation, to improve the comfort of residents		
Establishment of a shared savings program	Describe:	
Other:		
Other:		

# Alaska Weatherization Program

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Client #: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Work

Task(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

See Attached Description.

This certifies that I have been informed of the above work that has been added to this Weatherization project.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (if not the person named under "Client Name" above)

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## Completed Additional Work

This certifies that the above work has been completed and a final inspection was completed. Final inspection applies to installation of weatherization materials only and in no way implies that the dwelling otherwise meets applicable codes.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (if not the person named under "Client Name" above)

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Agency WX Post Measures Checklist

Client's last name: \_\_\_\_\_ WX #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sections 1-4 are MANDATORY WX Items

- |   | <i>Circle Answer</i> |    |    |
|---|----------------------|----|----|
| <b>1. CO detectors:</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Do CO monitors installed meet WOM standards .....                                | YES                  | NO |    |
| b. How many CO's installed in unit? _____   |                      |    |    |
| c. CO's tested for Peak Level reading .....   | YES                  | NO |    |
| d. Is Replace By Date written on detector(s) .....                                  | YES                  | NO |    |
| <b>2. Smoke detectors (SD):</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Do smoke detectors installed meet WOM standards .....                            | YES                  | NO |    |
| b. Are they mounted at proper location (per installation instructions) .....        | YES                  | NO |    |
| c. Is Replace By Date written on detector(s) .....                                  | YES                  | NO |    |
| d. Were all resident SD's date inspected for proper dates, if not replaced .....    | YES                  | NO |    |
| <b>3. Diagnostic testing:</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Was a Combustion Safety test completed .....                                     | YES                  | NO | NA |
| b. Were the CO producing appliances tested, did they meet WOM standards .....       | YES                  | NO | NA |
| c. Have the Blower Door Pre and Post been completed .....                           | YES                  | NO | NA |
| d. Were ducts tested .....  | YES                  | NO | NA |
| <b>4. Mechanical Ventilation:</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Was mechanical ventilation installed .....                                       | YES                  | NO | NA |
| b. <b>Circle one or more:</b> bath fan range vent house fan other _____             |                      |    |    |
| c. Is the bath fan(s) on a: sensor smart switch de-humidistat on-off switch         |                      |    |    |
| d. Was fan(s) installed to WOM standards .....                                      | YES                  | NO | NA |
| e. If not replacing bath fan(s), are they ducted to exterior .....                  | YES                  | NO | NA |
| f. If NO, was an exception documented in file .....                                 | YES                  | NO | NA |
| g. Was the Whole House fan flow tested .....  | YES                  | NO | NA |
| h. Was a range hood fan installed over gas combustion range per WOM standards ..... | YES                  | NO | NA |
| i. Dryer ducts installed to WOM standards .....                                     | YES                  | NO | NA |
| j. Exterior terminations for fans & dryer per WOM standards .....                   | YES                  | NO | NA |
| Comments: _____   |                      |    |    |
| <b>5. Heat System (HS):</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Was HS replaced .....  | YES                  | NO | NA |
| b. If yes, is it to WOM standards .....   | YES                  | NO | NA |
| c. If not replaced, did HS receive a C&T .....                                      | YES                  | NO | NA |
| d. If yes, was C&T checklist completed .....  | YES                  | NO | NA |
| <b>6. Hot Water System:</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Was HWS replaced .....   | YES                  | NO | NA |
| b. If yes, is it to WOM standards .....   | YES                  | NO | NA |
| c. If electric HWS tank, did it receive an insulation blanket .....                 | YES                  | NO | NA |
| d. Were water pipes insulation wrapped per WOM standards .....                      | YES                  | NO | NA |
| <b>7. Attic Insulation:</b>   |                      |    |    |
| a. Is it installed in a uniform manner .....  | YES                  | NO | NA |
| b. Are heated chimney pipes dammed per WOM standards .....                          | YES                  | NO | NA |
| c. Are there photos of completed insulation dam in client file .....                | YES                  | NO | NA |
| d. Is the attic hatch insulated and NOT sealed until after Post inspection .....    | YES                  | NO | NA |

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- e. Is insulation certificate posted per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA
- f. Were depth markers used or bag count for proper blow-in ..... YES NO NA
- g. Were baffles installed per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Building Envelope Air-Sealing:

- a. Was the attic air-sealed prior to new insulation being installed ..... YES NO NA
- b. Was the floor air-sealed ..... YES NO NA
- c. Was the blower door used to assist in air-sealing ..... YES NO NA
- d. If there are cantilever floors were they air-sealed & insulated ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Crawl Space (CS) and Basement:

- a. Is CS CONDITIONED or UNCONDITIONED space **(Circle one.)**
- b. Is ground vapor barrier (GVB) installed per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA
- c. If conditioned, was insulation installed at foundation perimeter walls per WOM ..... YES NO NA
- d. If conditioned, were rim joists insulated per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA
- e. If unconditioned, was floor insulated per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA
- f. If unconditioned, were water pipes insulation wrapped per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 10. Doors, Windows, Roofs and other measures: *(Photo required for door and window replacements per WOM.)*

- a. If doors replaced, were they done to WOM standards: ..... YES NO NA
- b. If windows replaced, were they done to WOM standards: ..... YES NO NA
- c. Was roof repaired or replaced , was it done to WOM standards: ..... YES NO NA
- d. Other WX shell measures \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 11. Egress items:

- a. If egress items installed, were they to WOM standards ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 12. Moisture Control:

- a. ROOF: Flashings / gutters installed per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA
- b. Doors: Flashings installed per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA
- c. Crawl space: GVB / sump pumps installed per WOM standards ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. Energy Efficient items:

- a. Were CFL or LED light bulbs and / or fixtures installed ..... YES NO NA
- b. Were low flow shower heads installed ..... YES NO NA
- c. Were low flow faucet (kitchen and bathroom) aerators installed ..... YES NO NA
- d. Were refrigerators metered ..... YES NO NA
- e. Was a new refrigerator installed ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### 14. Close out Documentation:

- a. All required RRP, Certified Renovator documents in file (if needed) ..... YES NO NA
- b. All required SHPO documents in file (if needed) ..... YES NO NA
- c. Materials list with all costs listed (materials, labor, freight, other) ..... YES NO NA
- d. Weatherization As-Is with As-Is IOR and Post AK Warm reports ..... YES NO NA
- e. All manuals for installed items left with resident ..... YES NO NA

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**AHFC Wx Field Monitoring Checklist**

House #: \_\_\_\_\_

Wx Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Job #: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location or address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home description: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this house funded by DOE or State?

AHFC Decal: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Inspection Checklist in file? YES or NO

**1. Lead Safe / Certified Renovator**

**Pre-1978 house: YES or NO**

1. Was lead present at above EPA permissible level: YES or NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Funding source of the house: \_\_\_\_\_

3. All proper RRP – LSW documentation located in the Client file:

- |                        |                  |                            |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| • Firm Certification   | <b>YES or NO</b> | Lead Test results          | <b>YES or NO</b> |
| • Lead pamphlet signed | <b>YES or NO</b> | Renovate Right Credentials | <b>YES or NO</b> |

**2. SHPO**

**Is the house over 45 years old: (pre 1973) YES or NO**

1. Were proper SHPO documents filed with SHPO for review? YES or NO

2. Were SHPO documents and work approved by SHPO representative? YES or NO

3. Are SHPO documents in client file? YES or NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Blower Door/AkWarm Testing Numbers:**

1. Pre-BD test: \_\_\_\_\_ Post-BD test: \_\_\_\_\_ AkWarm report: As-Is \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Ventilation**

1. **Did bath fans receive a Flow Test? YES or NO** Fan flow test figure #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Method used to determine Whole House Ventilation Requirements. #2 \_\_\_\_\_

• Option #1: ASHRAE 62.2 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

• Option #2: ventilation chart \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Ventilation items installed:**

HRV: \_\_\_\_\_ Bath fans: \_\_\_\_\_ Range vents: \_\_\_\_\_ Other fresh air: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **CAZ Testing results:** Pre \_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_ Type & category of heating system \_\_\_\_ Depressurization limits \_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Insulation added to:**

Attic: \_\_\_\_\_ Wall: \_\_\_\_\_ Floor: \_\_\_\_\_ Rim Joists: \_\_\_\_\_ Crawl Space/Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_ Basement: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



**AHFC Wx Field Monitoring Checklist**

**6. Airsealed** (foam, weather-strip, other insulation material, etc.): Record Zonal pressure differences

Attic: \_\_\_\_\_ Basement/Crawl: \_\_\_\_\_ Doors/Win: \_\_\_\_\_ Floor: \_\_\_\_\_ Outlets: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Heating System:** *(circle one)*

Fuel type: \_\_\_\_\_ C&T: \_\_\_\_\_ Repaired: **major** or **minor** Replaced: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Water heater:** *(circle one)*

Fuel type: \_\_\_\_\_ C&T: \_\_\_\_\_ Repaired: **major** or **minor** Replaced: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Doors:**

Replaced qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Repaired qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Wx stripped: \_\_\_\_\_ Airsealed: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Windows:**

Replaced qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Repaired qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Wx stripped: \_\_\_\_\_ Airsealed: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Types of Combustion appliances:**

Stove/range: \_\_\_\_\_ HWH: \_\_\_\_\_ Heating sys: \_\_\_\_\_ Woodstove: \_\_\_\_\_ Fireplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Health & Safety items installed:**

CO detectors: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoke Detectors: \_\_\_\_\_ Fire ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Other safe/unsafe cond: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other work / repairs completed to:**

Steps: \_\_\_\_\_ Floors: \_\_\_\_\_ Walls: \_\_\_\_\_ Roofs: \_\_\_\_\_ Chimneys: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Low flow shower spray head:** Installed: **YES or NO**

**15. Refrigerator metered:** **YES or NO** **Installed new refrigerator:** **YES or NO**

**16. Materials used:**

Mat'l list provided: \_\_\_\_\_ Prices listed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mat'l quality: \_\_\_\_\_ Install good: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**17. CFL, LED and/or T8 bulbs installed:**

CFL \_\_\_\_\_, LED \_\_\_\_\_ and/or T8's: \_\_\_\_\_, throughout house: **YES or NO**

**18. Client Education:**

Pre class: \_\_\_\_\_ Post class: \_\_\_\_\_ Lead Safe: \_\_\_\_\_

Did all measures meet an SIR of 1? **YES or NO**

Were Health & Safety measures justified? **YES or NO**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# ALASKA QCI INSPECTION FORM (2022)

QCI INSPECTOR				Date	
Agency		Job #		Location	
Agency Assessor			Agency Inspector		
Client Status (Circle)	Owner	Renter	LandLord Contribution: \$		Year Built
Unit Type (circle)	Single	Duplex	Mobile	Multi Unit	# of Units # of qualified units

## FILE REVIEW

## Comments

1	Funding Source	DOE	LIHEAP	STATE	
2	Total Project Cost	\$			
3	Eligibility Determination Present	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	Assessment Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Scope of Work Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
6	Akwarm Pre & Post Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
7	Akwarm Improvement Options Report	Pass	Fail	N/A	
8	Scope of Work Justified (H&S, Repair and/or Conservation)	Pass	Fail	N/A	
9	Material List Matches Scope of Work	Pass	Fail	N/A	
10	Lead Paint Notification Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
11	Radon Pamphlet	Pass	Fail	N/A	
12	Asbestos Pamphlet	Pass	Fail	N/A	
13	Mold/ Moisture Assessment	Pass	Fail	N/A	
14	State Historic Preservation Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
15	Confined Space Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
16	Photo Documentation Per WOM	Pass	Fail	N/A	
17	Client Satisfaction Documentation	Pass	Fail	N/A	
18	Client Signature acknowledging all work completed	Pass	Fail	N/A	

## ON-SITE WORK ASSESSMENT

### HEATING / WATER HEATING & VENTILATION

## Comments

1	Heating System Replacement	Pass	Fail	N/A	
2	Akwarm BTU Sized If Replaced	Pass	Fail	N/A	
3	Heating System Modification / Tune Up	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	Heating Distribution Modification	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Duct Sealing	Pass	Fail	N/A	
6	Ventilation Installation/ Modification	Pass	Fail	N/A	
7	Set Back Thermostat Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
8	Water Heater Replacement	Pass	Fail	N/A	
9	Insulate Water Heater	Pass	Fail	N/A	
10	Pipe Insulation on 1st 6' of Water Heater (Hot & Cold)	Pass	Fail	N/A	
11	Work Meets SWS	Pass	Fail	N/A	
12	Additional Work Required	Pass	Fail	N/A	

### ATTIC / SIDEWALL & KNEEWALLS

## Comments

1	Attic Insulation Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
2	Attic Air Sealed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
3	Uniform Coverage and Depth per Scope of Work	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	Chimney Insulation Sheild(s) Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Insulation Depth Markers Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
6	Electric Junction Boxes Markers Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
7	Insulation Certificate Posted	Pass	Fail	N/A	
8	Attic Access Insulated / Air Sealed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
9	Sidewall / Kneewall Insulation Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
10	Sidewall / Kneewall Access Insulation Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
11	Work Meets SWS	Pass	Fail	N/A	
12	Additional Work Required	Pass	Fail	N/A	

### CRAWLSPACE / FOUNDATION

## Comments

1	Rim / Band Joist Insulated	Pass	Fail	N/A	
2	Under Floor / Belly Insulation Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
3	Foundation / Perimeter Insulation Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	Wall Insulation Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Ground Vapor Barrier Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
6	Work Meets SWS	Pass	Fail	N/A	
7	Additional Work Required	Pass	Fail	N/A	

**WINDOWS / DOORS**

**Comments**

1	Windows Replaced	Pass	Fail	N/A	
2	Doors Replaced	Pass	Fail	N/A	
3	Door Weather-Stripping / Sweeps Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	Work Meets SWS	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Additional Work Required	Pass	Fail	N/A	

**OTHER MEASURES**

**Comments**

1	Energy Efficient Shower Heads Installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
2	Lighting Replaced - LED or CFL	Pass	Fail	N/A	
3	Dryer Vented	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	Smoke Detectors Installed # installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Carbon Monoxide Detectors Installed # installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
6	Fire Extinguisher Installed # installed	Pass	Fail	N/A	
7	Other Work (Not Noted Elsewhere)	Pass	Fail	N/A	
8	Other Work (Not Noted Elsewhere)	Pass	Fail	N/A	
9	Refrigerator Replacement	Pass	Fail	N/A	
10	Work Meets SWS	Pass	Fail	N/A	
10	Additional Work Required	Pass	Fail	N/A	

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING VERIFICATION**

**Comments**

1	Blower Door Test	Pass	Fail	N/A	
2	CAZ Safety Test (State of AK form)	Pass	Fail	N/A	
3	Hot Water Temperature	Pass	Fail	N/A	
4	ASHRAE Compliance	Pass	Fail	N/A	
5	Heating System Efficiency	Pass	Fail	N/A	
6	Oven CO & Visual Range Top Test	Pass	Fail	N/A	
7	Raw Fuel Test (Fuel Leak Test)	Pass	Fail	N/A	
8	Work Meets SWS	Pass	Fail	N/A	
9	Additional Work Required	Pass	Fail	N/A	

**SUMMARY OF INSPECTION**

**Comments**

1	Missed Opportunities Identified	Yes	No	
2	<b>Inspection Outcome</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	

*Pass indicates the job is complete and QCI inspector verifies all measures have been properly justified and completed per Alaska weatherization operations manual, Alaska field guide & SWS. This unit can be reported as a completion. Fail indicates the job requires additional attention from the Agency and QCI Inspector follow-up required.*

QCI Signature

Date

**FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION (if applicable)**

Re-inspection by QCI inspector required on failed items above. By signing & dating below, QCI inspector is verifying the items that failed above have been remedied and comply with Alaska weatherization operations manual, Alaska field guide & SWS. This unit can be reported as a completion. If the items are not remedied, do not sign below.

QCI Signature

Date

# Assessment

Line #	SECTION I - CLIENT INFORMATION/ BLOWER DOOR TARGET	Job #																									
1	Client Name & address																										
2	Year house was built:																										
3	Estimated yearly fuel usage for heating																										
4	Pre-test technician name & date	_ / _ / _																									
5	Post - test technician name & date	_ / _ / _																									
6	Is the client experiencing any problems with the house?																										
7	What is the client expecting/hoping weatherization will accomplish?																										
8	Does anyone living in the house have asthma or respiratory problems?	YES	NO																								
	If Yes, explain:																										
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10	Install refrigerator tester (assure to clear memory)																										
<b>SECTION II - VISUAL INSPECTION, THERMAL BOUNDARY, HOUSE MEASUREMENTS</b>																											
11	Primary source of heat & fuel type																										
12	Secondary source of heat & fuel type																										
13	Any pollution sources found? (If yes, circle/describe below)	Yes	No																								
Mold - Moisture - Carbon Monoxide - Chemicals - Radon - Pets																											
Smokers in the House - Odors - Hobbies - Excessive plants - Humidifiers																											
14	# of existing operational smoke alarms?																										
15	# of existing operational carbon monoxide detectors?																										
16	# of existing operational fire extinguishers?																										
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**SECTION II Continued -**

**Job #** \_\_\_\_\_

17	Dryer ducted to the exterior?	Yes	No
Proposed Work:			
18	Bath Fan(s) ducted to the exterior?	Yes	No
Proposed Work:			
19	Rangehood ducted to the exterior?	Yes	No
Proposed Work:			
20	A. Type of foundation/skirting?		
	B. Height of foundation wall?		
	C. Top of foundation wall below, on or above grade? (How much?)		
	D. Insulation type and thickness?		
	E. Is there a ground vapor barrier (document condition)?	Yes	No
Proposed Work:			
21	Rim Joist insulation type, thickness and is it sealed?		
Proposed Work:			

**SECTION II Continued -**

**Job #** \_\_\_\_\_

22	If exposed floor, insulation type, thickness and spacing (16" or 24")?		
Proposed Work:			
23	A. Type of walls and spacing (16" or 24")?		
	B. Insulation type, thickness and is there a vapor barrier?		
Proposed Work:			
24	A. Type of roof system (cathedral, cold attic...)?		
	B. Ceiling insulation type and thickness?		
	C. Is there a vapor barrier	Yes	No
	D. Are there insulation baffels installed at eaves?	Yes	No
	E. Describe attic/roof venting:		
Proposed Work:			
25	Roofing type and condition?		
Proposed Work:			
<b>Visual inspection Comments:</b>			
26	Fill out the House & Window measurement Data Sheet (one for each story)		

# HOUSE & WINDOW MEASUREMENTS

Story \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ceiling Height \_\_\_\_\_

Job # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Square Feet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Volume \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate south on map - each story will have a separate house and window measurement sheet

## Doors (identify location & swing of door on drawing above)

Number	Location	Rough Opening	Jamb Width	Type of Door	Suggested Work
D1					
D2					
D3					
D4					

## Windows (identify location & swing of window on drawing above)

Number	Location	Rough Opening	Egress?	Type and condition <small>(weatherstripping, glass, lockset...)</small>	# of panes	Suggested Work
W1			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W2			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W3			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W4			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W5			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W6			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W7			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W8			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W9			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	
W10			Yes / No		1 - 2 - 3	

**Line # SECTION III - Blower Door & Pressure Testing**

**Pre**

**Post**

27	Blower door Location		
28	Outside Temperature		
29	Estimated wind speed (mph)		
30	Starting pressure - house WRT outside (blower door closed) (stack pressure)		
31	Test pressure - house WRT outside (stack pressure minus 50pa)		
32	Blower door configuration: O = Open, A = ring A, B = ring B, C= ring C		
33	Blower door FAN PRESSURE		
34	Cubic Feet per Minute		

**Blower Door Comments (If blower door is NOT completed, document the circumstances):**


35	<b>ZONAL PRESSURES (Write N/A if not tested)</b>	<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
	Attic WRT House		
	Crawlspace WRT House		
	Garage WRT House		
	Mobile Home Belly WRT House		
	WRT House		
	WRT House		
	WRT House		

36	<b>PRESSURE PAN TESTING (clockwise from blower door)</b>					
	Location (note supply or return)	Pre	Post	Location (note supply or return)	Pre	Post
	1-			8-		
	2-			9-		
	3-			10-		
	4-			11-		
	5-			12-		
	6-			13-		
	7-			14-		

37	<b>HOUSE PRESSURE BALANCING (Clockwise from blower door) Air handler on - Room WRT main body</b>					
	Room Description	Pre	Post	Room Description	Pre	Post
	1-			7-		
	2-			8-		
	3-			9-		
	4-			10-		
	5-			11-		
	6-			12-		

38	<b>DEPRESSURIZATION TEST (Complete maximum depressurization data sheet for each combustion appliance)</b>					
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39	<b>PRIMARY HEAT SYSTEM INSPECTION</b>		
	Primary heat system manufacturer & model #		
	Burner type & RPM: (1725 -- 3450 )		
		<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
	Is there a hazardous or unsafe condition?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	Are there visible signs of vent pipe leaks or damage?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	Are there gas fumes or indications of gas leakage?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	If furnace, does the filter need to be changed? (if no filter, describe below)	Yes / No / NA	N/A
	If furnace, document size of filter		
	If furnace, flame change when the fan comes on?	Yes / No / NA	Yes / No / NA
	Does the heating system spill gases for more than one minute?	Yes / No / NA	Yes / No / NA
	Smoke (oil only)		
	Carbon monoxide in stack		
	Oxygen (O2)		
	Room Temperature		
	Stack Temperature		
	Steady State Efficiency		
	Carbon Dioxide (CO2)		
	Excess Air		
	Draft in vent WRT CAZ		
	Carbon monoxide in CAZ ambient air		
	Heat Rise (supply plenum temp - return plenum temp)		
	Test hole in chimney sealed?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	Proposed Work:		
40	<b>SECONDARY HEAT SYSTEM INSPECTION</b>		
	Secondary heat system manufacturer & model #		
	How much is the secondary system used? (%)	<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
	Is there a hazardous or unsafe condition?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	Are there visible signs of vent pipe leaks or damage?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	If woodstove, diameter of existing chimney?		
	Are there gas fumes or indications of gas leakage?	Yes / No	Yes / No
	Carbon monoxide in CAZ ambient air		
	Proposed Work:		
If considering replacement of woodstove; measure wall clearances, floor to ceiling, ceiling to roof, and roof slope			

41	<b>WATER HEATER INSPECTION</b>				
	Water heater manufacturer & model #				
	Location of water heater?				
		<b>Pre</b>		<b>Post</b>	
	Is there a hazardous or unsafe condition?		Yes / No	Yes / No	
	Is there a pressure/relief valve installed?		Yes / No	Yes / No	
	Water heater thermostat setting?				
	Water heater blanket installed?				
	Continue if water heater is gas, propane or oil type				
	Are there visible signs of vent pipe leaks or damage?		Yes / No	Yes / No	
	Are there gas fumes or indications of gas leakage?		Yes / No	Yes / No	
	Does the water heater spill gases for more than one minute?		Yes / No / NA	Yes / No / NA	
	Smoke (oil only)				
	Carbon monoxide in stack				
	Oxygen (O2)				
	Room Temperature				
	Stack Temperature				
	Steady State Efficiency				
	Carbon Dioxide (CO2)				
	Excess Air				
	Draft in vent WRT CAZ				
	Carbon monoxide in CAZ ambient air				
	Proposed Work:				
42	<b>RANGE/OVEN CARBON MONOXIDE TESTING</b>				
	Kitchen Range (gas/propane) - Manufacturer & Model#:				
	Test 18" above each burner with pot on burner & in throat of oven - no post test required unless work on range is completed				
		<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>		<b>Pre</b>
				<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
	Back left burner			Back right burner	
	Front left burner			Front right burner	
	Oven			Kitchen Ambient Air	
	Proposed Work:				

43	<b>WATER CONSERVATION</b>		
		<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
	Kitchen faucet gpm		
	Shower Head #1 gpm		
	Shower Head #2 gpm		
	Shower Head #3 gpm		
	Bathroom #1 sink faucet gpm		
	Bathroom #2 sink faucet gpm		
	Bathroom #3 sink faucet gpm		

44	<b>REFRIGERATOR</b> - Manufacturer, model# & size:		
	Hinges are on which side of the refrigerator	Left	Right
	Approximate age of the fridge		
	Length refrigerator was tested		
	Kilowatts used		
	Average cost per month		

45	<b>LIGHTING - List bulbs or fixtures suggested to change for conservation</b>			
	Quantity	Pre-wattage	Average hours on a day	Post-wattage

46	<b>RETURN HOUSE TO ORIGINAL SET-UP</b>		
	Heating system turned on?	<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
	Thermostat set correctly?		
	Water Heater turned on?		
	Refrigerator turned on?		
	<b>General Notes:</b>		

**ADDITIONAL HEAT INSPECTION FORM - ONLY IF NEEDED**

<b>HEAT SYSTEM INSPECTION</b>		
Heat system manufacturer & model #		
Burner type & RPM: (1725 -- 3450 )		
	<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>
Is there a hazardous or unsafe condition?	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are there visible signs of vent pipe leaks or damage?	Yes / No	Yes / No
Are there gas fumes or indications of gas leakage?	Yes / No	Yes / No
If furnace, does the filter need to be changed? (if no filter, describe below)	Yes / No / NA	N/A
If furnace, document size of filter		
If furnace, flame change when the fan comes on?	Yes / No / NA	Yes / No / NA
Does the heating system spill gases for more than one minute?	Yes / No / NA	Yes / No / NA
Smoke (oil only)		
Carbon monoxide in stack		
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Room Temperature		
Stack Temperature		
Steady State Efficiency		
Carbon Dioxide (CO2)		
Excess Air		
Draft in vent WRT CAZ		
Carbon monoxide in CAZ ambient air		
Heat Rise (supply plenum temp - return plenum temp)		
Test hole in chimney sealed?	Yes / No	Yes / No
Proposed Work:		

Assessment Measures

Heating

Measure	Materials needed					
Boiler	Tune-up	Fuel filter	Parts	Glycol		
Furnace	Tune-up	Fuel filter	Air Filter			
Pot Burner	Toyostove	Goldenrod	Fittings			
Barrel Stove	Wood Stove	S/W pipe				
Single Wall	MB pipe	Top	Flash	Storm Col	Dripless	

Foundation

Measure	Materials needed					
Level	2 x 12 AW	1/2 AW Ply	2 x 6 PT			
Raise	2 x 12 AW	4 x 6 PT	6 x 6 PT	2 x 4 S/B		
Steps	2 x 12 PT	Deck Lattice	2 x 4 PT	2 x 2 PT		

Floor

Measure	Materials needed					
Insulate	Fiberglass	Tyvek	Plywood	Batt hgrs		
Add foam	Styrene	plywood				
Repair	Plywood	Lumber				

Walls

Measure	Materials needed					
Wall Wrap	Siding (8', 9')	1 1/2" styrene	1x4 cedar	Siding Cap	2 x 2 x 8	Z-Metal
Repair	Siding (8', 9')	Ply/paneling	6 mil poly	Fiberglass	3/4 stop	1 x 2

Ceiling

Measure	Materials needed					
Caulk/seal	caulk	batten strips				
Replace	6 mil poly	3/8 AC ply				
Airsealing	caulk					

Attic

Measure	Materials needed					
Insulation	Blowfill	Insulation Shield	Cardboard baffles			
Vents	Gable vent	Ridge vent	Eave vent			

Roof

Measuer	Materials needed					
Repair	Metal roofing	Wet/dry tar				
Replace	Metal roofing	Ridge Cap	Gable Trim	Eave Trim	Roof screws	30# felt
Replace	90# Rolled	Wet/dry tar	Roofing nails			

Windows

Measure	Materials needed					
Repair	Replace glass	crank system	lock latch	shims	caulk	
Replace	Window	1x3 TK cedar	Bevel trim	foam	caulk	

Doors

Measure	Materials needed					
Repair	W/strip	Door shoe	Door brush	Lockset		
Replace	Door	Shims	Bevel trim	foam	caulk	

Ventilation

Measure	Materials needed					
Exhaust	Fresh 80	Panasonic	Dehumid	Dryer vent	Wiremold	

## ASTM E 84

### Standard test method for surface burning characteristics of building materials.

The flame spread Index and Smoke Developed Index values obtained by the ASTM E 84 test are used by code officials and regulatory agencies in the acceptance of interior finish materials for various applications. The most widely accepted classification system is described in the National Fire Protection Association publication NFPA 101 *Life Safety Code*

#### 1. 2006 International Building Code

a. Section 803 Wall and Ceiling Finishes, Paragraph 803.1 General states, “Interior wall and ceiling finishes shall be classified in accordance with ASTM E- 84. Such interior finish materials shall be grouped in the following classes in accordance with their flame spread and smoke-developed indexes.

i. Class A: Flame Spread 0-25; smoke-developed 0-450

ii. Class B: Flame Spread 26-75; smoke-developed 0-450

iii. Class C: Flame Spread 76-200; smoke-developed 0-450

Class A, B, and C correspond to type I, II, and III respectively in other codes such as SBCCI, BOCA, ICBO. They do not preclude a material being otherwise classified by the authority of jurisdiction.

#### 2. NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®

a. Chapter 10 Interior Finish, Contents, and Furnishings, Paragraph 10.2.3 Interior Wall or Ceiling Finish Testing and Classification states, “Interior wall or ceiling finish that is required elsewhere in this Code to be Class A, Class B, or Class C shall be classified based on test results from NFPA 255, ASTM E-84, or UL 723.”

# Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program

## Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

<b>CLIMATE/BUILDING FACTORS FOR ESTIMATING NATURAL AIR LEAKAGE</b>							
To determine the CFM @50 divide by number, select the city or the closest one to it. Use the chart to find the appropriate Climate/building number using the number of stories and wind shelter factor for that home.							
<b>Ambler</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	19.5	16.4	14.4	13.1	12	11.2	10.6
Average	16.3	14.2	12.7	11.7	10.8	10.2	9.6
Unshielded	15.1	13.2	11.9	11	10.2	9.7	9.2
<b>Anchorage</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23	19.2	16.9	15.3	14	13.1	12.3
Average	19.7	17	15.2	13.9	12.9	12.1	11.4
Unshielded	18.4	16	14.4	13.2	12.3	11.5	10.9
<b>Aniak</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.5	18	15.7	14.2	13	12.1	11.4
Average	19.2	16.4	14.6	13.3	12.3	11.5	10.8
Unshielded	18.2	15.6	14	12.8	11.8	11.1	10.5
<b>Bethel</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	18.5	15.8	14	12.8	11.8	11	10.4
Average	14.1	12.5	11.4	10.5	9.9	9.4	8.9
Unshielded	12.6	11.2	10.3	9.6	9.1	8.6	8.2
<b>Dillingham</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.5	18.1	16	14.5	13.4	12.5	11.7
Average	17.6	15.3	13.8	12.7	11.9	11.2	10.6
Unshielded	16.1	14.1	12.8	11.9	11.1	10.5	10

<b>Eagle River</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23.2	19.4	17.1	15.4	14.2	13.2	12.4
Average	19.9	17.1	15.3	14	13	12.2	11.5
Unshielded	18.5	16.1	14.5	13.3	12.4	11.6	11
<b>Fairbanks</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.6	18	15.8	14.2	13.1	12.1	11.4
Average	19.4	16.6	14.7	13.3	12.3	11.5	10.8
Unshielded	18.5	15.9	14.1	12.9	11.9	11.2	10.5
<b>Fort Yukon</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	19.3	16.2	14.2	12.9	11.8	11	10.4
Average	16.5	14.2	12.7	11.6	10.8	10.1	9.6
Unshielded	15.4	13.4	12	11	10.3	9.7	9.2
<b>Galena</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.1	17.5	15.4	13.8	12.7	11.8	11.1
Average	19.2	16.3	14.4	13.1	12.1	11.3	10.6
Unshielded	18.4	15.7	13.9	12.7	11.7	11	10.4
<b>Haines</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23.7	20	17.7	16	14.8	13.8	13
Average	19.1	16.7	15.1	13.9	13	12.2	11.6
Unshielded	17.4	15.4	14	12.9	12.1	11.5	10.9
<b>Healy</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	20.2	17.1	15.1	13.8	12.7	11.9	11.2
Average	16	14	12.7	11.7	10.9	10.3	9.8
Unshielded	14.5	12.8	11.7	10.8	10.2	9.6	9.2



<b>Holy Cross</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.7	18.1	15.8	14.3	13.1	12.2	11.5
Average	19.3	16.5	14.7	13.3	12.3	11.5	10.9
Unshielded	18.2	15.7	14	12.8	11.9	11.1	10.5
<b>Homer</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	22.8	19.1	16.8	15.2	14	13.1	12.3
Average	19.3	16.7	15	13.7	12.7	12	11.3
Unshielded	17.9	15.6	14.1	13	12.1	11.4	10.8
<b>Juneau, Airport</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23.4	19.7	17.4	15.8	14.5	13.5	12.7
Average	19.1	16.6	15	13.8	12.9	12.1	11.5
Unshielded	17.4	15.3	13.9	12.9	12.1	11.4	10.8
<b>Juneau, City of</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	24.3	20.5	18.1	16.5	15.2	14.2	13.3
Average	19.6	17.1	15.5	14.3	13.3	12.5	11.9
Unshielded	17.8	15.7	14.3	13.3	12.4	11.7	11.2
<b>Ketchikan</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23.3	19.9	17.7	16.2	15	14	13.3
Average	17.3	15.4	14.1	13.1	12.3	11.7	11.2
Unshielded	15.4	13.8	12.7	11.9	11.2	10.7	10.2
<b>King Salmon</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	20.2	17.1	15.2	13.8	12.7	11.9	11.2
Average	15.8	13.9	12.6	11.7	10.9	10.3	9.8
Unshielded	14.3	12.7	11.6	10.8	10.1	9.6	9.2

<b>Kodiak</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.8	18.6	16.5	15	13.9	13	12.3
Average	16.6	14.7	13.4	12.4	11.7	11	10.5
Unshielded	14.8	13.3	12.2	11.3	10.7	10.2	9.7
<b>Kotzebue</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	17.4	14.7	13.1	11.9	11	10.3	9.7
Average	13.4	11.8	10.8	10	9.3	8.8	8.4
Unshielded	12	10.7	9.8	9.1	8.6	8.2	7.8
<b>McGrath</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.4	17.8	15.6	14	12.9	12	11.2
Average	19.6	16.6	14.7	13.3	12.3	11.5	10.8
Unshielded	18.7	16	14.2	12.9	11.9	11.2	10.5
<b>Nenana</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.3	17.8	15.6	14.1	12.9	12	11.3
Average	19	16.2	14.4	13.1	12.1	11.3	10.7
Unshielded	18	15.5	13.8	12.6	11.7	11	10.3
<b>Nome</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	19	16	14.2	12.8	11.9	11.1	10.4
Average	15.3	13.4	12.1	11.1	10.4	9.8	9.3
Unshielded	13.9	12.3	11.2	10.3	9.7	9.2	8.7
<b>North Pole</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	20.9	17.4	15.2	13.7	12.6	11.7	11
Average	19.1	16.2	14.3	13	12	11.2	10.5
Unshielded	18.2	15.6	13.8	12.6	11.6	10.9	10.3

<b>Palmer</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.6	18.2	16.1	14.6	13.4	12.5	11.8
Average	17.5	15.3	13.8	12.7	11.8	11.2	10.6
Unshielded	16	14.1	12.8	11.8	11.1	10.5	10
<b>Savoonga</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	15.5	13.3	11.9	11	10.2	9.6	9.1
Average	10.9	9.8	9	8.5	8	7.6	7.3
Unshielded	9.6	8.7	8	7.5	7.2	6.8	6.6
<b>Seward</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	25.2	20.9	18.3	16.5	15.1	14.1	13.2
Average	23	19.5	17.3	15.7	14.4	13.5	12.7
Unshielded	22	18.8	16.7	15.2	14	13.1	12.4
<b>Sitka</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	26	21.8	19.2	17.3	15.9	14.8	13.9
Average	22.3	19.2	17.2	15.7	14.6	13.7	12.9
Unshielded	20.7	18	16.2	14.9	13.9	13.1	12.4
<b>Tok</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	19.1	16	14.1	12.8	11.8	11	10.3
Average	15.9	13.8	12.4	11.4	10.6	9.9	9.4
Unshielded	14.7	12.9	11.6	10.7	10	9.4	8.9
<b>Unalakleet</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	18.3	15.5	13.8	12.5	11.6	10.9	10.2
Average	14	12.4	11.3	10.4	9.8	9.3	8.8
Unshielded	12.5	11.2	10.2	9.5	9	8.5	8.2

<b>Unalaska</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21	17.9	16	14.6	13.5	12.6	11.9
Average	15.6	13.8	12.7	11.8	11.1	10.5	10
Unshielded	13.8	12.4	11.4	10.7	10.1	9.6	9.2
<b>Valdez</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	21.9	18.5	16.4	14.9	13.7	12.8	12.1
Average	17.3	15.2	13.8	12.7	11.9	11.2	10.7
Unshielded	15.6	13.9	12.7	11.7	11	10.4	10
<b>Wasilla</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23.1	19.4	17	15.4	14.1	13.2	12.4
Average	20	17.2	15.4	14	13	12.2	11.5
Unshielded	18.7	16.2	14.6	13.4	12.4	11.7	11.1
<b>Yakutat</b>			Number of Stories				
Wind Shelter	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Shielded	23.5	19.7	17.4	15.7	14.4	13.5	12.6
Average	19.9	17.2	15.4	14.1	13.1	12.3	11.7
Unshielded	18.4	16.1	14.5	13.3	12.4	11.7	11.1



# Combustion Safety Test Form

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		PRE		POST	
Client					
Job #	Date				
	Technician Name				
<b>Start Combustion Analyzer, Gas Sniffer, &amp; 4 Gas Monitor outside building. Check CO and LEL inside for safe levels</b>					
<b>Natural Gas and LP Piping Leakage Testing</b>		PRE	POST		
Leaks Detected?					
Leak(s) confirmed using leak detection fluid					
<b>Appliance name:</b>				1:	2:
<b>Visual Inspection of CAZ for Unsafe Conditions</b>		PRE	POST	PRE	POST
CAZ free of flammable products					
CAZ free of combustibles (rags, paper in the immediate area of appliance)					
Water heater in garage is 18" above the floor or FVIR listed					
Combustion appliance vent has appropriate clearance to combustibles					
<b>Set up CAZ in worst case</b>		PRE	POST	PRE	POST
<b>Record</b> baseline pressure in CAZ WRT outside					
<b>Turn on</b> EXHAUST equipment ONLY & <b>Record</b> pressure WRT outside					
<b>Turn on</b> Forced air blower & <b>Record</b> pressure WRT outside					
<b>If CAZ more negative with blower on, leave on. If CAZ more positive, turn blower off for the rest of the test</b>					
<b>Close</b> CAZ door & <b>Record</b> pressure in the CAZ WRT outside					
<b>Open</b> CAZ door & <b>Record</b> pressure in the CAZ WRT outside					
<b>Test house with the largest negative pressure in the CAZ based upon test results above</b>					
<b>Test CO and Spillage of appliance with the most appropriate of the following 3 Test below</b>					
1	<b>CO &amp; SPILLAGE SINGLE VENT STACK</b>	PRE	POST	PRE	POST
<b>Record</b> ambient CO BEFORE test starts <b>then start appliance</b>					
Did the appliance spill at 2 minutes of main burner operation?					
<b>Record CO AIR FREE</b> of undiluted flue gases at 5 minutes					
<b>Record</b> ambient CO AFTER test					
2	<b>CO &amp; SPILLAGE 2 APPLIANCES WITH A COMMON VENT</b>	PRE	POST	PRE	POST
<b>Record</b> ambient CO BEFORE test starts <b>then start appliance(s)</b>					
Spillage FIRST appliance ( <b>Test</b> at 2 minutes after second appliance)					
Spillage SECOND appliance ( <b>Test</b> at 2 minute mark)					
<b>Record CO AIR FREE</b> of undiluted flue gases at 5 minutes					
<b>Record</b> ambient CO AFTER test					
3	<b>CO WITH NO DRAFTHOOD OR BAROMETRIC DAMPER</b>	PRE	POST	PRE	POST
<b>Record CO AIR FREE</b> of undiluted flue gases at 5 minutes					
<b>Record</b> ambient CO AFTER test					
<b>Natural Gas and LP Oven Testing</b>		PRE	POST	PRE	POST
<b>Conduct visual inspection:</b> oven & range burner cleanliness & any stored material					
<b>Record CO AS MEASURED</b> of undiluted flue gases at 5 minutes					
<b>Record</b> ambient CO AFTER oven test					
<b>Woodstove/Fireplace</b>		PRE	POST	PRE	POST
<b>Conduct visual insp</b> vent stack, chimney, clearance, combustibles					

IF COMBUSTION SAFETY TEST FAILS, ACTION TO BE TAKEN:



# COMBUSTION SAFETY TEST FORM REFERENCE TABLES

## Vent Categorization Per NFPA 54

(line 4d)

<b>Category I: NFGC</b>			AFUE 65-83%	<b>Category III: Airtight</b>			AFUE 78-87%
Non-Condensing	<b>Typical Materials</b>	<b>Clearance</b>		Non-Condensing	<b>Typical Materials</b>	<b>Clearance</b>	
Negative Pressure (-)	B-vent	1"		Positive Pressure (+)	Sealed metal	NA	
High Temperature Flue Gases	Single wall metal	6"		High Temperature Flue Gas	Sealed plastics	NA	
Natural or Fan Assisted Drafts	L-vent	9"		Fan Assisted Draft	per manufacturer		
	Lined Masonry	no extra					
<b>Category II: Corrosion Resistant</b>			<<Rare>>	<b>Category IV: Airtight &amp; Corrosion Resist</b>			AFUE 90%+
Condensing	<b>Typical Materials</b>	<b>Clearance</b>		Condensing	<b>Typical Materials</b>	<b>Clearance</b>	
Negative Pressure (-)	Special	as needed		Positive Pressure (+)	Sealed plastics	NA	
Low Temperature Flue Gases	as designated by manufacturer			Low Temperature Flue Gas	per manufacturer specification		
				Sealed Combustion			

### ANNEX D (BPI-1200) ACTION LEVELS FOR SPILLAGE AND CO IN COMBUSTION APPLIANCES

Test Results	Action Required
Greater CAZ depressurization occurs with the air handler on *	<b>CONDUCT</b> further analysis of the distribution system to determine if leaky ducts or other HVAC induced imbalances are the cause of the spillage. <b>Specify measures</b> to mitigate CAZ depressurization.
Greater CAZ depressurization occurs with door to CAZ closed, but is alleviated when the door to CAZ is open *	Specify measures to improve air transfer between the CAZ and the core of the house.
Spillage traced to excessive exhaust ** independent of CAZ door position, air handler, or a problem with the flue +	<b>VERIFY</b> sufficient combustion air is available per ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 for gas-fired appliances & NFPA 31 for oil fired appliances or have verification by a qualified professional <b>Specify</b> further evaluate/service by professional to address venting/combustion air issue
* In the case where both spillage and excessive CO are present, in addition to the specific <u>directions</u> above, <b>Specify</b> that the appliance be shut down until it can be serviced by a qualified professional.	
** Refers to exhaust caused by mechanical ventilation and/or other means of exfiltration.	
+ When a recommendation to replace atmospherically vented combustion equipment inside the pressure boundary is made, and when cost-effective, Specify replacement with direct or power vented equipment (or non-combustion equipment, such as a heat pump), which is ENERGY STAR® labeled.	

### CO ACTION LEVELS (& LEL)

(lines 1,6,7,&9)

<b>CO Levels 70 ppm and GREATER ***</b>
1. Immediately TERMINATE inspection
2. Notify occupants to evacuate the building
3. Notify emergency services from outside building
<b>CO Levels 36 ppm - 69 ppm</b>
1. Notify occupants of elevated levels
2. Open windows and doors
3. RECOMMEND to the occupant that a possible source of CO be turned off immediately
4. RECOMMEND occupants contact qualified professional to service permanently installed appliance
<b>CO Levels 9 ppm - 35 ppm</b>
1. Notify occupants that CO has been detected
2. RECOMMEND to open doors and windows
3. RECOMMEND checking possible sources of CO
4. Recommend occupants contact qualified professional to service permanently installed appliance
<b>CO Levels BELOW 9 ppm</b>
1. Do nothing
<b>*** Actions also required if LEL ≥ 10%</b>

### CO THRESHOLDS Combustion Appliances

(lines 6,7,8 &9)

Appliance	Threshold Limit
Central furnace (all categories)	400 ppm air free
Boiler	400 ppm air free
Floor Furnace	400 ppm air free
Gravity Furnace	400 ppm air free
Wall Furnace (BIV)	200 ppm air free
Wall Furnace (Direct Vent)	400 ppm air free
Vented Room Heater	200 ppm air free
Unvented Room Heater	200 ppm air free
Water Heater	200 ppm air free
Oven/Broiler	225 ppm AS MEASURED

### Action Level

If CO level above threshold-notify client & recommend service



# Daily In-Progress Combustion Safety Test Form

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Client		Work Dates			
Job #		Technician			

**Designate Combustion Appliances to be spillage tested by work crew at end of work day**

TEST	Appliance	Location
	App 1:	
	App 2:	

<b>Confirm CO Detectors are in place and operational</b>	yes / no	<b>If no install</b>
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**NOTE: If Combustion Appliance doesn't have a Draft Hood or Barometric Damper it is not necessary to perform worst case test**

### Set up CAZ in Worst Case Depressurization

- Place all combustion appliances located within the CAZ in their standby mode and prepare for operation
  - Set up manometer CAZ WRT Outside
  - Fires in woodstoves and/or fireplaces shall be fully extinguished, dampers closed
  - Close all building exterior doors and windows
  - Close all CAZ doors. *Close the interior doors of all rooms except rooms with an exhaust fan or forced air return.*
  - Turn on exhaust equipment: clothes dryers, range hoods, and other exhaust fans.
  - Turn on central forced air blower, *if CAZ goes more negative with blower on leave on, more positive turn off*
  - Open the CAZ door, if CAZ goes more negative leave open, if not leave closed
- | 9  | Turn on Appliance                                   | Day One  |          | Day Two  |          | Day Three |          |
|----|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|    |   | App 1    | App 2    | App 1    | App 2    | App 1     | App 2    |
| 10 | Did the equipment spill gasses for more than 2 min? | yes / no | yes / no | yes / no | yes / no | yes / no  | yes / no |

**If answer is "yes," ACTION is required.**

### Action

Describe ACTION Taken and Notify Client	Initials	Date

Notes:

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# CONFINED SPACE EVALUATION FORM

<b>Client Name:</b>		<b>WX #</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		Inspection #1 Column	Inspection #2 Column	Inspection #3 Column
Print name of competent person filling out form				
Date of evaluation				
<b>Use of the word hazard below refers to a serious safety &amp; worker health hazard identified by competent person</b>				
<small>See OSHA factsheet (DOC FS-3787 05/2015) from more information</small>				
<b>1</b>	<b>Confined space to enter</b> (circle one)	Attic - Crawlspace - Other	Attic - Crawlspace - Other	Attic - Crawlspace - Other
	<b>Brief Description of Space</b>			
<b>2</b>	<b>If entering attic - Is there an "attic board" on site?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
<b>3</b>	<b>Any hazard of reasonable entry/exit?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
<b>4</b>	<b>Odors present?</b> (Circle if present)	Natural Gas/Propane - Petroleum - Sewage - Mold - Combustion - Chemical - Other	Natural Gas/Propane - Petroleum - Sewage - Mold - Combustion - Chemical - Other	Natural Gas/Propane - Petroleum - Sewage - Mold - Combustion - Chemical - Other
	<b>If Yes, is odor the level considered a hazard?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
	<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Does any height in space cause a hazard?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
<b>6</b>	<b>Sharp/cutting hazards in space</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
<b>7</b>	<b>Structural concerns in space are a hazard?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
<b>8</b>	<b>Temperature in confined space a hazard?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
<b>9</b>	<b>Combustion appliance present in confined space?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
	<b>If Yes, is combustion appliance a hazard?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
<b>10</b>	<b>Are there chimney or flue pipes in space?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
	<b>If Yes, is chimney or flue a hazard?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
<b>11</b>	<b>Are fuel/gas lines in space?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
	<b>If Yes, fuel/gas line in space a hazard?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
<b>12</b>	<b>Is there a hazard in space from plumbing?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
<b>13</b>	<b>Is there a hazard in space from electrical?</b>	Yes - No	Yes - No	Yes - No
<b>14</b>	<b>Air monitoring recorded at time of entry</b> (if applicable)	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
	<b>Oxygen</b> (minimum of 19.5% to maximum of 23.5%)			
	<b>Methane</b> (maximum of 10%)			
	<b>Hydrogen Sulfide</b> (maximum of 10 ppm)			
	<b>Carbon Monoxide</b> (maximum of 35ppm)			
<b>15</b>	<b>Confined space sign posted at entry of space?</b>	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A	Yes - No - N/A
<b>16</b>	<b>Signature of Competent Person</b>			
<i>If yes marked above to any hazard questions, permit required space and hazard must be remedied prior to work, if no hazards identified, continue with work</i>				
<b>Comments/ Notes/Site Specific Safety Plan:</b>				



## **Weatherization Specifications Project**

### **List of Definitions**

**Agency:** Community, Trade and Economic Development Housing Improvement Program

**Air sealing:** Sealing of the building envelope with materials that stop or prevent air leakage into or through a dwelling unit.

**Ambient CO level:** The level of CO measured within the dwelling unit, but not within the exhaust flue.

**Auditor:** the person that identifies health, safety, durability and energy conservation issues, problems and/or opportunities in buildings.

**Background CO level:** The naturally occurring level of CO measured outside of the dwelling unit.

**Baffling:** materials used to maintain ventilation openings and minimum clearance requirements.

**Base-load costs:** those energy costs associated with a building's operation excluding costs associated for heating/cooling.

**Btu:** British Thermal Unit. The quantity of heat required to raise one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

**Building air flow standard:** The calculation used to determine the target level of airflow in a dwelling unit that should be achieved by mechanical or natural ventilation at the completion of weatherization, measured in CFM50 (i.e., CFM measured at 50 Pascals pressure difference).

**Building shell:** a building's exterior envelope, consisting of the walls, floor and roof of a building.

**By passes:** Holes, openings and chase-ways typically found around chimneys, plumbing and electrical penetrations in attics and crawlspaces that allow conditioned air to escape or unconditioned air to enter a dwelling unit.

**Ceiling loading:** The amount of weight in pounds per square foot a ceiling is designed to support.

**Client file:** the file that contains documents specific to the work on an individual dwelling unit.

Combustion appliance: Any liquid, gas or solid-fuel burning appliance, including water heaters, wood stoves, ranges, ovens or stove tops, furnaces, boilers, space heaters, fireplaces, fireplace inserts and gas logs.

Combustion appliance zone: (CAZ) The physical area in which the combustion appliance is located; usually contained by a door or an access closure.

Combustion safety diagnostic testing: use of a digital and calibrated manometer to read pressure differentials and CO levels under a variety of natural and created conditions to assist in diagnosing airflow and draft dynamics in a combustion appliance.

Computerized Audit Tool: energy use analysis software that is approved by the Department of Energy for use in determining cost-effective conservation measures

Conditioned basement: an intentionally heated or cooled basement

Contractor: the weatherization agency and their subcontractors

Damming: materials used to prevent insulation from spilling or spreading to areas that may cause moisture, combustion or ventilation problems.

Data logger: A device that measures energy consumption over a given time period, typically in Kilowatt/hours, and often used to determine the energy consumption of refrigerator and freezer units.

De minimus level: the damaged or deteriorated (chipped, peeling, flaking, worn, etc) area of a given painted surface or component that, when exceeded, triggers the use of lead-safe work practices.

Diagnostic testing: use of a digital and calibrated manometer to read pressure differentials under a variety of natural and created conditions to assist in diagnosing airflow and ventilation dynamics in a dwelling unit.

Direct-vented combustion appliance: An ANSI Category I appliance. An appliance that operates with a non-positive vent static pressure and with a vent gas temperature that avoids excessive condensate production in the vent. Combustion air is supplied from outdoors directly to combustion chamber.

Dominant duct leakage testing: A test done with the air handler running that indicates which is the leakier side of the furnace distribution system (the supply side or the return side).

EnergyStar: a Department of Energy designation for products and materials that meet certain established energy efficiency requirements.

EPA: The Environmental Protection Agency; the federal agency that oversees environmental protection.

Exterior wall plate: The bottom framing member of a wall system that lies flat on the exterior perimeter of the foundation and to which wall studs are fastened.

Flame-spread rating: The flame spread index and smoke development index obtained by ASTM E-84 test method for surface burning characteristics of building materials.

Hardwired detector (or fixture): A detector (or fixture) that is directly and permanently wired into a dwelling unit's electrical system.

Heat rise: The number of degrees of temperature increase that air is heated as it is blown over a heat exchanger. Heat rise equals supply temperature minus return temperature.

Heating Degree Days: each degree that the average daily temperature is below the base temperature (usually 65 degree F) constitutes one heating degree day.

IC-rated fixture: A fixture that is rated and labeled for coverage with insulation.

Installed Measure Cost: The actual cost that will be incurred to completely install a given conservation measure. Formulas for calculating the installed measure costs are found in Section 2.6.3.

Installer: the person installing a weatherization measure

Knee wall: A short vertical wall in a story and a half dwelling unit.

Knob and tube wiring: A wiring method used primarily from 1900 to 1930, characterized by the use of two parallel wires supported on insulated glass knobs and tubes.

Lead based paint: Paint that contains 1.0 milligrams per square centimeter or 5000 micrograms per gram or 0.5 percent lead by weight.

Low-cost, No-cost: Relatively inexpensive conservation devices that can be easily installed by the weatherization client, i.e., compact fluorescent bulbs, low-flow shower heads and aerators and door weather-stripping.

Matrix of Insulation measures: a State-approved table that establishes levels of insulation that may added to and/or installed in buildings.

Matrix of non-insulation measures: a State-approved table that establishes non-insulation energy conservation measures

Mechanical air changes: The number of air changes per hour occurring in a dwelling unit as a result of air movement that is assisted with mechanically operated fans.

Multi-family dwelling unit: a unit with more than four dwelling units in a common building

Natural air changes: The number of air changes per hour occurring in a dwelling unit as a result of natural air movement (i.e., without any assistance from mechanical fans).

OSHA: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration; the federal agency that oversees workplace health and safety.

Power-vented combustion appliance: An ANSI Category IV appliance. An appliance that operates with a positive vent static pressure and with a vent gas temperature that may cause excessive condensate production in the vent.

Pressure boundary: an air barrier; usually the primary air barrier, most effective when aligned with a thermal boundary

Pressure pan testing: The process of testing air leakage in duct systems using a device to block a duct register while measuring the static pressure behind the device during a blower door test.

Priority Air Sealing: air sealing that addresses the major and obvious holes in the pressure boundary, typically visible holes in the walls and ceilings of the building envelope.

Program file: the file that contains documents required for the administration of a weatherization program.

Savings to Investment ratio (SIR): the measurement of how many times an energy retrofit pays for itself during an established lifetime.

Sealed combustion appliance: An appliance that draws all combustion air from outdoors and has a sealed exhaust system.

Spillage: The temporary flow of combustion gasses from a dilution device.

Steady-state operating condition: The typical operating condition of a heating appliance after it has gone through its initial start up period.

Thermal boundary: that plane of a building envelope where insulation is installed to minimize heat flow, most effective when aligned with a pressure boundary

TREAT: Targeted Residential Energy Analysis Tools. A computerized tool that is used during an energy audit that assists in determining cost-effectiveness of anticipated conservation measures for a dwelling unit.

Unconditioned basement: a basement that is intentionally not heated or cooled

Unintentionally conditioned basement: a basement that is heated or cooled unintentionally; typically getting residual heat or cooling from a conditioned space or from conditioning equipment located in the basement

UV resistant: Materials that are resistant to degradation caused by ultra-violet light rays.

Vapor retarder: A material that retards the passage of water vapor.

Vent draft pressure: The pressure in a vent with reference to either the outside or within combustion appliance zone, measured in Pascals.

Weatherization audit: the process of identifying energy conservation opportunities in building

WISHA: The Washington Industrial Safety and health Administration; the State of Washington agency that oversees workplace health and safety.

Worst-case depressurization test: A systematic setup of the dwelling unit in a configuration most likely to cause a combustion appliance to back-draft or spill exhaust gasses into the dwelling unit.

Zonal pressure testing: The use of pressure measurements to compare relative tightness or hole size of different surfaces and zones of a dwelling unit.

## Removal & Disposal of Materials Policy

Through the course of weatherization work often parts of a home are replaced. Typical items include (but not limited to):

- Doors
- Windows
- Furnaces
- Boilers
- Woodstoves
- Space heaters (monitors, toyostoves or similar)
- Water heaters
- Refrigerators
- Bathroom fans
- Range hoods

Interior Weatherization's policy concerning replaced materials is:

**Any materials being replaced will be taken from the jobsite and disposed of.**  
**No materials are to be left behind.**

It is the installer's responsibility to remove any replaced items; no items will be left for owner to dispose of. If owner would like to retain replaced items, installer shall not proceed with replacement without approval from the Assessor or Executive Director.

I certify that I have read and understand the above replaced material policy. You are authorizing any replaced materials to be disposed of by signing below. If you do not agree with this policy, do not sign below and contact Interior Weatherization, Inc. immediately.

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Printed Owner's Name

Owner's Signature

Date

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Job #

Address

## Economic Analysis of Refrigerator Replacement

Blue Entries are cells that can be changed by the user

Remember to press Enter after typing each input

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### Main Inputs

Name of Job:

Monthly Energy Cost of Existing Refrigerator, as read by Power Meter:

Annual Energy Use of Replacement Refrigerator from Energy Label:

Cost of Refrigerator Replacement, including disposal of old fridge:

Electric Rate for the Home with the Refrigerator:  
(make sure this is entered into the Power Meter)

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### Economic Assumptions Approved by DOE

Life of the Refrigerator: 15 years  
Economic Discount Rate (real, with inflation removed): 3.40% per year

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### Results

Annual Energy Use of Existing Refrigerator:	926 kWh per year
Annual Energy Use of Replacement Refrigerator:	430 kWh per year
Energy Savings:	<hr/> 496 kWh per year

Annual Energy Cost Savings: **\$ 46 per year**

Simple Payback: **11.6 years**

Savings-to-Investment Ratio, SIR: **1.00**

# CERTIFICATE OF INSULATION

## DWELLING INFORMATION

## CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE:				CONTRACTOR NAME:				
DATE INSULATION WAS INSTALLED:				CONTRACTOR ADDRESS:				
				CONTRACTOR PHONE #:				
AREA INSULATED <small>(specify area in space below)</small>	Square Footage	Existing R-Value	Added R-Value	Final R-Value	Type of Insulation Installed	Installed Depth <small>(new, do not include existing)</small>	# of Bags	Size or Weight of Bag
Foundation - Area 1								
Foundation - Area 2								
Floor - Area 1								
Floor - Area 2								
Floor - Area 3								
Rim Joist - Area 1								
Rim Joist - Area 2								
Wall - Area 1								
Wall - Area 2								
Wall - Area 3								
Attic - Area 1								
Attic - Area 2								
Attic - Area 3								
Other -								
Other -								

## INSTALLER CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), certify that this residence was insulated in conformance with all applicable codes, standards, regulations, and specifications of the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program, as administered by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Copy 1: Posted at access of insulated area WITH an empty insulation bag or wrapper attached

Copy 2: Give to Client

Copy 3: Place in WX file

Revised: April 2008



# WX Rental limits & Owner/Landlord Contribution Calculations

<b>Matching Funds :</b> (Owner/Landlord contributes funds)	
Single Family and duplex (per unit):	<b>Owner pays 50% of all work over \$6000 (\$8000 agency max.)</b>
Tri-plex or 4-plex (per unit):	<b>Owner pays 50% of all work over \$4000 (\$8000 agency max.)</b>
5-plex & more (per unit):	<b>Owner pays 50% of all work over \$3000 (\$6000 agency max.)</b>
<b>No Contribution :</b> (Owner chooses not to contribute funds & no waiver)	
Single Family and duplex (per unit):	<b>\$6000 agency max.</b>
Tri-plex or 4-plex (per unit):	<b>\$4000 agency max.</b>
5-plex & more (per unit):	<b>\$3000 agency max.</b>

Owners living in their own multi-family (including duplex) have an \$8000 budget maximum for their unit.

## Landlord Contribution Calculation

# of Units		
# of <b>ELIGIBLE</b> units:		
	\$3,000	Per unit max without contribution.
	\$0	Project max without contribution.
	\$6,000	Per unit agency max with contribution
	\$0	Project agency max with contribution

	Labor / Materials	
<b>Project Total:</b>		
Grant Funds Initial Calculation	\$0	
Amount over allowable	\$0	
Grant Funds Secondary Calculation	\$0	
Landlord Contribution Initial Calculation	\$0	
Landlord In-Kind Contribution	\$0	
Landlord Contribution Secondary Calculation	\$0	
Grant Funds Calculation after In Kind	\$0	
Amount over allowable	\$0	
<b>Landlord Final Calculation</b>	<b>\$0</b>	#DIV/0!
<b>Grant Funds Final Calculation</b>	<b>\$0</b>	#DIV/0!

# MAXIMUM DEPRESSURIZATION DATA SHEET

IF YOU ARE GOING TO TEST-TEST CORRECTLY!

**JOB#** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLIENT** \_\_\_\_\_

PRE-TEST	<b>TECH</b>	
	<b>DATE</b>	

LIST APPLIANCES	
<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>	
<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>	
<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>	
<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>	

POST-TEST	<b>TECH</b>	
	<b>DATE</b>	

## STEP A - PREPARE THE HOUSE FOR TESTING

(1) CLOSE all exterior doors and lock windows. (2) Turn OFF the HVAC system. (3) Turn OFF all exhaust appliances. (4) OPEN all interior doors. (5) CLOSE house to garage man door (will be closed for all test). (6) CLOSE all fireplace dampers (7) Record furnace filter placement during test.

FURNACE FILTER PLACEMENT	Filter In	Filter Out	Not Applicable

FILTER IN PLACE		PRE-TEST	POST-TEST
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

## STEP B - SET UP THE DIGITAL MANOMETER

(1) Run a hose from channel "A" input tap to within 3' of the combustion appliance (CAZ). (2) Run a hose from channel "A" reference tap to outdoors.

## STEP C - DETERMINE BASELINE PRESSURE

Read baseline pressure and record in box to the right.

**STEP D - Turn HRV on high (if applicable), record manometer pressure in box to right. If pressure goes negative from baseline, HRV is acting as exhaust appliance and will be turned on high for test below, if goes positive from baseline shut off for test below.**

BASELINE		PRE-TEST	POST-TEST
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

<b>HRV</b>		
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## TEST 1 - EXHAUST APPLIANCES ON

(1) Turn on all exhaust appliances. (2) Set interior doors (house to garage door closed) for most negative CAZ. Start with the farthest door from the combustion appliance and work back toward the combustion appliance. Smoke each door and determine if the smoke is going away from or to the combustion appliance.

-If the smoke is going **AWAY** from the combustion appliance, **OPEN** the door.

-If the smoke is **FLOWING TO** the combustion appliance, **CLOSE** the door.

Test all doors in the same manner, all the way back to the combustion appliance. (3) Read CAZ pressure and record in box to right.

TEST 1		PRE-TEST	POST-TEST
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

\*\*\* If there is NO furnace in the home, Skip test 2 & 3 and DOCUMENT WORST CASE CONDITION \*\*\*

## TEST 2-AIR HANDLER (FURNACE) AND EXHAUST APPLIANCES ON

(1) Turn on all exhaust appliances.

(2) Turn ON air handler.

(3) Use smoke to determine interior door positions.

(4) Read CAZ Pressure and record in box to right.

TEST 2		PRE-TEST	POST-TEST
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

### TEST 3 – AIR HANDLER (FURNACE) ON

(1) Turn all exhaust appliances OFF. (2) Turn the air handler on. (3) With interior doors open, read CAZ Pressure and record in box 3a below. (Dominant Duct Leakage Test). (4) Use smoke to determine Interior door positions. (5) Read CAZ Pressure and record in box 3b below.

<b>TEST 3A</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

<b>TEST 3B</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

### WORST CASE CONDITION

Record in box at right the worst case condition. Worst case is the MOST negative test adjusted for baseline pressure.

For example, the baseline pressure is -1 pa and test 1 reads -4 pa, test 2 -7 pa, and test 3 -3pa. Worst case is the difference between baseline and test 2, which is -6 pa (-1 to -7).

<b>WORST CASE</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>	<b>APPLICABLE LIMIT</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>			

### HOUSE DEPRESSURIZATION LIMITS

Compare worst case pressure with depressurization limits noted below. Circle Depressurization limit that applies to the appliance being tested.

NATURAL DRAFT WATER HEATER OR FIREPLACE	NATURAL DRAFT BOILER OR FURNACE	POWER OR INDUCED DRAFT BOILER OR FURNACE	WOODSTOVE OR FIREPLACE INSERT	SEALED APPLIANCE, DIRECT VENT APPLIANCE OR TOYO STOVE / MONITOR	HIGH STATIC PRESSURE FLAME RETENTION HEAD OIL BURNER
-3 PASCAL	-5 PASCAL	-10 PASCAL	-10 PASCAL	-20 PASCAL	-20 PASCAL

\*\*\*\*\*SKIP TEST 4 & 5 IF SEALED COMBUSTION\*\*\*\*\*

### TEST 4-SPILLAGE

(1) Set house in worst case condition, assure interior doors are set correctly. (2) Turn combustion appliance on and smoke test the barometric damper or draft hood. (3) If chimney drafts within 1 minute, the combustion appliance passes the spillage test and record in table 4a, if draft is not established in one minute the combustion appliance fails the spillage test and record in table 4a. (4) IF APPLIANCE FAILS, turn heater off and all exhaust fans off. Wait 5 minutes and restart heater (all exhaust fans off). Smoke test the barometric damper or draft hood. If chimney drafts within 1 minute, record pass in table 4b, if draft is not established in one minute record fail in table 4b.

4A

<b>SPILLAGE TEST IN WORST CASE</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

4B

ONLY COMPLETE IF WORST CASE SPILLAGE FAILS

<b>SPILLAGE TEST NO EXHAUST FANS ON</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>		
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>		

### TEST 5- CHIMNEY DRAFT TEST

(1) Set house up in worst case condition, assure interior doors are set correctly. (2) Place input tap into chimney minimum of 6" above (downstream) the barometric damper and reference tap open to CAZ (3) After 1 minute of the heater running, record chimney draft in box below.

5A

<b>DRAFT TEST IN WORST CASE</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>	<b>MIN ACCT. DRAFT</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>			

5B

ONLY COMPLETE IF FAIL IN WORST CASE

<b>DRAFT TEST NO EXHAUST FANS ON</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST-TEST</b>	<b>MIN ACCT. DRAFT</b>
	<b>APPLIANCE 1</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 2</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 3</b>			
	<b>APPLIANCE 4</b>			

### MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE DRAFT

Compare chimney draft with minimum acceptable draft chart noted below. Circle minimum acceptable draft that applies to the temperature outside during the test. If outside temperature is between 10 and 90, then compute acceptable draft and document in table above.

<b>OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE</b>	Below 10°	10° to 90° Computed Draft (if applicable)	Above 90°
<b>MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE DRAFT</b>	-2.5 pa or .01" wc	(Outside temp/40)-2.75	-.5 pa or .002" wc

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**Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program**  
**[Grantee name]**  
**Promotional Release Form**

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## ***Required WX Site Client File Documents***

### ***This is required as part of the Client file***

**The Admin Client file and WX Site Client Files are usually two different files. Admin stays in the office as it has confidential personal information. The WX Site Client File is a working file, which **MUST** be brought to the client home inspections. After the project is closed-out the files may be combined, or at minimum, both be accessible for Program Monitoring and Client File Inspection.**

- 1.** Multi-family—each completed unit must have a client number, e.g., if reporting 8 completions, there must be 8 client numbers. Client names should be included. See pg. 3-24 for exceptions.
- 2.** Scope of work for each dwelling unit or building signed by client before WX work begins. For rentals, LTA Addendum signed by landlord before work begins.
- 3.** AKWARM reports, including As-Is, Improvement Options Report (IOR) and Post.
- 4.** If the year the dwelling unit was built is pre-1978 or unknown, there **MUST** be Certified Renovator Lead Safe documentation in the file, including:
  - Signed Certified Renovator lead paint inspection form, **dated prior to WX work starting**
  - Lead paint inspection test sheet.
  - Renovate Right receipt form signed by client (for single-family or multi-family units), **dated prior to WX work starting**
  - If using a contracted Lead Paint testing company that issues a Lead Paint letter, the person conducting the test must be a certified lead-based paint inspector or Risk Assessor.
- 5.** Mold Disclaimer signed by client before work begins
- 6.** Asbestos and radon sign-offs before work begins (*DOE-funded projects only*)
- 7.** Any other health-and-safety notices issued, signed before work begins
- 8.** **SHPO** review required for all dwelling units regardless of age. Documentation of compliance also required if SHPO stipulates conditions for any measures.
- 9.** Materials list, with prices if possible
- 10.** Home or building diagnostics with blower door figures: Target (BTL), As-Is and Post
- 11.** Photos
- 12.** Client signature on Completion of Work and on any change orders or Additional Work issued
- 13.** Agency WX Post Measures Checklist

# Weatherization Operations Manual

## Section 7. Health and Safety Forms

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2. Allowable Health and Safety Measures for State Funds
3. *Asbestos in Your Home* [DOE only]
4. *Asbestos in Your Home Sign-Off* [DOE only]
5. *Basic Radon Facts* [DOE only]
6. Health and Safety Notification
7. Lead-Based Paint Activities
8. Mold Disclaimer
9. Pollution Source Survey [Sample] [DOE only]
10. *Radon Informed Consent* [DOE only]
11. *Renovate Right* Brochure
12. *Renovate Right* Brochure Sign-Off
13. Summary Notice of Lead-Based Paint Inspection

- Grantees may reformat the appearance of (AHFC) Forms #4, #6-10, and #13.
- Grantees may distribute black and white copies of Forms #1, #3, #5, and #11-#12. Grantees also may reformat these forms to increase readability for clients with impaired vision, but the content cannot be altered.



**A BRIEF GUIDE TO**  
**MOLD,**  
**MOISTURE,**  
**AND**  
**YOUR HOME**

**This Guide provides  
information and guidance  
for homeowners and  
renters on how to clean  
up residential mold  
problems and how to  
prevent mold growth.**

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# A BRIEF GUIDE TO MOLD, MOISTURE, AND YOUR HOME

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# MOLD BASICS

- The key to mold control is moisture control.
- If mold is a problem in your home, you should clean up the mold promptly *and* fix the water problem.
- It is important to dry water-damaged areas and items within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth.

**Why is mold growing in my home?** Molds are part of the natural environment. Outdoors, molds play a part in nature by breaking down dead organic matter such as fallen leaves and dead trees, but indoors, mold growth should be avoided. Molds reproduce by means of tiny spores; the spores are invisible to the naked eye and float through outdoor and indoor air. Mold may begin growing indoors when mold spores land on surfaces that are wet. There are many types of mold, and none of them will grow without water or moisture.



*Mold growing outdoors on firewood. Molds come in many colors; both white and black molds are shown here.*

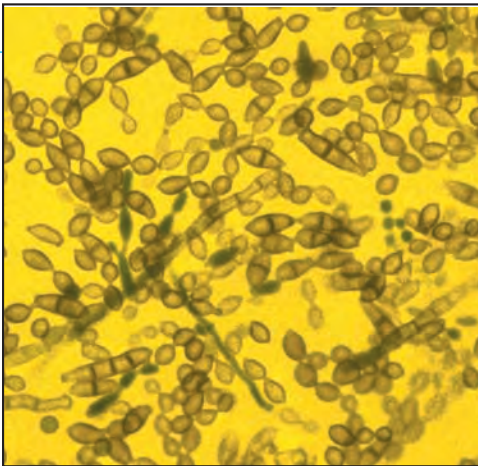
**Can mold cause health problems?** Molds are usually not a problem indoors, unless mold spores land on a wet or damp spot and begin growing. Molds have the potential to cause health problems. Molds produce allergens (substances that can cause allergic reactions), irritants, and in some cases, potentially toxic substances (mycotoxins).

Inhaling or touching mold or mold spores may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. Allergic responses include hay fever-type symptoms, such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, and skin rash (dermatitis). Allergic reactions to mold are common. They can be immediate or delayed. Molds can also cause asthma attacks in people with asthma who are allergic to mold. In addition, mold exposure can irritate the eyes, skin, nose, throat, and lungs of both mold-

allergic and non-allergic people. Symptoms other than the allergic and irritant types are not commonly reported as a result of inhaling mold.

Research on mold and health effects is ongoing. This brochure provides a brief overview; it does not describe all potential health effects related to mold exposure. For more detailed information consult a health professional. You may also wish to consult your state or local health department.

**How do I get rid of mold?** It is impossible to get rid of all mold and mold spores indoors; some mold spores will be found floating through the air and in house dust. The mold spores will not grow if moisture is not present. Indoor mold growth can and should be prevented or controlled by controlling moisture indoors. If there is mold growth in your home, you must clean up the mold **and** fix the water problem. If you clean up the mold, but don't fix the water problem, then, most likely, the mold problem will come back.



**Molds can gradually destroy the things they grow on. You can prevent damage to your home and furnishings, save money, and avoid potential health problems by controlling moisture and eliminating mold growth.**

*Magnified mold spores.*

# MOLD

## CLEANUP



*Leaky window – mold is beginning to rot the wooden frame and windowsill.*

If you already have a mold problem – **ACT QUICKLY.** Mold damages what it grows on. The longer it grows, the more damage it can cause.

**Who should do the cleanup?** Who should do the cleanup depends on a number of factors. One consideration is the size of the mold problem. If the moldy area is less than about 10 square feet (less than roughly a 3 ft. by 3 ft. patch), in most cases, you can handle the job yourself, following the guidelines below. However:

- If there has been a lot of water damage, and/or mold growth covers more than 10 square feet, consult the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guide: *Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings*. Although focused on schools and commercial

buildings, this document is applicable to other building types. It is available on the Internet at: [www.epa.gov/mold](http://www.epa.gov/mold).

- If you choose to hire a contractor (or other professional service provider) to do the cleanup, make sure the contractor has experience cleaning up mold. Check references and ask the contractor to follow the recommendations in EPA's *Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings*, the guidelines of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), or other guidelines from professional or government organizations.
- If you suspect that the heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system may be contaminated with mold (it is part of an identified moisture problem, for instance, or there is mold near the intake to the system), consult EPA's guide *Should You Have the Air Ducts in Your Home Cleaned?* before taking further action. Do not run the HVAC system if you know or suspect that it is contaminated with mold - it could spread mold throughout the building. Visit [www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs) to download a copy of the EPA guide.
- If the water and/or mold damage was caused by sewage or other contaminated water, then call in a professional who has experience cleaning and fixing buildings damaged by contaminated water.
- If you have health concerns, consult a health professional before starting cleanup.

# MOLD CLEANUP GUIDELINES

## BATHROOM TIP

Places that are often or always damp can be hard to maintain completely free of mold. If there's some mold in the shower or elsewhere in the bathroom that seems to reappear, increasing the ventilation (running a fan or opening a window) and cleaning more frequently will usually prevent mold from recurring, or at least keep the mold to a minimum.



**Tips and techniques** The tips and techniques presented in this section will help you clean up your mold problem. Professional cleaners or remediators may use methods not covered in this publication. Please note that mold may cause staining and cosmetic damage. It may not be possible to clean an item so that its original appearance is restored.

- Fix plumbing leaks and other water problems as soon as possible. Dry all items completely.
- Scrub mold off hard surfaces with detergent and water, and dry completely.

*Mold growing on the underside of a plastic lawnchair in an area where rainwater drips through and deposits organic material.*



*Mold growing on a piece of ceiling tile.*



- Absorbent or porous materials, such as ceiling tiles and carpet, may have to be thrown away if they become moldy. Mold can grow on or fill in the empty spaces and crevices of porous materials, so the mold may be difficult or impossible to remove completely.
- Avoid exposing yourself or others to mold (see discussions: **What to Wear When Cleaning Moldy Areas** and **Hidden Mold**.)
- Do not paint or caulk moldy surfaces. Clean up the mold and dry the surfaces before painting. Paint applied over moldy surfaces is likely to peel.
- If you are unsure about how to clean an item, or if the item is expensive or of sentimental value, you may wish to consult a specialist. Specialists in furniture repair, restoration, painting, art restoration and conservation, carpet and rug cleaning, water damage, and fire or water restoration are commonly listed in phone books. Be sure to ask for and check references. Look for specialists who are affiliated with professional organizations.

# WHAT TO WEAR WHEN CLEANING MOLDY AREAS



*Mold growing on a suitcase stored in a humid basement.*

It is important  
to take  
precautions to  
**LIMIT  
YOUR  
EXPOSURE**  
to mold and  
mold spores.

- **Avoid breathing in mold or mold spores.** In order to limit your exposure to airborne mold, you may want to wear an N-95 respirator, available at many hardware stores and from companies that advertise on the Internet. (They cost about \$12 to \$25.) Some N-95 respirators resemble a paper dust mask with a nozzle on the front, others are made primarily of plastic or rubber and have removable cartridges that trap most of the mold spores from entering. In order to be effective, the respirator or mask must fit properly, so carefully follow the instructions supplied with the respirator. Please note that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that respirators fit properly (fit testing) when used in an occupational setting; consult OSHA for more information (800-321-OSHA or [osha.gov/](http://osha.gov/)).



■ **Wear gloves.** Long gloves that extend to the middle of the forearm are recommended. When working with water and a mild detergent, ordinary household rubber gloves may be used. If you are using a disinfectant, a biocide such as chlorine bleach, or a strong cleaning solution, you should select gloves made from natural rubber, neoprene, nitrile, polyurethane, or PVC (see **Cleanup and Biocides**). Avoid touching mold or moldy items with your bare hands.

■ **Wear goggles.** Goggles that do not have ventilation holes are recommended. Avoid getting mold or mold spores in your eyes.



*Cleaning while wearing N-95 respirator, gloves, and goggles.*

**How do I know when the remediation or cleanup is finished?** You must have completely fixed the water or moisture problem before the cleanup or remediation can be considered finished.

- You should have completed mold removal. Visible mold and moldy odors should not be present. Please note that mold may cause staining and cosmetic damage.
- You should have revisited the site(s) shortly after cleanup and it should show no signs of water damage or mold growth.
- People should have been able to occupy or re-occupy the area without health complaints or physical symptoms.
- Ultimately, this is a judgment call; there is no easy answer.

# MOISTURE AND MOLD **PREVENTION** AND CONTROL TIPS

## **MOISTURE** Control is the Key to **Mold Control**



*Mold growing on the surface of a unit ventilator.*

- When water leaks or spills occur indoors - **ACT QUICKLY.** If wet or damp materials or areas are dried 24-48 hours after a leak or spill happens, in most cases mold will not grow.

- Clean and repair roof gutters regularly.
- Make sure the ground slopes away from the building foundation, so that water does not enter or collect around the foundation.
- Keep air conditioning drip pans clean and the drain lines unobstructed and flowing properly.



*Condensation on the inside of a window-pane.*

- Keep indoor humidity low. If possible, keep indoor humidity below 60 percent (ideally between 30 and 50 percent) relative humidity. Relative humidity can be measured with a moisture or humidity meter, a small, inexpensive (\$10-\$50) instrument available at many hardware stores.

- If you see condensation or moisture collecting on windows, walls or pipes - ACT QUICKLY to dry the wet surface and reduce the moisture/water source. Condensation can be a sign of high humidity.

### **Actions that will help to reduce humidity:**

- ◆ Vent appliances that produce moisture, such as clothes dryers, stoves, and kerosene heaters to the outside where possible. (Combustion appliances such as stoves and kerosene heaters produce water vapor and will increase the humidity unless vented to the outside.)
- ◆ Use air conditioners and/or de-humidifiers when needed.
- ◆ Run the bathroom fan or open the window when showering. Use exhaust fans or open windows whenever cooking, running the dishwasher or dishwashing, etc.

## **Actions that will help prevent condensation:**

- ◆ Reduce the humidity (see preceding page).
- ◆ Increase ventilation or air movement by opening doors and/or windows, when practical. Use fans as needed.
- ◆ Cover cold surfaces, such as cold water pipes, with insulation.
- ◆ Increase air temperature.

*Mold growing on a wooden headboard in a room with high humidity.*



**Renters:** Report all plumbing leaks and moisture problems immediately to your building owner, manager, or superintendent. In cases where persistent water problems are not addressed, you may want to contact local, state, or federal health or housing authorities.



*Rust is an indicator that condensation occurs on this drainpipe. The pipe should be insulated to prevent condensation.*

**Testing or sampling for mold** Is sampling for mold needed? **In most cases, if visible mold growth is present, sampling is unnecessary.**

Since no EPA or other federal limits have been set for mold or mold spores, sampling cannot be used to check a building's compliance with federal mold standards.

Surface sampling may be useful to determine if an area has been

adequately cleaned or remediated. Sampling for mold should be conducted by professionals who have specific experience in designing mold sampling protocols, sampling methods, and interpreting results. Sample analysis should follow analytical methods recommended by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), or other professional organizations.

# HIDDEN MOLD



*Mold growing on the back side of wallpaper.*

**Suspicion of hidden mold** You may suspect hidden mold if a building smells moldy, but you cannot see the source, or if you know there has been water damage and residents are reporting health problems. Mold may be hidden in places such as the back side of dry wall, wallpaper, or paneling, the top side of ceiling tiles, the underside of carpets and pads, etc. Other possible locations of hidden mold include areas inside walls around pipes (with leaking or condensing pipes), the surface of walls behind furniture (where condensation forms), inside ductwork, and in roof materials above ceiling tiles (due to roof leaks or insufficient insulation).

**Investigating hidden mold problems** Investigating hidden mold problems may be difficult and will require caution when the investigation involves disturbing potential sites of mold growth. For example, removal of wallpaper can lead to a massive release of spores if there is mold growing on the underside of the paper. If you believe that you may have a hidden mold problem, consider hiring an experienced professional.

**Cleanup and Biocides** Biocides are substances that can destroy living organisms. The use of a chemical or biocide that kills organisms such as mold (chlorine bleach, for example) is not recommended as a routine practice during mold cleanup. There may be instances, however, when professional judgment may indicate its use (for example, when immune-compromised individuals are present). In most cases, it is not possible or desirable to sterilize an area; a background level of mold spores will remain - these spores will not grow if the moisture problem has been resolved. If you choose to use disinfectants or biocides, always ventilate the area and exhaust the air to the outdoors. Never mix chlorine bleach solution with other cleaning solutions or detergents that contain ammonia because toxic fumes could be produced.

**Please note:** Dead mold may still cause allergic reactions in some people, so it is not enough to simply kill the mold, it must also be removed.

*Water stain on a basement wall — locate and fix the source of the water promptly.*



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information on mold related issues including mold cleanup and moisture control/condensation/humidity issues, visit:

[www.epa.gov/mold](http://www.epa.gov/mold)



*Mold growing on fallen leaves.*

*This document is available on the Environmental Protection Agency, Indoor Environments Division website at: [www.epa.gov/mold](http://www.epa.gov/mold)*



# NOTES

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## **Allowable Health and Safety Measures for State funds**

- Heating system maintenance, repair, or replacement because of dangerous conditions
- Solid fuel heating maintenance, repair, or replacement
- Water Heater repair or replacement because of CO danger
- Gas cook stove repair because of CO danger
- Combustion gas ventilation
- Building structure and roofing—only when needed to perform energy improvements effectively; such as repairing a roof leak that prevents insulation from being added or replaced, repairing a loose water/waste system pipe that will affect WX measures
- Bulk water drainage issues, such as adding gutters or sump pumps to prevent excess moisture in crawl/foundation
- Limited electrical repair for safety, such as installing a GFCI or an extra circuit for a WX component or repairing open junction boxes in the attic where insulation will be added or replaced
- Surge protectors for heat sources
- Stair repair and handrails
- Lead Safe Work Practices (the additional costs for the LSWP, not the cost of the WX measure itself)
- Occupant preexisting or potential health issue verified by a professional clinician/care coordinator/case worker
- Reclamation of refrigerant and disposal of refrigerator
- Vapor Barrier
- Ventilation
- CO and Smoke detectors
- Egress window—when WX would otherwise be improving the window
- *Modest* accessibility improvements that are not cost-effective under other programs (For example, it may not be cost-effective to process a grant under another program to install two grab bars or to add handrails to a long hallway or to convert two steep entry steps to three senior steps, but WX could provide modest improvements like these at a lower cost overall due to already working on the premises.)

**It is recommended that Grantees not exceed 20% of the average cost per unit for health and safety measures during the program year for each type of funding (EWX and WX).**

# Asbestos in Your Home

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This booklet will help you understand asbestos: what it is, its health effects, where it is in your home, and what to do about it.

Even if asbestos is in your home, this is usually NOT a serious problem. The mere presence of asbestos in a home or a building is not hazardous. The danger is that asbestos materials may become damaged over time. Damaged asbestos may release asbestos fibers and become a health hazard.

**THE BEST THING TO DO WITH ASBESTOS MATERIAL IN GOOD CONDITION IS TO LEAVE IT ALONE!** Disturbing it may create a health hazard where none existed before. Read this booklet before you have any asbestos material inspected, removed, or repaired.

## What Is Asbestos?

Asbestos is a mineral fiber. It can be positively identified only with a special type of microscope. There are several types of asbestos fibers. In the past, asbestos was added to a variety of products to strengthen them and to provide heat insulation and fire resistance.

## How Can Asbestos Affect My Health?

From studies of people who were exposed to asbestos in factories and shipyards, we know that breathing high levels of asbestos fibers can lead to an increased risk of:

- lung cancer;

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- mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the chest and the abdominal cavity; and
- asbestosis, in which the lungs become scarred with fibrous tissue.

The risk of lung cancer and mesothelioma increases with the number of fibers inhaled. The risk of lung cancer from inhaling asbestos fibers is also greater if you smoke. People who get asbestosis have usually been exposed to high levels of asbestos for a long time. The symptoms of these diseases do not usually appear until about 20 to 30 years after the first exposure to asbestos.

Most people exposed to small amounts of asbestos, as we all are in our daily lives, do not develop these health problems. However, if disturbed, asbestos material may release asbestos fibers, which can be inhaled into the lungs. The fibers can remain there for a long time, increasing the risk of disease. Asbestos material that would crumble easily if handled, or that has been sawed, scraped, or sanded into a powder, is more likely to create a health hazard.

## Where Can I Find Asbestos And When Can It Be A Problem?

Most products made today do not contain asbestos. Those few products made which still contain asbestos that could be inhaled are required to be labeled as such. However, until the 1970s, many types of building products and insulation materials used in homes contained asbestos. Common products that might have contained asbestos in the past, and conditions which may release fibers, include:

- STEAM PIPES, BOILERS, and FURNACE DUCTS insulated with an asbestos blanket or asbestos paper tape. These materials may release asbestos fibers if damaged, repaired, or removed improperly.
- RESILIENT FLOOR TILES (vinyl asbestos,

asphalt, and rubber), the backing on VINYL SHEET FLOORING, and ADHESIVES used for installing floor tile. Sanding tiles can release fibers. So may scraping or sanding the backing of sheet flooring during removal.

- CEMENT SHEET, MILLBOARD, and PAPER used as insulation around furnaces and wood-burning stoves. Repairing or removing appliances may release asbestos fibers. So may cutting, tearing, sanding, drilling, or sawing insulation.
- DOOR GASKETS in furnaces, wood stoves, and coal stoves. Worn seals can release asbestos fibers during use.
- SOUNDPROOFING OR DECORATIVE MATERIAL sprayed on walls and ceilings. Loose, crumbly, or water-damaged material may release fibers. So will sanding, drilling, or scraping the material.
- PATCHING AND JOINT COMPOUNDS for walls and ceilings, and TEXTURED PAINTS. Sanding, scraping, or drilling these surfaces may release asbestos.
- ASBESTOS CEMENT ROOFING, SHINGLES, and SIDING. These products are not likely to release asbestos fibers unless sawed, drilled or cut.
- ARTIFICIAL ASHES AND EMBERS sold for use in gas-fired fireplaces. Also, other older household products such as FIREPROOF GLOVES, STOVETOP PADS, IRONING BOARD COVERS, and certain HAIRDRYERS.
- AUTOMOBILE BRAKE PADS AND LININGS, CLUTCH FACINGS, and GASKETS.

## What Should Be Done About Asbestos In The Home?

If you think asbestos may be in your home, don't panic! Usually, the best thing is to LEAVE asbestos material that is in good condition ALONE.

Generally, material in good condition will not release asbestos fibers. **THERE IS NO DANGER** unless fibers are released and inhaled into the lungs.

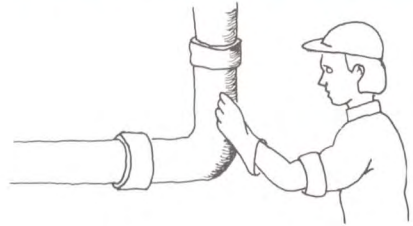
Check material regularly if you suspect it may contain asbestos. Don't touch it, but look for signs of wear

or damage such as tears, abrasions, or water damage. Damaged material may release asbestos fibers. This is particularly true if you often disturb it by hitting, rubbing, or handling it, or if it is exposed to extreme vibration or air flow.

## How To Identify Materials That Contain Asbestos

You can't tell whether a material contains asbestos simply by looking at it, unless it is labeled. If in doubt, treat the material as if it contains asbestos or have it sampled and analyzed by a qualified professional. A professional should take samples for analysis, since a professional knows what to look for, and because there may be an increased health risk if fibers are released. In fact, if done incorrectly, sampling can be more hazardous than leaving the material alone. Taking samples yourself is not recommended. If you nevertheless choose to take the samples yourself, take care not to release asbestos fibers into the air or onto yourself. Material that is in good condition and will not be disturbed (by remodeling, for example) should be left alone. Only material that is damaged or will be disturbed should be sampled. Anyone who samples asbestos-containing materials should have as much information as possible on the handling of asbestos before sampling, and at a minimum, should observe the following procedures:

- Make sure no one else is in the room when sampling is done.
- Wear disposable gloves or wash hands after sampling.
- Shut down any heating or cooling systems to minimize the spread of any released fibers.
- Do not disturb the material any more than is needed to take a small sample.
- Place a plastic sheet on the floor below the area to be sampled.
- Wet the material using a fine mist of water containing a few drops of detergent before taking the sample. The water/detergent mist will reduce the release of asbestos fibers.



- Carefully cut a piece from the entire depth of the material using, for example, a small knife, corer, or other sharp object. Place the small piece into a clean container (for example, a 35 mm film canister, small glass or plastic vial, or high quality resealable plastic bag).
- Tightly seal the container after the sample is in it.
- Carefully dispose of the plastic sheet. Use a damp paper towel to clean up any material on the outside of the container or around the area sampled. Dispose of asbestos materials according to state and local procedures.
- Label the container with an identification number and clearly state when and where the sample was taken.
- Patch the sampled area with the smallest possible piece of duct tape to prevent fiber release.
- Send the sample to an EPA-approved laboratory for analysis. The National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) has a list of these laboratories. You can get this list from the Laboratory Accreditation Administration, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 (telephone 301-975-4016). Your state or local health department may also be able to help.

Sometimes the best way to deal with slightly damaged material is to limit access to the area and not touch or disturb it. Discard damaged or worn asbestos gloves, stove-top pads, or ironing board covers. Check with local health, environmental, or other appropriate officials to find out proper handling and disposal procedures.

If asbestos material is more than slightly damaged, or if you are going to make changes in your home that might disturb it, repair or removal by a professional is needed. Before you have your house remodeled, find out whether asbestos materials are present.

## How To Manage An Asbestos Problem

If the asbestos material is in good shape and will not be disturbed, do nothing! If it is a problem, there are

### Asbestos Do's And Don'ts For The Homeowner

- Do keep activities to a minimum in any areas having damaged material that may contain asbestos.
- Do take every precaution to avoid damaging asbestos material.
- Do have removal and major repair done by people trained and qualified in handling asbestos. It is highly recommended that sampling and minor repair also be done by asbestos professionals.
- Don't dust, sweep, or vacuum debris that may contain asbestos.
- Don't saw, sand, scrape, or drill holes in asbestos materials.

two types of corrections: repair and removal.

**REPAIR** usually involves either sealing or covering asbestos material.

**Sealing** (encapsulation) involves treating the material with a sealant that either binds the asbestos fibers together or coats the material so fibers are not released. Pipe, furnace, and boiler insulation can sometimes be repaired this way. This should be done only by a professional trained to handle asbestos safely.

**Covering** (enclosure) involves placing something over or around the material that contains asbestos to prevent release of fibers. Exposed insulated piping may be covered with a protective wrap or jacket.

With any type of repair, the asbestos remains in place. Repair is usually cheaper than removal, but it may make later removal of asbestos, if necessary, more difficult and costly. Repairs can either be major or minor.



- Don't use abrasive pads or brushes on power strip-pers to strip wax from asbestos flooring. Never use a power stripper on a dry floor.
- Don't sand or try to level asbestos flooring or its backing. When asbestos flooring needs replacing, install new floorcovering over it, if possible.
- Don't track material that could contain asbestos through the house. If you cannot avoid walking through the area, have it cleaned with a wet mop. If the material is from a damaged area, or if a large area must be cleaned, call an asbestos professional.



### *Where Asbestos Hazards May Be Found In The Home*

1. Some **roofing and siding shingles** are made of asbestos cement.
2. Houses built between 1930 and 1950 may have asbestos as **insulation**.
3. Asbestos may be present in **textured paint** and in **patching compounds** used on wall and ceiling joints. Their use was banned in 1977.
4. **Artificial ashes and embers** sold for use in gas-fired fireplaces may contain asbestos.
5. Older products such as **stove-top pads** may have some asbestos compounds.
6. Walls and floors around woodburning stoves may be protected with **asbestos paper, millboard, or cement sheets**.
7. Asbestos is found in some **vinyl floor tiles** and the backing on vinyl sheet flooring and **adhesives**.
8. **Hot water and steam pipes** in older houses may be coated with an asbestos material or covered with an asbestos blanket or tape.
9. Oil and coal furnaces and door gaskets may have asbestos **insulation**.



Major repairs must be done only by a professional trained in methods for safely handling asbestos.

Minor repairs should also be done by professionals since there is always a risk of exposure to fibers when asbestos is disturbed.

Doing minor repairs yourself is not recommended since improper handling of asbestos materials can create a hazard where none existed. If you nevertheless choose to do minor repairs you should have as much information as possible on the handling of asbestos before doing anything. Contact your state or local health department or regional EPA office for information about asbestos training programs in your area. Your local school district may also have information about asbestos professionals and training programs for school buildings. Even if you have completed a training program, do not try anything more than minor repairs. Before undertaking minor repairs, carefully examine the area around the damage to make sure it is stable. As a general matter, any damaged area which is bigger than the size of your hand is not a minor repair.

Before undertaking minor repairs, be sure to follow all the precautions described earlier for sampling asbestos material. Always wet the asbestos material using a fine mist of water containing a few drops of detergent. Commercial products designed to fill holes and seal damaged areas are available. Small areas of material such as pipe insulation can be covered by wrapping a special fabric, such as rewettable glass cloth, around it. These products are available from stores (listed in the telephone directory under "Safety Equipment and Clothing") which specialize in asbestos materials and safety items.

**REMOVAL** is usually the most expensive method and, unless required by state or local regulations, should be the last option considered in most situations. This is because removal poses the greatest risk of fiber release. However, removal may be required when remodeling or making major changes to your home that will disturb asbestos material. Also, removal may be called for if asbestos material is damaged extensively and cannot be otherwise repaired. Removal is complex and must be done only by a contractor with spe-

cial training. Improper removal may actually increase the health risks to you and your family.

## Asbestos Professionals: Who Are They, And What Can They Do?

Asbestos professionals are trained in handling asbestos material. The type of professional will depend on the type of product and what needs to be done to correct the problem. You may hire a general asbestos contractor or, in some cases, a professional trained to handle specific products containing asbestos.

Asbestos professionals can conduct home inspections, take samples of suspected material, assess its condition, and advise about what corrections are needed and who is qualified to make these corrections. Once again, material in good condition need not be sampled unless it is likely to be disturbed. Professional correction or abatement contractors repair or remove asbestos materials.

Some firms offer combinations of testing, assessment, and correction. A professional hired to assess the need for corrective action should not be connected with an asbestos-correction firm. It is better to use two different firms so there is no conflict of interest. Services vary from one area to another around the country.

The federal government has training courses for asbestos professionals around the country. Some state and local governments also have or require training or certification courses. Ask asbestos professionals to document their completion of federal or state-approved training. Each person performing work in your home should provide proof of training and licensing in asbestos work, such as completion of EPA-approved training. State and local health departments or EPA regional offices may have listings of licensed professionals in your area.

If you have a problem that requires the services of asbestos professionals, check their credentials carefully. Hire professional who are trained, experienced, reputable, and accredited - especially if accreditation is required by state or local laws. Before hiring a professional, ask for references from previous clients. Find out if they were satisfied. Ask whether the professional has handled similar situations. Get cost estimates from several professionals, as the charges for these services can vary.

Though private homes are usually not covered by the asbestos regulations that apply to schools and public buildings, professionals should still use procedures described during federal or state-approved training. Homeowners should be alert to the chance of misleading claims by asbestos consultants and contractors. There have been reports of firms incorrectly claiming that asbestos materials in homes must be replaced. In other cases, firms have encouraged unnecessary removals or performed them improperly. Unnecessary removals are a waste of money. Improper removals may actually increase the health risks to you and your family. To guard against this, know what services are available and what procedures and precautions are needed to do the job properly.

In addition to general asbestos contractors, you may select a roofing, flooring, or plumbing contractor trained to handle asbestos when it is necessary to remove and replace roofing, flooring, siding, or asbestos-cement pipe that is part of a water system. Normally, roofing and flooring contractors are exempt from state and local licensing requirements because they do not perform any other asbestos-correction work. Call 1-800-USA-ROOF for names of qualified roofing contractors in your area. (Illinois residents call 708-318-6722.) For information on asbestos in floors, read "Recommended Work Procedures for Resilient Floor Covers." You can write for a copy from the Resilient Floor Covering Institute, 966 Hungerford Drive, Suite 12-B, Rockville, MD 20850. Enclose a

stamped, business-size, self-addressed envelope.

Asbestos-containing automobile brake pads and linings, clutch facings, and gaskets should be repaired and replaced only by a professional using special protective equipment. Many of these products are now available without asbestos. For more information, read "Guidance for Preventing Asbestos Disease Among Auto Mechanics," available from regional EPA offices.

## If You Hire A Professional Asbestos Inspector

- Make sure that the inspection will include a complete visual examination and the careful collection and lab analysis of samples. If asbestos is present, the inspector should provide a written evaluation describing its location and extent of damage, and give recommendations for correction or prevention.
- Make sure an inspecting firm makes frequent site visits if it is hired to assure that a contractor follows proper procedures and requirements. The inspector may recommend and perform checks after the correction to assure the area has been properly cleaned.

## If You Hire A Corrective-Action Contractor

- Check with your local air pollution control board, the local agency responsible for worker safety, and the Better Business Bureau. Ask if the firm has had any safety violations. Find out if there are legal actions filed against it.

- Insist that the contractor use the proper equipment to do the job. The workers must wear approved respirators, gloves, and other protective clothing.
- Before work begins, get a written contract specifying the work plan, cleanup, and the applicable federal, state, and local regulations which the contractor must follow (such as notification requirements and asbestos disposal procedures). Contact your state and local health departments, EPA's regional office, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's regional office to find out what the regulations are. Be sure the contractor follows local asbestos removal and disposal laws. At the end of the job, get written assurance from the contractor that all procedures have been followed.
- Assure that the contractor avoids spreading or tracking asbestos dust into other areas of your home. They should seal the work area from the rest of the house using plastic sheeting and duct tape, and also turn off the heating and air conditioning system. For some repairs, such as pipe insulation removal, plastic glove bags may be adequate. They must be sealed with tape and properly disposed of when the job is complete.
- Make sure the work site is clearly marked as a hazard area. Do not allow household members and pets into the area until work is completed.
- Insist that the contractor apply a wetting agent to the asbestos material with a hand sprayer that creates a fine mist before removal. Wet fibers do not float in the air as easily as dry fibers and will be easier to clean up.
- Make sure the contractor does not break removed material into small pieces. This could release asbestos fibers into the air. Pipe insulation was usually installed in preformed blocks and should be removed in complete pieces.
- Upon completion, assure that the contractor cleans the area well with wet mops, wet rags, sponges, or HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) vacuum cleaners. A regular vacuum cleaner must never be used. Wetting helps reduce the chance of spreading asbestos fibers in the air. All asbestos materials and disposable equipment and clothing used in the job must be placed in sealed, leakproof, and la-

beled plastic bags. The work site should be visually free of dust and debris. Air monitoring (to make sure there is no increase of asbestos fibers in the air) may be necessary to assure that the contractor's job is done properly. This should be done by someone not connected with the contractor.

## Caution!

Do not dust, sweep, or vacuum debris that may contain asbestos. These steps will disturb tiny asbestos fibers and may release them into the air. Remove dust by wet mopping or with a special HEPA vacuum cleaner used by trained asbestos contractors.

For more information, contact your local American Lung Association for copies of:

- *Indoor Air Pollution Fact Sheet - Asbestos*
- *Air Pollution In Your Home?*
- Other publications on indoor pollution

For more information on asbestos in other consumer products, call the CPSC Hotline or write to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. The CPSC Hotline has information on certain appliances and products, such as the brands and models of hairdryers that contain asbestos. Call CPSC at 1-800-638-CPSC. A teletypewriter (TTY) for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8270. The Maryland TTY number is 1-800-492-8104.

To find out whether your state has a training and certification program for asbestos removal contractors, and for information on EPA's asbestos programs, call the EPA at 202-554-1404.

For more information on asbestos identification and control activities, contact the Asbestos Coordinator in the EPA Regional Office for your region, or your state or local health department.

# Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program

[Grantee]  
[Mailing Address / Office Address]  
[Phone/Fax/URL/Email]

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Client No.

Client Name

Staff Initials

Residence Address

City

## Asbestos Education Confirmation of Receipt

I certify that I have received a copy of the pamphlet *Asbestos in Your Home*, informing me of the potential risk of existing asbestos-containing materials in my dwelling unit. I have received this pamphlet prior to any weatherization work.

Printed Name of Recipient

Signature

Date

# BASIC RADON FACTS

**The U.S. Surgeon General recommends ALL homes be tested for radon gas.**

## **Breathing radon in your home can cause lung cancer**

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water that can build up to dangerous levels inside any home; this means new and old homes, well sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without a basement. Radon gas is odorless and invisible and the only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test for it.

Breathing radon can increase your risk of lung cancer. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among people who do not smoke. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer for people who do. EPA estimates that radon causes more than 20,000 deaths from lung cancer each year in the U.S. If you smoke and your home has a high radon level, your risk of lung cancer can increase even more.

## **Radon has been found in every state**

Homes with high levels of radon have been found in every state. In fact, radon levels can vary greatly from home to home--even levels next door can be very different.

Radon is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L), a measurement of radioactivity. In the United States, the average indoor radon level is about 1.3 pCi/L. The average outdoor level is about 0.4 pCi/L. The U.S. Surgeon General and EPA recommend fixing homes with radon levels at or above 4 pCi/L. EPA also recommends that people think about fixing their homes for radon levels between 2 pCi/L and 4 pCi/L.

## **You should test for radon**

Testing your house for radon is easy. If your house has a radon problem, it can be fixed. Fixing a radon problem reduces the risk of lung cancer for you and your family.

A simple test will tell you if your home has a high radon level. Most radon tests last between 2 and 7 days. It's as easy as opening a package, and putting the test kit in the right place. After sending the test kit back to the address in the package, the company will send your radon test results in about 2 weeks.

**Radon is a serious health risk. It can be reduced easily and cost-effectively. Take action today. Encourage your friends and family members to do the same!**

Many local home improvement or hardware stores sell test kits. Test kits can be ordered online too. Sometimes you can get a test kit from your state radon office. You also can hire a qualified tester to do a radon test for you. Your state radon program may keep a list of these professionals.

Kansas State University, under a cooperative agreement with EPA, provides national radon program services, including selling radon test kits and answering toll-free radon hotlines. For more information about radon testing call 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-radon-test-kit-or-measurement-and-mitigation-professional>.

### You can fix a radon problem

Help is available to fix a radon problem. You can call your state radon office to find qualified radon mitigators in your area. Also local companies with radon mitigators are in the phone book or online. The cost to reduce radon depends on how your home was built and how you use it. Most homes can be fixed for about the same cost as other common home repairs.

### New homes can be built with radon-resistant features

Building new homes with simple and cost-effective radon-resistant features can reduce radon entry. Contact your builder or visit <https://www.epa.gov/radon/radon-resistant-construction-basics-and-techniques> for more information.

Every home should be tested before, or soon after, you move in. Even homes built with radon-resistant construction features should be tested. If high radon levels are found, it is easier and costs less to reduce radon levels in homes that are built radon-resistant.

The space below can be used for local contact or business information.

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### How to Get Radon Test Kits

To get an easy-to-use radon test kit, you can:

- ❑ Buy a test kit online or at your local home improvement or hardware store. Many kits are priced under \$25.00.
- ❑ Order a test kit at [www.sosradon.org](http://www.sosradon.org) or by calling 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236).
- ❑ Request a test kit from your state radon program, which also has information on radon testing companies and laboratories in your area. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-information-about-local-radon-zones-and-state-contact-information>.

# ***HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTIFICATION***

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Client Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Client Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

[Agency name] would like to bring to your attention the following health and safety concerns we observed while assisting you with the Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program:


[Agency name] focuses on the thermal qualities of the home and health or safety risks that pertain to the work we do. We do NOT inspect the home for overall code compliance or the condition of all building components. If deemed necessary, the Client/Owner/Landlord should consult with a Certified Inspector or City Official concerning the above list for more details and course of remediation. The Owner/Landlord of the property should address the above items immediately.

*I certify that I have read the above and understand that [Agency name] compiled the list above as a notification and is NOT under any obligation to fix any of the above items. It is the Owner's responsibility to address the items as soon as possible unless otherwise indicated above.*

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# LEAD BASED PAINT ACTIVITIES

CLIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB #: \_\_\_\_\_

LBP TEST RESULTS (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ACTION TAKEN: (Briefly describe; e.g., lead safe work practices used, not disturbing de minimis levels, negative test results, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LEAD SAFE WX PRACTICES: I certify that Lead Safe Weatherization Practices as prescribed in the Weatherization Operations Manual were used on this home during the course of completing weatherization activities.

Briefly describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



# Mold Present During Weatherization Assessment Form

Mold can be a problem in any home, but especially in those where there is an excessive amount of moisture or humidity present, plumbing problems, roof problems and/or poor water drainage around the home. The weatherization assessment on your home was to document thermal properties of your home and is not a mold inspection and the person making this assessment is not a mold inspector.

During the weatherization assessment on \_\_\_\_\_ date, the assessor observed what appears to be mold growth in the following room(s) of your home located at: \_\_\_\_\_

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living/Bedroom Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom Areas   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Areas        | <input type="checkbox"/> Combustion Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crawlspace Areas     | <input type="checkbox"/> Attic Areas      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basement Areas       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Location   |

Other Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Moldy or musty odors are an indicator that there may be hidden mold growth.**

Moldy or Musty Odors             Are present.             Are not present.

The U.S. Department of Energy does not allow Weatherization agencies to remedy mold problems, but some actions associated with a cost effective energy saving measure may be taken to reduce moisture problems. We will take the following measures that may help to resolve existing moisture problems:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Moisture/Mold Disclaimer:** By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received information concerning moisture and mold conditions in my home prior to any weatherization work being done. I understand taking steps to reduce excessive moisture or fix water problems immediately – including drying out wet construction products helps prevent mold growth. I agree to hold Interior Weatherization, Inc., Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and Department of Energy harmless for any existing and/or future moisture or mold problems.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Weatherization Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Auditor / Estimator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Pollution Source Survey

Client No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assesor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## High-Risk Household Members

- 1) Family members less than 4 or more than 60 yrs old Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 2) Any household members with asthma, respiratory problems or flu like symptoms? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 3) Is anyone living in the house pregnant? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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## Source of Contaminants

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

How old is the home? \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) Paint peeling or flaking on floors, walls, ceilings? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Has carpet ever been water soaked? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Is carpet covering a concrete floor? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Any unvented combustion appliances in the home? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Do household members smoke inside the home? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Do cars park in attached garage? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Seasonal water pooling in crawl space? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Plumbing leaks in crawlspace? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Noticeable leaks or water staining on ceilings or walls? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Indoor pets? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Paints, solvents, thinners, pesticides stored in home? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) House keeping problems? Clutter / Unsanitary Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) Has this house been tested for Radon? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Are Insecticides or rodenticides used in home or ductwork? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) Evidence of Pest infestation? Comment on location Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Evidence of Radon mitigation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Strengths of Indoor Contaminants

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

- 20) Unusual odors in the house? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 21) Is moisture noticeable on windows? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 22) Visible mold anywhere in house? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 23) House temp. unusually warm or cold Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) Humidity levels unusually high? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

## Radon Informed Consent

Weatherization achieves energy and cost savings and improved comfort, health, and safety of homes through a variety of home retrofit measures, including some which improve the airtightness of the building. According to the Department of Energy (DOE) sponsored study, [Building Assessment of Radon Reduction Interventions with Energy Retrofits Expansion \(BEX\) Final Report \(ORNL/ TM-2020/1769\)](#): “There is a small risk of increased radon levels in homes when the building air tightness levels are improved. The study results show that current practices have produced substantial benefit compared to previous practices, and that there are no statistically significant changes in indoor radon levels on the lowest living levels with these practices”. These increases are smaller in manufactured housing everywhere, and all homes in low-radon potential counties, and higher in site- built homes in high-radon-potential counties. There is some evidence that the installation of continuous mechanical ventilation reduces radon levels in homes, and counteracts any radon increases that are due to improved building air tightness levels.

**Precautionary Measures:** Precautionary measures indicated below will be installed as part of weatherization:

- Cover exposed dirt floors within the pressure/thermal boundary with a sealed soil gas retarder
- Cover sump well/pits with airtight covers
- Implement ventilation as required by ASHRAE 62.2-2016
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am aware that weatherization may result in increased levels of radon, and that mechanical ventilation may counteract those increases.**

**I have received *Basic Radon Facts*, and radon-related risks were discussed.**

**I have chosen to go forward with weatherization and accept all risks of injury or damages. I have carefully read this informed consent form and have signed it of my own free will.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

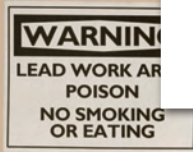
Client Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subgrantee Representative Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subgrantee Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED GUIDE TO RENOVATE RIGHT



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1-800-424-LEAD (5323)

[epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://epa.gov/getleadsafe)

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Important lead hazard information for families, child care providers and schools.



This document may be purchased through the U.S. Government Printing Office online at [bookstore.gpo.gov](http://bookstore.gpo.gov) or by phone (toll-free): 1-866-512-1800.

# IT'S THE LAW!

Federal law requires contractors that disturb painted surfaces in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Always ask to see your contractor's certification.

Federal law requires that individuals receive certain information before renovating more than six square feet of painted surfaces in a room for interior projects or more than twenty square feet of painted surfaces for exterior projects or window replacement or demolition in housing, child care facilities and schools built before 1978.

- Homeowners and tenants: renovators must give you this pamphlet before starting work.
- Child care facilities, including preschools and kindergarten classrooms, and the families of children under six years of age that attend those facilities: renovators must provide a copy of this pamphlet to child care facilities and general renovation information to families whose children attend those facilities.

## WHO SHOULD READ THIS PAMPHLET?

### This pamphlet is for you if you:

- Reside in a home built before 1978.
- Own or operate a child care facility, including preschools and kindergarten classrooms, built before 1978, or
- Have a child under six years of age who attends a child care facility built before 1978.

### You will learn:

- Basic facts about lead and your health.
- How to choose a contractor, if you are a property owner.
- What tenants, and parents/guardians of a child in a child care facility or school should consider.
- How to prepare for the renovation or repair job.
- What to look for during the job and after the job is done.
- Where to get more information about lead.

### This pamphlet is not for:

- **Abatement projects.** Abatement is a set of activities aimed specifically at eliminating lead or lead hazards. EPA has regulations for certification and training of abatement professionals. If your goal is to eliminate lead or lead hazards, contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for more information.
- **“Do-it-yourself”** projects. If you plan to do renovation work yourself, this document is a good start, but you will need more information to complete the work safely. Call the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** and ask for more information on how to work safely in a home with lead-based paint.
- **Contractor education.** Contractors who want information about working safely with lead should contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for information about courses and resources on lead-safe work practices.



## RENOVATING, REPAIRING, OR PAINTING?

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- Is your home, your building, or the child care facility or school your children attend being renovated, repaired, or painted?
- Was your home, your building, or the child care facility or school where your children under six years of age attend built before 1978?

If the answer to these questions is YES, there are a few important things you need to know about lead-based paint.

This pamphlet provides basic facts about lead and information about lead safety when work is being done in your home, your building or the child care facility or school your children attend.

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### The Facts About Lead

- Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Lead is also harmful to adults.
  - Lead in dust is the most common way people are exposed to lead. People can also get lead in their bodies from lead in soil or paint chips. Lead dust is often invisible.
  - Lead-based paint was used in more than 38 million homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978.
  - Projects that disturb painted surfaces can create dust and endanger you and your family. Don't let this happen to you. Follow the practices described in this pamphlet to protect you and your family.
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## LEAD AND YOUR HEALTH

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### Lead is especially dangerous to children under six years of age.

Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing:

- Reduced IQ and learning disabilities.
- Behavior problems.

### Even children who appear healthy can have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.

Lead is also harmful to adults. In adults, low levels of lead can pose many dangers, including:

- High blood pressure and hypertension.
- Pregnant women exposed to lead can transfer lead to their fetuses. Lead gets into the body when it is swallowed or inhaled.
- People, especially children, can swallow lead dust as they eat, play, and do other normal hand-to-mouth activities.
- People may also breathe in lead dust or fumes if they disturb lead-based paint. People who sand, scrape, burn, brush, blast or otherwise disturb lead-based paint risk unsafe exposure to lead.



### What should I do if I am concerned about my family's exposure to lead?

- A blood test is the only way to find out if you or a family member already has lead poisoning. Call your doctor or local health department to arrange for a blood test.
- Call your local health department for advice on reducing and eliminating exposures to lead inside and outside your home, child care facility or school.
- Always use lead-safe work practices when renovation or repair will disturb painted surfaces.

For more information about the health effects of exposure to lead, visit the EPA lead website at [epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadinfo](http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadinfo) or call 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

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### There are other things you can do to protect your family every day.

- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure children eat a healthy, nutritious diet consistent with the USDA's dietary guidelines, that helps protect children from the effects of lead.
- Wipe off shoes before entering the house.

## WHERE DOES THE LEAD COME FROM?

### Dust is the main problem.

The most common way to get lead in the body is from dust. Lead dust comes from deteriorating lead-based paint and lead-contaminated soil that gets tracked into your home. This dust may accumulate to unsafe levels. Then, normal hand-to-mouth activities, like playing and eating (especially in young children), move that dust from surfaces like floors and window sills into the body.

### Home renovation creates dust.

Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips.

### Proper work practices protect you from the dust.

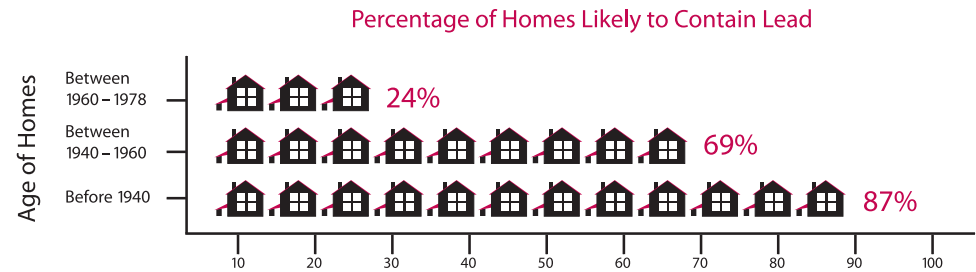
The key to protecting yourself and your family during a renovation, repair or painting job is to use lead-safe work practices such as containing dust inside the work area, using dust-minimizing work methods, and conducting a careful cleanup, as described in this pamphlet.

### Other sources of lead.

Remember, lead can also come from outside soil, your water, or household items (such as lead-glazed pottery and lead crystal). Contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) for more information on these sources.



## CHECKING YOUR HOME FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT



### Older homes, child care facilities, and schools are more likely to contain lead-based paint.

Homes may be single-family homes or apartments. They may be private, government-assisted, or public housing. Schools are preschools and kindergarten classrooms. They may be urban, suburban, or rural.

### You have the following options:

#### You may decide to assume your home, child care facility, or school contains lead.

Especially in older homes and buildings, you may simply want to assume lead-based paint is present and follow the lead-safe work practices described in this brochure during the renovation, repair, or painting job.

#### You can hire a certified professional to check for lead-based paint.

These professionals are certified risk assessors or inspectors, and can determine if your home has lead or lead hazards.

- A certified inspector or risk assessor can conduct an inspection telling you whether your home, or a portion of your home, has lead-based paint and where it is located. This will tell you the areas in your home where lead-safe work practices are needed.
- A certified risk assessor can conduct a risk assessment telling you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. The risk assessor can also tell you what actions to take to address any hazards.
- For help finding a certified risk assessor or inspector, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

You may also have a certified renovator test the surfaces or components being disturbed for lead by using a lead test kit or by taking paint chip samples and sending them to an EPA-recognized testing laboratory. Test kits must be EPA-recognized and are available at hardware stores. They include detailed instructions for their use.



## FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

### **You have the ultimate responsibility for the safety of your family, tenants, or children in your care.**

This means properly preparing for the renovation and keeping persons out of the work area (see p. 8). It also means ensuring the contractor uses lead-safe work practices.

Federal law requires that contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb painted surfaces in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

### **Make sure your contractor is certified, and can explain clearly the details of the job and how the contractor will minimize lead hazards during the work.**

- You can verify that a contractor is certified by checking EPA's website at [epa.gov/getleadSAFE](http://epa.gov/getleadSAFE) or by calling the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323). You can also ask to see a copy of the contractor's firm certification.
- Ask if the contractor is trained to perform lead-safe work practices and to see a copy of their training certificate.
- Ask them what lead-safe methods they will use to set up and perform the job in your home, child care facility or school.
- Ask for references from at least three recent jobs involving homes built before 1978, and speak to each personally.

### **Always make sure the contract is clear about how the work will be set up, performed, and cleaned.**

- Share the results of any previous lead tests with the contractor.
- You should specify in the contract that they follow the work practices described on pages 9 and 10 of this brochure.
- The contract should specify which parts of your home are part of the work area and specify which lead-safe work practices will be used in those areas. Remember, your contractor should confine dust and debris to the work area and should minimize spreading that dust to other areas of the home.
- The contract should also specify that the contractor will clean the work area, verify that it was cleaned adequately, and re-clean it if necessary.

### **If you think a worker is not doing what he is supposed to do or is doing something that is unsafe, you should:**

- Direct the contractor to comply with regulatory and contract requirements.
- Call your local health or building department, or
- Call EPA's hotline 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

If your property receives housing assistance from HUD (or a state or local agency that uses HUD funds), you must follow the requirements of HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule and the ones described in this pamphlet.

## FOR TENANTS AND FAMILIES OF CHILDREN UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND SCHOOLS

### **You play an important role ensuring the ultimate safety of your family.**

This means properly preparing for the renovation and staying out of the work area (see p. 8).

Federal law requires that contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb painted surfaces in homes built before 1978 and in child care facilities and schools built before 1978, that a child under six years of age visits regularly, to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

The law requires anyone hired to renovate, repair, or do painting preparation work on a property built before 1978 to follow the steps described on pages 9 and 10 unless the area where the work will be done contains no lead-based paint.

### **If you think a worker is not doing what he is supposed to do or is doing something that is unsafe, you should:**

- Contact your landlord.
- Call your local health or building department, or
- Call EPA's hotline 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

If you are concerned about lead hazards left behind after the job is over, you can check the work yourself (see page 10).



## PREPARING FOR A RENOVATION

### The work areas should not be accessible to occupants while the work occurs.

The rooms or areas where work is being done may need to be blocked off or sealed with plastic sheeting to contain any dust that is generated. Therefore, the contained area may not be available to you until the work in that room or area is complete, cleaned thoroughly, and the containment has been removed. Because you may not have access to some areas during the renovation, you should plan accordingly.

### You may need:

- Alternative bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen arrangements if work is occurring in those areas of your home.
- A safe place for pets because they too can be poisoned by lead and can track lead dust into other areas of the home.
- A separate pathway for the contractor from the work area to the outside in order to bring materials in and out of the home. Ideally, it should not be through the same entrance that your family uses.
- A place to store your furniture. All furniture and belongings may have to be moved from the work area while the work is being done. Items that can't be moved, such as cabinets, should be wrapped in plastic.
- To turn off forced-air heating and air conditioning systems while the work is being done. This prevents dust from spreading through vents from the work area to the rest of your home. Consider how this may affect your living arrangements.

You may even want to move out of your home temporarily while all or part of the work is being done.

Child care facilities and schools may want to consider alternative accommodations for children and access to necessary facilities.



## DURING THE WORK

Federal law requires contractors that are hired to perform renovation, repair and painting projects in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 that disturb painted surfaces to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

The work practices the contractor must follow include these three simple procedures, described below:

**1. Contain the work area.** The area must be contained so that dust and debris do not escape from that area. Warning signs must be put up and plastic or other impermeable material and tape must be used as appropriate to:

- Cover the floors and any furniture that cannot be moved.
- Seal off doors and heating and cooling system vents.
- For exterior renovations, cover the ground and, in some instances, erect vertical containment or equivalent extra precautions in containing the work area.

These work practices will help prevent dust or debris from getting outside the work area.

**2. Avoid renovation methods that generate large amounts of lead-contaminated dust.** Some methods generate so much lead-contaminated dust that their use is prohibited.

They are:

- Open flame burning or torching.
- Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment.
- Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F.



There is no way to eliminate dust, but some renovation methods make less dust than others. Contractors may choose to use various methods to minimize dust generation, including using water to mist areas before sanding or scraping; scoring paint before separating components; and prying and pulling apart components instead of breaking them.

**3. Clean up thoroughly.** The work area should be cleaned up daily to keep it as clean as possible. When all the work is done, the area must be cleaned up using special cleaning methods before taking down any plastic that isolates the work area from the rest of the home. The special cleaning methods should include:

- Using a HEPA vacuum to clean up dust and debris on all surfaces, followed by
- Wet wiping and wet mopping with plenty of rinse water.

When the final cleaning is done, look around. There should be no dust, paint chips, or debris in the work area. If you see any dust, paint chips, or debris, the area must be re-cleaned.

## FOR PROPERTY OWNERS: AFTER THE WORK IS DONE

When all the work is finished, you will want to know if your home, child care facility, or school where children under six attend has been cleaned up properly.

### EPA Requires Cleaning Verification.

In addition to using allowable work practices and working in a lead-safe manner, EPA's RRP rule requires contractors to follow a specific cleaning protocol. The protocol requires the contractor to use disposable cleaning cloths to wipe the floor and other surfaces of the work area and compare these cloths to an EPA-provided cleaning verification card to determine if the work area was adequately cleaned. EPA research has shown that following the use of lead-safe work practices with the cleaning verification protocol will effectively reduce lead-dust hazards.

### Lead-Dust Testing.

EPA believes that if you use a certified and trained renovation contractor who follows the LRRP rule by using lead-safe work practices and the cleaning protocol after the job is finished, lead-dust hazards will be effectively reduced. If, however, you are interested in having lead-dust testing done at the completion of your job, outlined below is some helpful information.

#### What is a lead-dust test?

- Lead-dust tests are wipe samples sent to a laboratory for analysis. You will get a report specifying the levels of lead found after your specific job.

#### How and when should I ask my contractor about lead-dust testing?

- Contractors are not required by EPA to conduct lead-dust testing. However, if you want testing, EPA recommends testing be conducted by a lead professional. To locate a lead professional who will perform an evaluation near you, visit EPA's website at [epa.gov/lead/pubs/locate](http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/locate) or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)**.
- If you decide that you want lead-dust testing, it is a good idea to specify in your contract, before the start of the job, that a lead-dust test is to be done for your job and who will do the testing, as well as whether re-cleaning will be required based on the results of the test.
- You may do the testing yourself. If you choose to do the testing, some EPA-recognized lead laboratories will send you a kit that allows you to collect samples and send them back to the laboratory for analysis. Contact the National Lead Information Center for lists of EPA-recognized testing laboratories.



## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may need additional information on how to protect yourself and your children while a job is going on in your home, your building, or child care facility.

The National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** or [epa.gov/lead/nlic](http://epa.gov/lead/nlic) can tell you how to contact your state, local, and/or tribal programs or get general information about lead poisoning prevention.

- State and tribal lead poisoning prevention or environmental protection programs can provide information about lead regulations and potential sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. If your state or local government has requirements more stringent than those described in this pamphlet, you must follow those requirements.
- Local building code officials can tell you the regulations that apply to the renovation work that you are planning.
- State, county, and local health departments can provide information about local programs, including assistance for lead-poisoned children and advice on ways to get your home checked for lead.



The National Lead Information Center can also provide a variety of resource materials, including the following guides to lead-safe work practices. Many of these materials are also available at [epa.gov/lead/pubs/brochure](http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/brochure)

- Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting.
- Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home
- Lead in Your Home: A Parent's Reference Guide



For the hearing impaired, call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to access any of the phone numbers in this brochure.

## EPA CONTACTS

### EPA Regional Offices

EPA addresses residential lead hazards through several different regulations. EPA requires training and certification for conducting abatement and renovations, education about hazards associated with renovations, disclosure about known lead paint and lead hazards in housing, and sets lead-paint hazard standards.

Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding lead safety and lead protection programs at [epa.gov/lead](http://epa.gov/lead).

#### Region 1

(Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 1  
Suite 1100  
One Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02114-2023  
(888) 372-7341

#### Region 2

(New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 2  
2890 Woodbridge Avenue  
Building 205, Mail Stop 225  
Edison, NJ 08837-3679  
(732) 321-6671

#### Region 3

(Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, DC, West Virginia)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 3  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA  
19103-2029  
(215) 814-5000

#### Region 4

(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960  
(404) 562-9900

#### Region 5

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3507  
(312) 886-6003

#### Region 6

(Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue,  
12th Floor  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733  
(214) 665-7577

#### Region 7

(Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 7  
901 N. 5th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
(913) 551-7003

#### Region 8

(Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 8  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 312-6312

#### Region 9

(Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 947-8021

#### Region 10

(Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)  
Regional Lead Contact  
U.S. EPA Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101-1128  
(206) 553-1200

## OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

### CPSC

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) protects the public from the unreasonable risk of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. CPSC warns the public and private sectors to reduce exposure to lead and increase consumer awareness. Contact CPSC for further information regarding regulations and consumer product safety.

### CPSC

4330 East West Highway  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
Hotline 1-(800) 638-2772  
[cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov)

### CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) assists state and local childhood lead poisoning prevention programs to provide a scientific basis for policy decisions, and to ensure that health issues are addressed in decisions about housing and the environment. Contact CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for additional materials and links on the topic of lead.

### CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch

4770 Buford Highway, MS F-40  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
(770) 488-3300  
[cdc.gov/nceh/lead](http://cdc.gov/nceh/lead)

### HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funds to state and local governments to develop cost-effective ways to reduce lead-based paint hazards in America's privately-owned low-income housing. In addition, the office enforces the rule on disclosure of known lead paint and lead hazards in housing, and HUD's lead safety regulations in HUD-assisted housing, provides public outreach and technical assistance, and conducts technical studies to help protect children and their families from health and safety hazards in the home. Contact the HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for information on lead regulations, outreach efforts, and lead hazard control research and outreach grant programs.

### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8236  
Washington, DC 20410-3000  
HUD's Lead Regulations Hotline  
(202) 402-7698  
[hud.gov/offices/lead/](http://hud.gov/offices/lead/)



## SAMPLE PRE-RENOVATION FORM

This sample form may be used by renovation firms to document compliance with the Federal pre-renovation education and renovation, repair, and painting regulations.

### Occupant Confirmation

Pamphlet Receipt

- I have received a copy of the lead hazard information pamphlet informing me of the potential risk of the lead hazard exposure from renovation activity to be performed in my dwelling unit. I received this pamphlet before the work began.

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Printed Name of Owner-occupant

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Signature of Owner-occupant

Signature Date

### Renovator's Self Certification Option (for tenant-occupied dwellings only)

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- Declined** – I certify that I have made a good faith effort to deliver the lead hazard information pamphlet to the rental dwelling unit listed below at the date and time indicated and that the occupant declined to sign the confirmation of receipt. I further certify that I have left a copy of the pamphlet at the unit with the occupant.
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Printed Name of Person Certifying Delivery

Attempted Delivery Date

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Signature of Person Certifying Lead Pamphlet Delivery

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Unit Address

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## SUMMARY NOTICE OF LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTION

Address of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

### Summary of Inspection:

- No lead-based paint was found
- Lead-based paint was found

**If lead-based paint was found please provide a brief summary below of its location. List at least the housing unit numbers and common areas (for multifamily housing), and building components (including type of room or space, and the material underneath the paint).**

### Contact person for more information or an actual copy of the inspection:

Name:	
Organization:	Phone: (     )
Street:	City:
State:	Zip:

### Person who prepared this summary notice:

Name:	
Organization:	Phone: (     )
Street:	City:
State:	Zip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Weatherization Operations Manual

## Section 8. Materials Standards

1. 10 CFR 440 Appendix A—Standards for Weatherization Materials
2. Weatherization Materials Not Listed in 10 CFR 440, Appendix A
3. “Attachment II Specifications for Materials Bid Package...” [Sample]
4. Weatherization Project Specifications [Sample]



**ATTACHMENT 7**  
**APPENDIX A TO PART 440**  
**STANDARDS FOR WEATHERIZATION MATERIALS**

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APPENDIX A TO PART 440—STANDARDS FOR WEATHERIZATION MATERIALS

The following Government standards are produced by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and are published in title 16, Code of Federal Regulations:

Thermal Insulating Materials for Building Elements Including Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Attics, and Roofs Insulation—organic fiber— conformance to Interim Safety Standard in 16 CFR part 1209;

Fire Safety Requirements for Thermal Insulating Materials According to Insulation Use—Attic Floor— insulation materials intended for exposed use in attic floors shall be capable of meeting the same flammability requirements given for cellulose insulation in 16 CFR part 1209;

Enclosed spaces—insulation materials intended for use within enclosed stud or joist spaces shall be capable of meeting the smoldering combustion requirements in 16 CFR part 1209.

The following standards which are not otherwise set forth in part 440 are incorporated by reference and made a part of part 440. The following standards have been approved for incorporation by reference by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. These materials are incorporated as they exist on April 5, 1993 and a notice of any change in these materials will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The standards incorporated by reference are available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to:  
<http://www.archives.gov/federalregister/codoflrfederalregulations/ibrllocations.html>.

The standards incorporated by reference in part 440 can be obtained from the following sources:

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, 1501 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209; (703) 524-8800.

American Gas Association, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209; (703) 841-8400.

American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018; (212) 642-4900.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers, United Engineering Center, 345 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10017; (212) 705-7800.

American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215) 299-5400.

American Architectural Manufacturers Association, 1540 East Dundee Road, Palatine, IL 60067; (708) 202-1350.

Federal Specifications, General Services Administration, Specifications Section, Room 6654, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20407; (202) 708-5082.

Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, (703) 525-9565.

National Electrical Manufacturers Association, 2101 L Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; (202) 457-8400.

National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269; (617) 770-3000.

National Standards Association, 1200 Quince Orchard Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878; (301) 590-2300.

(NSA is a local contact for materials from ASTM).

National Wood Window and Door Association, 1400 East Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018; (708) 299-5200.

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association, P.O. Box 221230, Chantilly, VA 22022-1230; (703) 803-2980.

Steel Door Institute, 712 Lakewood Center North, 14600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44107; (216) 899-0100.

Steel Window Institute, 1230 Keith Building, Cleveland, OH 44115; (216) 241-7333.

Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association, 25 North Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591; (914) 332-0040.

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 75530, Chicago, IL 60675-5330; (708) 272-8800.

More information regarding the standards in this reference can be obtained from the following sources:

Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 554-1080.

National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, (301) 975-2000

Weatherization Assistance Programs Division, Conservation and Renewable Energy, Mail Stop 5G-023, Forrester Bldg, 1000 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-2207.

**THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS  
INCLUDING WALLS, FLOORS, ATTICS, AND ROOFS  
(Standards for conformance)**

<b>Insulation—mineral fiber:</b>	
Blanket insulation.....	ASTM C665-98.
Roof insulation board.....	ASTM C726-00a.
Loose-fill insulation.....	ASTM C764-99.
<b>Insulation—mineral cellular:</b>	
Vermiculite loose-fill insulation.....	ASTM C516-80 (1990).
Perlite loose-fill insulation.....	ASTM C549-81 (1986).
Cellular glass insulation block.....	ASTM C552-88.
Perlite insulation board.....	ASTM C728-89a.
<b>Insulation—organic fiber:</b>	
Cellulosic fiber insulating board.....	ASTM C208-72 (1982).
Cellulose loose-fill insulation.....	ASTM C739-88.
<b>Insulation—organic cellular:</b>	
Preformed block-type polystyrene insulation.....	ASTM C578-87a.
Rigid preformed polyurethane insulation board.....	ASTM C591-85.
Polyurethane or polyisocyanurate insulation board faced with aluminum foil on both sides.....	FS HH-I-1972/1 (1981).
Polyurethane or polyisocyanurate insulation board faced with felt on both sides.....	FS HH-I-1972/2 (1981). And Amendment 1, October 3, 1985.
<b>Insulation—composite boards:</b>	
Mineral fiber and rigid cellular polyurethane composite roof insulation board.....	ASTM C726-88.
Perlite board and rigid cellular polyurethane composite roof insulation.....	ASTM C984-83.
Gypsum board and polyurethane or polyisocyanurate composite board.....	FS HH-I-1972/4 (1981).
Materials used as a patch to reduce infiltration through the building envelope.....	Commercially available.

**THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS FOR PIPES, DUCTS,  
AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS BOILERS AND FURNACES  
(Standards for conformance)**

<b>Insulation—mineral fiber:</b>	
Preformed pipe insulation.....	ASTM 1 C547-77.
Blanket and felt insulation (industrial type).....	ASTM C553-70 (1977).
Blanket insulation and blanket type pipe insulation (metal-mesh covered) (industrial type).....	ASTM C592-80.
Block and board insulation.....	ASTM C612-83.
Spray applied fibrous insulation for elevated temperature.....	ASTM C720-89.
High-temperature fiber blanket insulation.....	ASTM C892-89.
Duct work insulation.....	Selected and applied according to ASTM C971-82.
<b>Insulation—mineral cellular:</b>	
Diatomaceous earth block and pipe insulation.....	ASTM C517-71 (1979)
Calcium silicate block and pipe insulation.....	ASTM C533-85 (1990).
Cellular glass insulation.....	ASTM C552-88.
Expanded perlite block and pipe insulation.....	ASTM C610-85.
<b>Insulation—Organic Cellular:</b>	
Preformed flexible elastomeric cellular insulation in sheet and tubular form.....	ASTM C534-88.
Unfaced preformed rigid cellular polyurethane insulation.....	ASTM C591-85.
Insulation skirting.....	Commercially available.

**FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR INSULATING MATERIALS  
ACCORDING TO INSULATION USE  
(Standards for conformance)**

Attic floor.....	Insulation materials intended for exposed use in attic floors shall be capable of meeting the same smoldering combustion requirements given for cellulose insulation in ASTM C739-88.
Enclosed space.....	Insulation materials intended for use within enclosed stud or joist spaces shall be capable of meeting the smoldering combustion requirements in ASTM C739-88.
Exposed interior walls and ceilings.....	Insulation materials, including those with combustible facings, which remain exposed and serve as wall or ceiling interior finish, shall have a flame spread classification not to exceed 150 (per ASTM E84-89a).
Exterior envelope walls and roofs.....	Exterior envelope walls and roofs containing thermal insulations shall meet applicable local government building code requirements for the complete wall or roof assembly.
Pipes, ducts, and equipment.....	Insulation materials intended for use on pipes, ducts and equipment shall be capable of meeting a flame spread classification not to exceed 150 (per ASTM E84-89a).

**STORM WINDOWS  
(Standards for conformance)**

Storm windows:	
Aluminum insulating storm windows.....	ANSI/AAMA 1002.10-83.
Aluminum frame storm windows.....	ANSI/AAMA 1002.10-83.
Wood frame storm windows.....	ANSI/NWWDA I.S. 2-87. (Section 3)
Rigid vinyl frame storm windows.....	ASTM D4099-89.
Frameless plastic glazing storm.....	Required minimum thickness windows is 6 mil (.006 inches).
Movable insulation systems for windows.....	Commercially available.

**STORM DOORS  
(Standards for conformance)**

Storm doors—Aluminum:	
Storm Doors.....	ANSI/AAMA 1102.7-89.
Sliding glass storm doors.....	ANSI/AAMA 1002.10-83.
Wood storm doors.....	ANSI/NWWDA I.S. 6-86.
Rigid vinyl storm doors.....	ASTM D3678-88.
Vestibules:	
Materials to construct vestibules.....	Commercially available.
Replacement windows:	
Aluminum frame windows.....	ANSI/AAMA 101-88.
Steel frame windows.....	Steel Window Institute recommended specifications for steel windows, 1990.
Wood frame windows.....	ANSI/NWWDA I.S. 2-87.
Rigid vinyl frame windows.....	ASTM D4099-89.

**REPLACEMENT DOORS  
(Standards for conformance)**

Replacement doors—Hinged doors:	
Steel doors.....	ANSI/SDI 100-1985.
Wood doors:	
Flush doors.....	ANSI/NWWDA I.S. 1-87. (exterior door provisions)
Pine, fir, hemlock and spruce doors.....	ANSI/NWWDA I.S. 6-86.
Sliding patio doors:	
Aluminum doors.....	ANSI/AAMA 101-88.
Wood doors.....	NWWDA I.S. 3-83.

## CAULKS AND SEALANTS

(Standards for conformance)

Caulks and sealants:	
Putty.....	FS TT-P-00791B, October 16, 1969 and Amendment 2, March 23, 1971.
Glazing compounds for metal sash.....	ASTM C669-75 (1989).
Oil and resin base caulks.....	ASTM C570-72 (1989).
Acrylic (solvent types) sealants.....	FS TT-S-00230C, February 2, 1970 and Amendment 2, October 9, 1970.
Butyl rubber sealants.....	FS TT-S-001657, October 8, 1970.
Chlorosulfonated polyethylene sealants.....	FS TT-S-00230C, February 2, 1970 and Amendment 2, October 9, 1970.
Latex sealing compounds.....	ASTM C834-76 (1986).
Elastomeric joint sealants (normally considered to include polysulfide, polyurethane, and silicone).....	ASTM C920-87.
Preformed gaskets and sealing materials.....	ASTM C509-84.

## WEATHERSTRIPPING

(Standards for conformance)

Weatherstripping.....	Commercially available.
Vapor retarders.....	Selected according to the provisions cited in ASTM C755-85 (1990). Permeance not greater than 1 perm when determined according to the desiccant method described in ASTM E96-90.
Items to improve attic ventilation.....	Commercially available.
Clock thermostats.....	NEMA DC 3-1989.

## HEAT EXCHANGERS

(Standards for conformance)

Heat exchangers, water-to-water and steam-to-water.....	ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1992, Sections II, V, VIII, IX, and X, as applicable to pressure vessels. Standards of Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association, Seventh Edition, 1988.
Heat exchangers with gas-fired appliances.....	Conformance to AGA Requirements for Heat Reclaimer Devices for Use with Gas-Fired Appliances No. 1-80, June 1, 1980. AGA Laboratories Certification Seal.
Heat pump water heating heat recovery systems.....	Electrical components to be listed by UL.

## BOILER/FURNACE CONTROL SYSTEMS

(Standards for conformance)

Automatic set back thermostats.....	Listed by UL. Conformance to NEMA DC 3-1989.
Line voltage or low voltage room thermostats.....	NEMA DC 3-1989.
Automatic gas ignition systems.....	ANSI Z21.21-1987 and Z21.21a-1989. AGA Laboratories Certification Seal.
Energy management systems.....	Listed by UL.
Hydronic boiler controls.....	Listed by UL.
Other burner controls.....	Listed by UL.

## WATER HEATER MODIFICATIONS

(Standards for conformance)

Insulate tank and distribution piping .....	(See insulation section of this appendix).
Install heat traps on inlet and outlet piping.....	Applicable local plumbing code.
Install/replace water heater heating elements.....	Listed by UL.
Electric, freeze-prevention tape for pipes.....	Listed by UL.
Reduce thermostat settings .....	State or local recommendations.
Install stack damper, gas-fueled .....	ANSI Z21.66-1988, including Exhibits A&B, and ANSI Z223.1-1988.
Install stack damper, oil-fueled .....	UL 17, November 28, 1988, and NFPA 31-1987.
Install water flow modifiers.....	Commercially available.

## WASTE HEAT RECOVERY DEVICES

(Standards for conformance)

Desuperheater/water heaters.....	ARI 470-1987.
Condensing heat exchangers.....	Commercially available components and in new heating furnace systems to manufacturers' specifications.
Condensing heat exchangers.....	Commercially available (Commercial, multi-story building, with teflon-lined tubes institutional) to manufacturers' specifications.
Energy recovery equipment.....	Energy Recovery Equipment and Systems Air-to-Air (1978) Sheet Metal and Air-Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA).

## BOILER REPAIR AND MODIFICATIONS/EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

(Standards for conformance)

Install gas conversion burners.....	ANSI Z21.8-1984, (for gas or oil-fired systems), ANSI Z21.17-1984, ANSI Z21.17a-1990, and ANSI Z223.1-1988. AGA Laboratories Certification seal.
Replace oil burner .....	UL 296, February 28, 1989 Revision and NFPA 31-1987.
Install burners (oil/gas) .....	ANSI Z223.1-1988 for gas equipment and NFPA 31-1987 for oil equipment.
Re-adjust boiler water temperature or install automatic boiler temperature reset control.....	ASME CSD-1-1988, ASME CSD-1a-1989, ANSI Z223.1-1988, and NFPA 31-1987.
Replace/modify boilers .....	ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1992, Sections II, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, and X. Boilers must be Institute of Boilers and Radiation Manufacturers (IBR) equipment.
Clean heat exchanger, adjust burner air shutter(s), check smoke no. on oil-fueled equipment. Check operation of pump(s) and replacement filters.....	Per manufacturers' instructions.
Repair combustion chambers.....	Refractory linings may be required for conversions.
Replace heat exchangers, tubes .....	Protection from flame contact with conversion burners by refractory shield.
Install/replace thermostatic radiator valves .....	Commercially available. One pipe steam systems require air vents on each radiator; see manufacturers' requirements.
Install boiler duty cycle control system.....	Commercially available. NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC) 1993 and local electrical codes provisions for wiring.

## HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM REPAIRS AND TUNE-UPS/EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

(Standards for conformance)

Install duct insulation.....	FS HH-1-558C, January 7, 1992 (see insulation sections of this appendix).
Reduce input of burner; derate gas-fueled equipment.....	Local utility company and procedures if applicable for gas fueled furnaces and ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988) including Appendix H.
Repair/replace oil-fired equipment.....	NFPA 31-1987.
Replace combustion chamber in oil-fired furnaces or boilers.....	NFPA 31-1987.
Clean heat exchanger and adjust burner: adjust air shutter and check CO2 and stack temperature. Clean or replace air filter on forced air furnace.....	ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988) including Appendix H.
Install vent dampers for gas-fueled heating systems.....	Applicable sections of ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988) including Appendices H, I, J, and K. ANSI Z21.66-1988 and Exhibits A & B for electrically operated dampers.
Install vent dampers for oil-fueled heating systems.....	Applicable sections of NFPA 31-1987 for installation and in conformance with UL 17, November 28, 1988.
Reduce excess combustion air:	
A: Reduce vent connector size of gas-fueled appliances.....	ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988) Part 9 and Appendices G & H.
B: Adjust barometric draft regulator for oil fuels.....	NFPA 31-1987 and per manufacturers' (furnace or boiler) instructions.
Replace constant burning pilot with electric ignition device on gas-fueled furnaces or boilers.....	ANSI Z21.71-1981, Z21.71a-1985, and Z21.71b-1989.
Readjust fan switch on forced air gas or oil-fueled furnaces.....	Applicable sections and Appendix H of ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988) for gas furnaces and NFPA 31-1987 for oil furnaces.
Replace burners.....	See power burners (oil/gas).
Install/replace duct furnaces (gas).....	ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988).
Install/replace heat pumps.....	Listed by UL.
Replace air diffusers, intakes, registers, and grilles.....	Commercially available.
Install/replace warm air heating metal ducts.....	Commercially available.
Filter alarm units.....	Commercially available.

## REPLACEMENT FURNACES, BURNERS, AND WOOD STOVES

(Standards for conformance)

Chimneys, fireplaces, vents and solid fuel burning Appliances.....	NFPA 211-1988.
Gas-fired furnaces.....	ANSI Z21.47-1987, Z21.47a-1988, and Z21.47b-1989. ANSI Z223.1-1988 (NFPA 54-1988).
Oil-fired furnaces.....	UL 727, August 27, 1991 Revision and NFPA 31-1987.
Liquified petroleum gas storage.....	NFPA 58-1989.
Ventilation fans:	
Including electric attic, ceiling, and whole house fans.....	UL 507, August 23, 1990 Revision.

## AIR CONDITIONERS AND COOLING EQUIPMENT

(Standards for conformance)

Air conditioners:	
Central air conditioners.....	ARI 210/240-1989.
Room size units.....	ANSI/AHAM RAC-1-1982.
Other cooling equipment:	
Including evaporative coolers, heat pumps and other equipment.....	UL 1995, November 30, 1990.

**SCREENS, WINDOW FILMS, AND REFLECTIVE MATERIALS**  
**(Standards for conformance)**

Insect screens.....	Commercially available.
Window films .....	Commercially available.
<b>Shade screens:</b>	
Fiberglass shade screens .....	Commercially available.
Polyester shade screens .....	Commercially available.
<b>Rigid awnings:</b>	
Wood rigid awnings.....	Commercially available.
Metal rigid awnings .....	Commercially available.
<b>Louver systems:</b>	
Wood louver systems .....	Commercially available.
Metal louver systems .....	Commercially available.
Industrial-grade white paint used as a heat-reflective measure on awnings, window louvers, doors, and exterior duct work (exposed).....	Commercially available.



## Weatherization Materials Not Listed in 10 CFR 440, Appendix A

The following are eligible for all funding unless marked otherwise.

\* Eligible for state and LIHEAP funds.

\*\* Eligible for state and LIHEAP funds for Health and Safety only.

\* **Fluorescent Lamps and Fixtures** (approved 7/29/1994, WPN 94-5)

Compact fluorescent lamps	UL 542, Edition 9 (2005); UL 1993, Edition 4 (2012); Energy Star criterial for CFLs – Lifetime Requirement.
Fluorescent lighting fixtures	UL 1598, Edition 3 (2008) (R2012); NFPA 70-2014; Energy Star criterial for Light Fixtures – Lifetime Requirement.

\* **LED Lamps and Fixtures** (first approved for OR 5/14/2014)

Portable Electric Luminaires	UL 153, Edition 13 (3/3/2014)
Light Emitting Diode (LED) Equipment for Use in Lighting Products	UL 8750, Edition 1 (R3/3/2014)
Lamp holders	UL 496, Edition 13 (R 11/25/2013)

### Refrigerators

Refrigerator/freezers (does not include freezer-only units) AHAM HRF-1-2008; UL 250-993(R2013).  
Replaced units must be disposed of properly per Section 8, Clean Air Act 1990, as amended.

\*\* **Replacement Electric Water Heaters** (approved 10/6/2000, WPN 00-5)

Electric (resistance) storage tank water heaters	UL 174, 11th Edition (2004)(R2015)
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**Replacement Water Heaters** (approved 4-11-2001, WPN 01-11)

Heat pump water heaters	10 CFR 430, Appendix E to Subpart B; UL 1995, Edition 4 (2014).
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Gas fueled water heaters:

Rated ≤ 75 kBtu/hr	ANSI Z21.10.1-2014/CSA 4.1-2014; 10 CFR 430, Appendix E to Subpart B.
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Rated > 75 kBtu/hr	ANSI Z21.10.1-2014/CSA 4.3-2014; 10 CFR 430, Appendix E to Subpart B.
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Oil fueled water heaters	UL 732, Edition 5 (1995) (R2013)
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### Acronyms:

AHAM – Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

ANSI – American National Standards Institute

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

UL – UL (formerly Underwriters Laboratories)

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## ATTACHMENT II SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS BID PACKAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The successful bidder must be able to supply the bulk material order within a maximum time frame of thirty (30) days (including Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays) from date of purchase order receipt to delivery F.O.B Anchorage International Airport.

**NOTE: Any product which is substituted as equivalent as or better than a product listed in these specifications must be identified by brand and model with supporting specifications.**

Part #	Material:
1203/4	Beveled trim, baseboard: to be wood product in light/medium oak color.
1265	Shim Stock: To be cedar shims, 50 pieces per bundle.
1400 - 1532	Lumber: Lumber price to be per lineal foot unless specific length is noted, in which case a per piece price is requested.
1411-1414 1416-1417	Lumber, Clear: All 1"x clear material shall be kiln-dried (KD) clear, straight or mixed grain fir or hemlock. Minimum length is eight (8) feet and maximum length is twelve (12) feet unless otherwise specified.
1502 - 1532	Lumber S/B: All S/B lumber to be KD standard or better grade (S/B), hemlock/fir (HF) or spruce/pine/fir (SPF).
1672- 1674	OSB siding: to be pre-primed with shiplap edge in 4' wide panels by length specified.
1680 - 1682	Siding cap: a fabricated galvanized Z-metal type 29-guage flashing to be used to cap the top exterior edge when foam board and siding are used to cover existing exterior surfaces. Minimum lip edge to provide secure coverage to be two (2) inches top and bottom. <b>NOTE:</b> See attached drawing for example.
1738	Lumber, AW Treated: Pressure treated All Weather wood suitable for wood foundations, ground contact or below grade applications, standard or better with a .60 treatment.
1740 - 1785	Lumber, PT: Pressure treated wood suitable for above grade applications, standard or better with a .40 treatment. Can be either Greenstone or Brownstone.
1852	Paneling to be all wood manufacture. <b>Plastic laminate not acceptable.</b> Paneling to have light colored surface unless specified otherwise.
1920	Door Sweep: Mechanically attached sweep with a 1/2" minimum nylon brush and minimum 1" PVC. To include attaching screws.

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- 1922 Door Shoe: Arctic rubber type, mechanically attached door shoe, to cap the bottom of a door. To include attaching screws.
- 1925 - Door Weatherstrip: All weather-strip to be comprised of a full set needed to seal  
1929 a 3-0 x 6-8 door. To include attaching screws as needed.
- 1941 Threshold: Mechanically adjustable threshold (capable of being shortened on  
1942 either one or both sides to fit existing odd-size door jambs).
- 3035 - 3037 Staples: All staples must be for Arrow T-50 type staplers. (Box equals 1,250 staples)
- 3106 - Nails: will not necessarily be ordered in box increments. They will be  
3137 ordered by the pound.
- 3355 - Drywall Sscrews: to be galvanized, zinc coated or equivalent to provide  
3367 protection against weather and rusting.
- 3645 Wet /Dry Tar: Tar material for roof patching, etc. which can be applied to either wet or dry surfaces,
- 3879 Acrylic latex caulk: must meet ASTM C834.
- 3880 Silicone caulk: equivalent to DOW 999 (clear) or 8644 (white, paintable).
- 3882 Polyurethane caulk to be equivalent to Silkaflex. Must meet ASTM C920.
- 3883 High temperature caulk: for use to seal stovepipe, etc. which will be in contact with high temperature surfaces to 2000°.
- 3885 Flexible-Seal Caulk: A single component, paintable, elastomeric sealant that adheres to most substrates in wet or dry conditions and can be applied at temperatures as low as -20 degrees F.
- NOTE:** All caulk to be supplied in plastic 10.3 ounce tubes.
- 3983 - Polyurethane filler foam and cleaner in container which screws to dispensing  
3984 gun. Minimally expanding foam, Class A or Class 1 per ASTM E84. Filler form to be supplied in approximately two (2) liter / 24 oz can, cleaner in 12 oz can. **A new dispensing gun to be supplied with each two cases (24 cans) of foam.**
- 4590 Wood Stove: EPA-Certified air tight wood stove with outside combustion air kit and a heat circulating fan, similar to a Pacific Energy "Vista" model.
- 4600 - Stove Pipe MB: All 6", 7" and 8" chimney Metalbestos (M/B) or parts refer to  
4822 "Selkirk Metalbestos" brand double-wall, insulated stove pipe and parts. **substitutes will be acceptable.**
- 4972 - Stove Pipe S/W: All single wall stove pipe and parts to be 24 gauge minimum,  
4992 black unless otherwise specified.

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- 4997 Wood Stove Gasket Kit: 1/4" x 1/2" x 10' ceramic yarn and high temperature glue, etc. needed to seal a wood stove door.
- 5105 Blowfill insulation: to be chopped fiberglass conforming to ASTM C764, similar to Knauf "Jet-Stream". Coverage to be equivalent to 73.3 square feet per bag for R-30 insulation coverage.
- 5208 Batt Hangers: Wire clips, typically 12 gauge steel, used between floor joists to  
5209 support batt insulation.
- 5210 - Fiberglass Insulation: All fiberglass insulation shall be certified to comply with the  
5229 CCR, Title 24, Part 12, Chapters 12-13. Flexible (batts) insulation must conform  
5230 to ASTM C665.
- 5307 Insulation Shield: 20 x 48 inch piece of aluminum flashing to keep blowfill insulation from contacting stove pipe. To be supplied in 20" x 50-foot rolls.
- 5350 - Polyisocyanurate Foamboard: Poly foil faced board covered with foil both sides  
5352 in 4' x 8' sheets, having an R-7 per inch insulation value. (RMax, Thermax, etc). Must meet ASTM 1289 or FS (Federal Specifications) HH-I-1972/1 (1981).
- 5353 - Polystyrene Foamboard: Medium density extruded polystyrene with an R-5 per  
5354 inch insulation value, .6 perm rating maximum in 4' x 8' sheets. (DOW pink, Foamular 150, etc) Must meet ASTM C578-95.
- NOTE:** All foam board to be "packaged" with minimum of one piece of plywood on both the top and bottom of the bundles, preferably with plywood on all four sides. This packaging (plywood) may be part of the bulk material order for the village.
- 5565 - Quantity listed as specified width by 100-foot roll unless otherwise stated. All  
5569 vapor barrier to be supplied in clear unless otherwise specified. Meet ASTM E1745. Permeance less than 1 when tested to ASTM E96.
- 6605 Roofing metal to be typical 26 gauge or better galvanized zincalune in three foot (3') width by length required.
- 6706 Ridge cap to include sufficient closure strip (1" x 1" foam) to seal edge joint.
- 6889 - Gable vents shall be louvered with a corrosion-resistant bug screen with  
6891 12" x 12" or 12" x 18" rough opening and a separate cover, unless otherwise specified.  
**NOTE:** See attached drawing for cover specs.
- 6977 Duct Mastic: A fibrous adhesive duct sealant tested to ASTM E-84 for flame spread and  
6978 smoke density. It is manufactured by RCD Corp., 2310 Coolidge Ave., Orlando, FL 32804. (Phone 407 - 422-0089)
- 9510 Vapor Barrier Paint: Latex type vapor barrier paint similar in characteristics to Glidden "Insulaid". Must have perm rating of 1.0 or less. To be tinted to an "off-white" color

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- 9511 - Exterior Paint: Exterior premium grade high percentage acrylic latex solid color stain with one  
9513 coat sealing capability similar to ICI 2601-xxx.
- 9514 Interior Paint: Shall be premium quality interior acrylic latex semi-gloss tinted to an off-white color.
- 9645 Smoke detectors: to be photoelectric type with a five (5) year battery. Ion type detectors are not acceptable.
- 9720 Floor tile to be typical commercial grade glue-down VCT type flooring in 12" x 12" pieces. Self stick type not acceptable.
- 9740-55 Cabinets: Typical medium oak or similar color in a basic contractor grade with wood doors.
- 9756 Countertop: to be typical preformed laminate in a bone or off-white color.

## **ATTACHMENT II SPECIFICATIONS FOR DOORS BID PACKAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

The successful bidder must be able to provide finished units (both solid and metal insulated pre-hung) within a maximum time frame of ten (10) working days (not including Saturdays, Sundays or holidays) from date purchase order received to F.O.B. (Note: The bulk material order will probably be issued three to four weeks before required delivery date, depending on funding approval.)

### **General Requirements:**

1. All pre-hung units to be pre-assembled with mortised hinges and mechanically adjustable thresholds with thermal break, to be pre-drilled for passage knobs (and deadbolts as required) and to be pre-mortised for the appropriate backset(s) and **striker plate(s)**.
2. All pre-hung units to have door bottom and integral weather-stripping pre-installed to provide a continuous barrier to air infiltration (including "fuzzys" at the corners if needed).
3. All pre-hung door units to be supplied with Schlage A-10 series passage knob sets. Additionally, most units will be specified "w/deadbolt"--indicating a keyed Schlage B-160N series deadbolt to be supplied in addition to the passage knob set. Some units may be specified "w/lockset"--indicating a keyed Schlage A-53 series lockset to be supplied instead of the passage knob set. All multiple keyed locks for the same client number to be keyed alike. All passage knobs, locksets, deadbolts and corresponding hinges and striker plates to be provided in 626 brushed chrome finish. Backset to be mortise type, 2 ¾". Drive in backset not acceptable.
4. All exposed raw wood jamb and brick moldings must be sealed or primed. All wood door blanks **must** be weather sealed.

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5. Pre-hung doors to be built to allow minimum 1/2" clearance, maximum 1" clearance both width and height between jamb (finished unit) and framing (rough opening).
6. On pre-hung doors the left hand (LH) or right hand (RH) swing has been determined to mean the side of the unit where the hinges are located when the door is viewed from the inside on standard in-swing doors or the side of the unit where the hinges are located when the door is viewed from the outside on out-swing doors. (If vendor methods vary, adjustments must be made to insure correct swing). A diagram will be provided with the purchase order.
7. Pre-hung doors will be specified with an overall rough opening measurement (RO 32" x 82" x 5 1/2"). Several doors may need to be downsized for height. Any resized metal door blank to have the knob set located at normal height above the threshold and top and/or bottom that is cut must be re-railed to maintain structural integrity. The third number in any door size sequence will indicate the jamb width.
8. A door listed "w/ win" indicates the door blank with a 12" x 12" insulated glass, minimum R-3.0, window installed at eye level height (approximately 60" to center of glass from floor).
9. All doors shall be packaged to maintain individual integrity to final village destination. Door knobs and deadbolts to be **label with client number** and packaged (boxed) separately to insure intact arrival at final

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### SPECIFICATIONS FOR WINDOWS BID PACKAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**Bid will not be accepted on materials which do not meet minimum specifications**

The successful bidder must be able to provide finished units (both window and individual glazing) within a maximum time frame of twenty (20) working days (not including Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays) from date purchase order received to delivery F.O.B. Anchorage. (Note: The bulk material order will probably be issued at least four weeks before required delivery date, depending on funding approval.)

Bidder to determine glazing combination necessary to meet or exceed the minimum specified heat loss (R/U) values and air and water infiltration rates for individual glazed (glass only) and each window (glass and frame) type unit to be supplied, as applicable.

Bidder **must provide supporting documentation** for structural stability, heat loss and air/water infiltration. Thermal rating documentation to use the LBL Windows 4.1 program for both glass only and each type of window to be provided. Windows to meet or exceed Performance Grade **R40** standards for water leakage and structural stability in performance testing by an accredited facility in accordance with AAMA/NWWDA 101/I.S. 2-97 or ASTM D4726-00 standards. All windows must be certified by NFRC (National Fenestration Rating Council) to have a minimum overall total unit **R-value of 3.0 (U = .333)**. All windows to have a maximum **air leakage (AL) of 0.15 cfm/sq.ft.** Highlight the applicable ratings in the documentation. Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and visual transmittance (VT) information would be appreciated.

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*Sliders that are the same brand and style as the casement/picture windows (that meet the AAMA/NWWDA structural requirements) will be acceptable. Sliders must meet the heat loss and air/water infiltration requirements.*

All units to have thermal-break type spacers between layers of glass.

Individual glazed units 3/4 inch or more thick must have a **minimum center of pane R-value of 3.2 (U = .3125)**. Individual glazed units less than 3/4" thickness to be typical double pane Low "E" argon glazing.

All windows limited to fiberglass, wood or vinyl frame construction. No metal frames will be considered. All window units to be dry glazed with weather stripping and glazing gaskets to be made of EPDM (No TPR will be allowed.) All finished glazing in windows to be even with or inside attachment tab/surface (an exterior jamb extension may be incorporated).

Interior jamb extension to be provided in sufficient quantity for field cutting and installation by [Grantee]. Interior jamb extension material to be finger-joint pine. **All exposed wood (including interior jamb extension) on windows to be weather sealed. All exposed joints on windows to be sealed to prevent water penetration.** Weather sealed means to be primed or otherwise sealed to deter moisture from penetrating the surface.

Insulated glass, replacement glass and storm windows to be built to the finished size specified. Windows to be built to allow 3/4" total clearance for height or width between frame (finished unit) and framing (rough opening). Maximum clearance to be 1" height or width total.

To insure positive closure all side-hinged (casement) units must be equipped with a mounted operator and top and bottom locking latches installed on the side opposite the hinges. All top hinged (awning) units must be equipped with a bottom center mounted operator and locking latches on each side. By-pass slider units to have positive locking mechanism at the top and bottom.

All windows labeled "Egress" shall provide minimum opening area as required by code for emergency exit (minimum net opening of 5.7 square feet with a minimum 20-inch wide opening and a minimum 24-inch height opening). If a given rough opening fails to provide this minimum requirement, the given width rough opening will be retained if possible and the height expanded as required.

**Combined crating of windows or glass shall not exceed 150 pounds per crate.**

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Left-hand (LH) or Right-hand (RH): Indicates the swing for opener (casement) windows. The swing for the opener is determined as viewed from the exterior and indicates the hinged side of the window. In a combination fixed-opener, the swing will also determine the position of the opener unit, the hinges being to the side rather than center of the unit.

Storm Windows: All storm windows to be Lexan with either regular rigid or trailer flange metal edging.

Thermopane Window: Pre-made awning, opener, by-pass/slider or fixed unit (or any combination) ready for installation in a prescribed rough opening.

Replacement Glass: Individual glazed unit to fit an existing frame.



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## Door Specifications

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destination. **Note to bulk shippers:** Multiple doors crated together may be shipped individually to the village from the hub location.

### Definitions:

Blank: Indicates the door itself, not including the jamb, threshold, etc--either solid core, hollow core or metal insulated.

Hollow Core (HC): A wood door blank not having a solid core.

Metal Insulated (MI): A foam-filled, metal-skinned door blank with thermal break and minimum of R-7 conductive (not equivalent) insulated value.

Pre-Hung (P/H): A pre-assembled unit including door blank and jamb assembly with mortised hinges, pre-drilled for passage knob (and deadbolt and/or lockset where indicated) and pre-mortised for backset and striker plate. **No knock down jambs will be acceptable.**

Solid Core (SC): A wood door blank with a solid core of wood. **Laminated compressed particle board door blanks are not acceptable.**

Weather sealed: Primed or otherwise sealed to deter moisture from penetrating the surface.

Wood Door: All wood doors must be exterior grade mahogany or birch blanks, unless otherwise specified. All wood doors **MUST** be weather sealed.

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## WEATHERIZATION PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

### 1. AIRSEAL, EXTERIOR

Caulk and/or foam potential air passages at the exterior of structure. Caulking material to be paintable and be appropriate for the location and application. Seal around doors and window castings, at corners, still plates, and all cracks capable of letting air infiltrate into house. Caulking that is visible when finished shall be paintable white, clear, or colored to reasonably blend in with color of the area being sealed. All surfaces receiving sealant must be thoroughly cleaned of dust, dirt, grease, lacquer, and anything else that might interfere with the adhesion of the sealant. Should the joints or gaps be deeper than 1/4", they shall be packed to within 1/4" of the face surface with compressible joint fillers; the final 1/4" shall be filled with the sealing compound. Caulking shall fill crevices completely - surface skins are not acceptable. All caulking shall be uniformly smooth, free of wrinkles, flush with adjacent surfaces and absolutely watertight. All adjacent surfaces shall be wiped clean of caulking and left neat. In the event of larger joints or gaps, expandable foam sealant shall be used. The dried finished surface skin of the foam shall not be cut or removed without being sealed. If the foam extends beyond the finished surface, the excess shall be removed or cut to below the finished surface and sealed with exterior caulk or additional foam.

### 2. AIRSEAL, INTERIOR

Caulk and/or foam potential air passages at the interior of the structure. Caulking material to be paintable and be appropriate for the location and application. Seal around doors and window casings, at corners, sill plates, and all cracks capable of letting air infiltrate into house. Additional attention shall be made to all ceiling penetrations. Light fixtures shall be sealed around the electrical boxes from either the interior or the attic. From the attic, all accessible penetrations shall be sealed, including all wiring and plumbing penetrations. Caulking that is visible from the living area, when finished, shall be paintable white, clear, or colored to reasonably blend in with color of the area being sealed. All surfaces receiving sealant must be thoroughly cleaned of dust, dirt, grease, lacquer, and anything else that might interfere with the adhesion of the sealant. Should the joints or gaps be deeper than 1/4", they shall be packed to within 1/4" of the face surface with compressible joint fillers; the final 1/4" shall be filled with the sealing compound. Caulking shall fill crevices completely - surface skins are not acceptable. All caulking shall be uniformly smooth, free of wrinkles, flush with adjacent surfaces, and absolutely watertight. All adjacent surfaces shall be wiped clean of caulking and left neat. In the event of larger joints or gaps, expandable foam sealant shall be used. The dried finished surface skin of the foam shall not be cut or removed without being sealed. If the foam extends beyond the finished surface, the excess shall be removed or cut to below the finished surface and sealed with exterior caulk or additional foam.

Special Note: AIRSEAL floor penetrations (caulk or foam), from within crawlspace.

### 3. BLOWER DOOR DIRECTED AIR SEALING

Using a blower door to find and measure air leakage, caulk and or foam air passages at the interior of the structure. Using the computed CFM Target Ventilation Rate as the air sealing target, continue air sealing on an hourly basis until reaching within 50 CFM of the Target Ventilation Rate, or until 100 CFM per hour reduction can no longer be achieved. Additional attention must be given to air sealing the attic and/or ceiling cavity to target differential air pressure of no greater than 5pa at CFM/50 between the attic or ceiling cavity and the conditioned area of the house. Caulking material to be paintable and be appropriate for the location and application. Seal around doors and window casings, at corners, sill plates, and all cracks capable of letting air infiltrate into house. Additional attention shall be made to all ceiling penetrations. Light fixtures shall be sealed around the electrical boxes from either the interior or the attic. From the attic, all accessible penetrations shall be sealed, including all wiring and plumbing penetrations. Caulking that is visible from the living area, when finished, shall be paintable white, clear, or colored to reasonably blend in with color of the area being sealed. All surfaces receiving sealant must be thoroughly cleaned of dust, dirt, grease, lacquer, and anything else that might interfere with the adhesion of the sealant. Should the joints or gaps be deeper than 1/4", they shall be packed to within 1/4" of the face surface with compressible joint fillers; the final 1/4" shall be filled with the sealing compound. Caulking shall fill crevices completely - surface skins are not acceptable. All caulking shall be uniformly smooth, free of wrinkles, flush with adjacent surfaces, and absolutely watertight. All adjacent surfaces shall be wiped clean of caulking and left neat. In the event of larger joints or gaps, expandable foam sealant shall be used. The dried finished surface skin of the foam shall not be cut or removed without being sealed. If the foam extends beyond the finished surface, the excess shall be removed or cut to below the finished surface and sealed with exterior caulk or additional foam.

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## 4 PRESSURE BALANCING

At location(s) noted below, install noted pressure balancing measure(s). Install grills at locations noted as determined by assessor with owner cooperation. Cut down door(s) by amount noted as determined by assessor with owner cooperation. Install "Fresh 100" vents at locations noted as determined by assessor with owner cooperation. Location(s): Measure(s):

## 5. APPLIANCE, RANGE, GAS/ELECTRIC 30"

Remove and properly dispose of the existing range. Install a self cleaning, (4) burner with broiler, builders grade range. Installation shall include all electrical/gas hook-ups. Color and style selection by owner shall be within the contractor's allowable budget and approved by Project Manager. Provide manufacturer's warranty and user guide to owner. Cost of range may not exceed \$500.

## 6. APPLIANCE, REFRIGERATOR, 16CF, 18CF, or 21CF

Remove and properly dispose of the existing refrigerator. Install a energy efficient frost-free refrigerator/freezer. Unit shall be (2) door with freezer at top, shall have adjustable wire shelves, and have (2) drawers (crispers). Unit shall be installed level and plumb. Color and style selection by owner shall be within the contractor's allowable budget and approved by Project Manager. Provide manufacturer's warranty and user guide.

## 7. APPLIANCE, REPAIR

Repair the below noted appliance(s). Ranges shall have all burners, oven, and broiler working. Oven gasket shall be in good condition. Door shall hang properly and seal to oven. All pilot lights shall work properly. Refrigerators shall be working in both refrigerator and freezer space. Gaskets shall be in good condition. Doors shall hang properly and seal to box. Replace parts, as needed, to affect repair. Clean appliance, as needed, to affect repair. Appliance(s):

## 11. ATTIC ACCESS, EXTERIOR

Install exterior attic access panel in the gable end of the structure. Location noted below. If not in conformance with the following specifications, demonstrate existing access panel. Access panel shall be 1/2" plywood (minimum), or siding to match existing surrounding surfaces. Access panel shall be installed to open out and close flush with surrounding exterior surface. Panel shall be hung with not less than (2) hasp hinges capable of the load. Panel shall close against a stop installed on the interior of the attic. Panel shall be held shut with a slide bolt latch capable of the application. Any exterior trim needed shall match existing trim on the structure. Joints to be tight. All exterior surfaces shall be painted to match the surrounding surfaces.

Location:

## 12. ATTIC ACCESS, INTERIOR, EXISTING

At existing attic access, install continuous around the perimeter of the stop, 1/2" x 3/16" (minimum), self adhesive, open cell foam gasket material. On the attic side of the panel, install rigid and/or batt insulation to not less than R-38. Insulation shall cover as much of the panel as possible and still allow panel to be opened. In the attic, install a "dam" of plywood or insulation batts around the opening to prevent the attic insulation from falling down. If loose fill insulation is used in the attic, the dam shall be plywood and the insulation on the other side of the panel shall be rigid. If the attic is unused, caulk and seal the hatch shut.

## 13. ATTIC ACCESS, INTERIOR, NEW

Install interior attic access panel in the location noted below. Access panel shall be 1/2" GWB or plywood set flush with ceiling. Panel shall be supported by 1x dimensional painted pine frame or matching interior base or door trim installed on ceiling surface and shall act as the airseal stop for the panel. Joints to be tight. Install continuous around the perimeter of the stop, 1/2" x 3/16" (minimum), self adhesive, open cell foam gasket material. On the attic side of the panel, install rigid and/or batt insulation to not less than R-38. Insulation shall cover as much of the panel as possible and still allow panel to be opened. In the attic, install a "dam" of plywood or insulation batts around the opening to prevent the attic insulation from falling down. If loose fill insulation is used in the attic, the dam shall be plywood and the insulation on the other side of the panel shall be rigid. If the attic is unused, caulk and seal the hatch shut.

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## 14. ATTIC, VENTILATION, EAVES

Install eave ventilation at all eaves. Ventilation holes shall be screened with wire mesh attached to the inside surface of blocking. Baffles shall be installed to allow air to pass between the insulation and the underside of the of the roof sheathing. Blocking shall be square and flush with surrounding surfaces.

## 15. ATTIC, VENTILATION, GABLE

Install gable ventilation at each gable end. Ventilation holes shall be sized to maximize the vent grill to be installed. Vents shall be as commercially available and installed per manufacturers recommendation. Vents shall be square and plumb. Trim out to match similar trim of structure.

## 16. ATTIC, VENTILATION, RIDGE

Install ridge ventilation down length of ridge(s). Ridge ventilation shall be as commercially available. Vent shall include membrane to prevent pests from entering attic. Vent shall be installed per manufacturer's recommendation.

## 17. ATTIC, VENTILATION, SEAL OFF

At location(s) noted below, seal off all ventilation to the attic. Replacement of eave vents with solid blocking and foamed and/or caulked to seal. Replacement of gable end ventilation with materials similar to surrounding surfaces seal and finish. Replacement of ridge ventilation and re-roof the ridge with materials similar to existing roofing.

Location(s):

## 20. CABINET, OVER RANGE

Install 30" x 18" cabinet over range space. Cabinet shall match as close as possible to existing cabinets or as approved by owner. Space between cabinet and range top shall not be less than 30" or per code.

## 26. CAULKING, INTERIOR WET AREAS

At location(s) noted below, remove all deteriorated and broken caulking from around kitchen sink, counter/wall connections, bathroom lavatory sink, toilet base, tub/shower surround and connections as walls and floor or locations as noted below. Install new latex waterseal (caulking) for full continuous, finger-smooth coverage of areas removed. Color shall be white or clear, as appropriate to the location. Material shall be high grade caulk designed for the location and application.

Location(s):

## 27. CEILING, ACOUSTIC TILE R&R

At location(s) noted below, demonstrate and properly dispose all damaged ceiling tiles, furring strips, and any associated trim up to undamaged materials. Install 1x furring strips @ 12" O. C. on ceiling. Install 12" x 12" x 1/2" acoustic ceiling tile to match up with remaining tiles. Staple tile to furring. Trim with cove moulding or other to match existing at tops of walls.

Location(s):

## 32. CHIMNEY, ABANDONED

At abandoned chimney, remove any excess sealing materials previously applied. Fill the flue and around perimeter of pipe with minimum R-38 batts. Seal around perimeter with foam and/or caulking. Cover the end of the pipe and all exposed sealing materials with a trim cover. At the exterior termination, securely attach a chimney cap made by the flue manufacturer.

## 33. CHIMNEY, CLEARANCES

At all penetrations of all combustion appliance flues in the structure, inspect and revise, as needed, the clearances to combustible surfaces. Cut combustible materials away from the flue to the required clearance. Secure the flue to prevent movement in penetration toward combustible surfaces. If any penetrations are visible from the living area they are to be trimmed out per flue manufacturers and/or UBC requirements. All flue penetrations between heated and non-heated space shall be sealed with RTV (high temp) caulking. Any penetration through insulation materials will have the insulation pulled back and an appropriate "dam" built around the flue observing the required clearances. The insulation shall be replaced back against the dam.

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## 34A. CHIMNEY, INSULATED, TYPE B OR S , NEW

At the location noted below, install a "Type B", "Type S" manufactured insulated chimney system as manufactured by Metalbestos or equal. Holes cut through combustible surfaces shall be of appropriate size to allow correct clearance to combustible surfaces. Size the chimney accordingly with the appliance(s) that are to be using it. Install per manufacturers instructions. All penetrations shall be sealed using appropriate sealants. Attic or wall insulation shall not be in direct contact with the exterior surface of the pipe. Installation shall include all related single wall pipe inclusive of elbows, slipjoints, barometric dampers, etc., and installation of the appliances to the chimney system. Single wall pipe shall be minimum 24g snap lock type. Single wall pipe installed in the interior exposed-to-living area of the house shall be black matte. Other pipe shall be galvanized.

Location:

## 34B. CHIMNEY, INSULATED, TYPE B OR S REPLACE EXISTING

At the location noted below, remove and properly dispose of the complete existing chimney. Install a "Type B", "Type S" manufactured insulated chimney system as manufactured by Metalbestos or equal. Holes cut through combustible surfaces shall be of appropriate size to allow correct clearance to combustible surfaces. Size the chimney accordingly with the appliance(s) that are to be using it. Install per manufacturers instructions. All penetrations shall be sealed using appropriate sealants. Attic or wall insulation shall not be in direct contact with the exterior surface of the pipe. Installation shall include all related single wall pipe inclusive of elbows, slipjoints, barometric dampers, etc., and installation of the appliances to the chimney system. Single wall pipe shall be minimum 24g snap lock type. Single wall pipe installed in the interior exposed-to-living area of the house shall be black matte. Other pipe shall be galvanized.

Location:

## 35. CHIMNEY, SINGLE WALL

At the location noted below, remove and properly dispose of the interior single wall flue pipe. Install minimum 24g snap lock single wall flue inclusive of all elbow, transitions, slipjoints, barometric dampers, etc., necessary for a complete installation. Reconnect the appliance to the chimney system. Size the flue accordingly with the appliance(s) that are to be using it. Install per manufacturers instructions. Single wall pipe installed in the interior exposed-to-living area of the house shall be black matte. Other pipe shall be galvanized. All interior exposed-to-living area pipe and chimney surfaces shall be touched up after installation using high temperature black matte paint.

Location:

## 37. CHINKING, EXTERIOR

At location(s) noted below, chink between all logs on the exterior. Use Perma-Chink or equal. If the gap between logs is in excess of 1/2" use backer rod. Do not install if temperature is below manufacturers recommendations. Color selection by owner.

Location(s):

## 40. CO DETECTOR

At location(s) noted below, install CO Detector(s). Install per manufacturers instructions. Use Nighthawk #T7364 or equal. Unit shall be plug-in type with digital LED readout. Provide owner with all manufacturers paperwork.

Location(s):

## 41. COMBUSTION AIR

At the location noted below, install a vent and ducting to supply combustion air to the noted appliance. Vent shall be operable at the exterior. Vent shall have a screen at the exterior to prevent pests. Ducting shall be rigid and screwed together at all joints. Ducting shall be properly supported. \*\*Connection to the appliance shall be direct using the manufacturers connection parts. \*\*Termination at the appliance shall be as close as possible to direct the make up air to the appliance. The termination shall have a diffuser grill.

Location/Appliance:

## 47. CRAWL SPACE, ACCESS DOOR, EXTERIOR

At the location noted below, install a foundation/crawl access door and frame. Frame shall be 2x4 AWW solidly attached to foundation/skirt walls. The door shall be constructed of 2 x 2 AWW and sheathed with 1/2" AWW plywood. Door shall be installed outswing. Door shall have a handle. Door shall be latchable with slide bolt or other as appropriate. Hinges shall be sturdy enough to handle the weight. Door shall be insulated with 2" extruded

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polystyrene (Blue Board) solidly attached to the sheathing on the interior between framing members using appropriate fasteners and/or poly adhesive. Install 1/2" x 3/16" self adhesive weatherstripping door to seat against the 2 x 4 frame.

Location:

## 48. CRAWL SPACE, ACCESS DOOR, INTERIOR

At the location noted below, install a foundation access door and frame. Frame shall be framed into the existing floor joist system. Install cripples as necessary to satisfy size requirements. The door shall be plywood not less than 3/4". Door shall swing into interior of structure. Door shall be trimmed out to match surrounding area and have a handle. Hinges shall be sturdy enough to handle the weight. Door shall be insulated to R-19 using rigid insulation solidly attached. Install 1/2" x 3/16" self adhesive weatherstripping on door to seat against a 2 x frame..

Location:

## 49A MOISTURE BARRIER, CRAWL SPACE, CONCRETE FOUNDATION

In the crawl space, remove excessive rocks and/or debris and install 6 mil poly sheeting moisture barrier on the ground. Moisture barrier shall be installed from the mudsill down the foundation wall and across the ground to the opposite wall and mudsill. All seams shall be overlapped not less than 12" and be sealed with acoustical caulking and/or poly tape. At the top of the foundation wall at the mud sill, the poly shall be sealed with acoustical caulking. All penetration shall be sealed similarly. There shall be no excessive wrinkles in the poly.

## 49B MOISTURE BARRIER, CRAWL SPACE, AWW FOUNDATION

In the crawl space, remove excessive rocks and/or debris and install 6 mil poly sheeting moisture barrier on the ground. Moisture barrier shall be installed from the bottom plate of the AWW foundation framing wall across the ground to the opposite wall. All seams shall be overlapped not less than 12" and be sealed with acoustical caulking and/or poly tape. At the top of the foundation wall at the mud sill, the poly shall be sealed with acoustical caulking. All penetration shall be sealed similarly. There shall be no excessive wrinkles in the poly.

## 50. DECK AND STAIR

Demo and properly dispose the existing deck(s) and stair(s) at the below noted location(s). Construct exterior wood deck per applicable codes. The landing shall not exceed 42" x 42". All beam(s), joists and support system to be pressure treated lumber (AWW). Support posts shall be set on concrete piers attached with proper brackets. Piers shall be set on undisturbed or compacted soils. Landing to be finished grade pressure treated dimensional fir or pine similar to "outdoor wood" or equal, or cedar. Floorboards shall be spaced 1/4" apart and secured with non-corrosive deck screws. Ledger(s) shall be lagged to structural framing and joists shall be supported with hangers at each end. The landing shall not be more than 1/2" below the leading edge of the threshold and shall slope away from the structure at 1/4" per 1 foot. A guardrail shall be required if the floor of the deck is more than 30" above finished grade. Finish grade below deck shall be graded and raked to drain properly. Stairs shall be required if the landing is more than 9" above grade at the step. Stairs shall be not less than 36" net width. Rise and run shall meet UBC. Materials used on the stair shall be the same as used on the deck. Use 2x12 stringers and two 2x6 for each tread. If stringers are cut, ends of treads to extend 1/2" beyond stringers. Simpson Tread Angles are acceptable. A single handrail shall be required if there are more than 4 risers. All railings shall be as follows; Posts to extend through deck floor and solidly secured to joists. Top rail to be 2x4 on edge and shall be continuous with full length lumber (up to 16'). Any joint beyond 16' to be at post. Top of rail to be 3'-6" above floor of deck. Balusters to be vertical, 2x2 @ not more than 4" clear between each baluster secured to rail and joist with minimum (2) each 2-1/2" galvanized or treated screws at both rail and joist. Edges to be slightly rounded and sanded smooth with no splinters.

Location(s):

## 51. DECK AND STAIR, RAILING

At the below noted location(s), demo and properly dispose the existing railing(s). Construct exterior wood railing per applicable codes. Posts to extend through deck floor and solidly secured to joists. Top rail to be flat 2x4 over 2x4 on edge and shall be continuous with full length lumber (up to 16'). Any joint beyond 16' to be at post. Top of rail to be 3'-6" above floor of deck. Balusters to be vertical, 2x2 @ not more than 4" clear between each baluster secured to rail and joist with minimum (2) each 2-1/2" galvanized or treated screws at both rail and joist. All lumber to be cedar or pressure treated fir or pine similar to "outdoor wood" or equal. Edges to be slightly rounded and sanded smooth with no splinters.

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Install wood railings on exterior wood deck per code. Posts to extend through deck floor and solidly secured to joists. Top rail to be flat 2x4 over 2x4 on edge and shall be continuous with full length lumber (up to 16'). Any joint beyond 16' to be at post. Top of rail to be 3'-6" above floor of deck. Bottom rail to be 4" from top of floor. Balusters to be 2x2 @ 6" O.C., secured to top and bottom rails with minimum 3" galvanized lag bolts. All lumber to be pressure treated fir or pine. Edges to be slightly rounded and sanded smooth with no splinters. Lineal feet of railing, including at steps.

## 52. DECK STAIR

Demo and properly dispose of the existing stair at the below noted location(s). Install stair at exterior deck per code. Stairs shall be required if the landing is more than 9" above grade at the step. Stairs shall be not less than 36" net width. Rise and run shall meet UBC. Materials used on the stair shall be the same as used on the deck. Use 2x12 stringers and two 2x6 for each tread. If stringers are cut, ends of treads to extend 1/2" beyond stringers. Simpson Tread Angles are acceptable. All lumber to be pressure treated fir or pine similar to "outdoor wood" or equal. All fasteners to be galvanized. Top of stringers to be hung to structural framing of deck with 1/8" x 1-1/2" galvanized FHA strap. A single handrail shall be required if there are more than (4) risers. All railings shall be as follows; Posts to extend through deck floor and solidly secured to joists. Top rail to be 2x4 on edge and shall be continuous with full length lumber (up to 16'). Any joint beyond 16' to be at post. Top of rail to be 3'-6" above floor of deck. Balusters to be vertical, 2x2 @ not more than 4" clear between each baluster secured to rail and joist with minimum (2) each 2-1/2" galvanized or treated screws at both rail and joist. Edges to be slightly rounded and sanded smooth with no splinters.

Location(s):

## 53. DECK, FLOOR, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, replace deck/porch floor. Remove all deck flooring wood/plywood down to joists. Inspect joist and notify Project Manager of any structural problems. Install new 2x pressure treated decking material similar to "outdoor wood" or equal. Use all galvanized or ceramic coated nails for installation.

## 54. DECK, PIER(S), REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, shore up deck/porch sub-structure and remove deteriorated pier(s). Install new footing and 12"x12" or 12"x16" cement corner block pier(s) with properly sized post brackets. Set porch deck on new piers. Secure deck to piers per code. Touchup all areas affected by work and restore grade to match existing.

Location(s):

## 55. DEMO STRUCTURE

At location(s) noted below, demolish and properly dispose of all elements of the structure (from roof to foundation), to a level 4" below finished grade. The contractor shall protect and secure from damage all other structures, sidewalks, paved areas, shrubbery, lawn areas and other property of the homeowner. Damage to such property of the homeowner and neighboring properties shall be repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of the owner without additional expense. Install 4" of topsoil, grade and seed to eliminate all evidence of the demolition work. Patch the trim and siding to a reasonable match, in like and kind, to the existing structure.

Location(s):

## 56. DEMO STRUCTURE, REBUILD

At location(s) noted below, demolish and properly dispose of all elements of the structure (from roof to foundation), to a level 4" below finished grade.

Frame as necessary to reconstruct the demonstrated structure as noted on the drawing. The drawing is intended for reference only. All framing shall be in compliance with the UBC. Spans, beam sizes, materials used, etc., shall be per the UBC. Exterior walls shall be finished to match surrounding surfaces. All surfaces exposed to the exterior shall be finished as to prevent weather penetration. Any framing that occurs on a slab or below grade shall be AWW. All exterior walls shall be 2x6 minimum, insulated to R-19 and have a moisture barrier installed on the interior side. All electrical, plumbing, etc., shall be complete per the respective codes.

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The contractor shall protect and secure from damage all other structures, sidewalks, paved areas, shrubbery, lawn areas and other property of the homeowner. Damage to such property of the homeowner and neighboring properties shall be repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of the owner without additional expense.

See other related specifications.

Location(s):

## 57. DOOR, 20 MIN. PREHUNG

Remove and properly dispose existing door(s) at the below noted location(s). Install prefinished 20 min. rated, solid core prehung door sized to best fit the existing rough opening. If the RO height or width is inadequate to accommodate a standard door, the door shall be properly cut and blocked and the jamb rebuilt to fit. Package shall include pressure type weatherstrip, adjustable threshold and/or sweep and keylock. Replace trim inside and out using matching trim. Jamb top and sides to be solid pine. If necessary, paint jamb only inside and out including all edges. Remove weatherstrip prior to painting.

Location(s):

## 58. DOOR, CASING

At location(s) noted below, dispose of all cracked, split or damaged door casing. Install new casing. Casing to match existing as closely as possible. Paint as necessary to match surrounding areas. Miter joints to be tight and glue/nailed. Nailing to be 16" O. C.

Location(s):

## 59. DOOR, DEADBOLT OR LOCKSET

At location(s) noted below, replace exterior door locks with keylock or deadbolt. Deadbolt to extend 1" into strike and screws securing strike must extend a minimum of 1" into 2x framing of door (trimmer). Repair unused holes and damages in door and jamb. Holes larger than 1" wide or long to be repaired using wood plugs. Properly adjust door to open, close and lock properly. Both locks to be keyed alike.

Location(s):

## 60. DOOR, EXTERIOR PREHUNG

Remove and properly dispose existing door(s) at the below noted location(s). Install metal insulated, prehung exterior door(s) sized to best fit the appropriate rough openings. If there is adequate room to revise the opening to accept a standard door, the RO width/height shall be revised to optimize the door size (see other specification). Jamb shall include pressure type weatherstrip, adjustable sweep and/or adjustable threshold, keylock and a single cylinder deadbolt both keyed alike (with owner approval). Replace trim inside and out using matching trim. Jamb top and sides to be solid pine.

Location(s):

## 61. DOOR, EXTERIOR PREHUNG, NEW ENTRY

At the location(s) noted below and in the drawings, cut opening and install header and all necessary framing to install a 3'-0" exterior door. Install 1-3/4", prehung metal insulated door similar to Benchmark, Peachtree or equal. Jamb shall include pressure type weatherstrip, adjustable sweep and/or aluminum threshold, keylock and single cylinder deadbolt both keyed alike. Install trim inside and out using matching trim to existing in structure. Jamb top and sides to be solid pine. Repair all surfaces inside and out to match existing.

Location(s):

## 62. DOOR, EXTERIOR, REMOVE AND FRAME IN

At below noted location(s), demo and properly dispose of the existing exterior door, frame and trim. Frame in the opening with vertical studs of same depth as existing at 16" on center. Install insulation and vapor barrier. Side exterior to match surrounding area. Install GWB and tapefinish as necessary to match interior surrounding area.

Location(s):

## 63. DOOR, GARAGE, ADJUST & WX

At location(s) noted below, adjust overhead garage door to fit and operate properly. Adjust door in opening so side reveal is equal and top reveal is no more than 1/2". Adjust tension mechanism to equalize weight of door and relocate mechanism to equalize weight of door and relocate mechanism if necessary. Secure all hinges and hardware with lag screws where backing is solid or through bolts as required locking device to operate easily.



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Scribe bottom to concrete and install new gasket. Patch all surfaces affected by adjustment. Install thermal brush type weather stripping around sides and top of opening and foam boot at floor.

Location(s):

## 64. DOOR, GARAGE, REPLACE

At below noted location(s), remove deteriorated garage doors and properly dispose. Reframe as needed to accommodate new overhead garage door. Install as needed 2x6 jambs of select dimensional material ripped to match wall thickness and 1-1/8 x 3" exterior casing, number 1 common pine with dripcap overhead. Install new metal insulated, sectional overhead garage door(s) complete with stops and all bracing required for installation. use builder's grade, insulated door as manufactured by Overhead Doors or approved equal. Install thermal brush type weather stripping around sides and top of opening and foam boot at floor.

Location(s):

## 67. DOOR, LEVEL AND ADJUST

At location(s) noted below, properly adjust door to open, close and lock properly. Trim any edges necessary for even reveal and fit. Adjust latch strike position if needed and tighten all screws in lock and hinges (plug & redrill old holes if needed).

Location(s):

## 68. DOOR, PATIO, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the existing patio door(s). Install swinging patio door sized to optimize the existing rough opening. Use "Atrium Door" or equal. Swing door per plans or as noted below. "French" style doors (latch at the astragal) will not be acceptable Jamb shall include pressure type weatherstrip, adjustable sweep and/or adjustable threshold, keylock and a single cylinder deadbolt both keyed alike (with owner approval). Replace trim inside and out using matching trim. Jamb top and sides to be solid pine. Location(s):

## 69. DOOR, PEEPSIGHT

At location(s) noted below, install a wide angle peepsight in unit entrance door. Drill proper size hole without splintering edges. Height shall be agreed with owner.

Location(s):

## 70. DOOR, REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, remove door and hinges. Fill & repair damage in door and frame with epoxy based wood filler or wood if hole or damage exceeds 1/2". Fit wood in old damaged mortise holes and re-mortise door and frame to depth of hinges. Rehang door plumb so it does not move while open. All affected areas to match surrounding surfaces.

Location(s):

## 71. DOOR, SILL, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, remove the door sill and install a new oak sill properly anchored to the door frame. Subfloor area must be cut to allow inside edge of sill to remain flush with finished floor. Refit the bottom of the door to the new door sill. Install adjustable weatherstrip (shoe) to bottom of door. Adjust door to fit properly. All affected surfaces to match surrounding areas.

Location(s):

## 72. DOOR, STORM

At location noted below, install insulated storm door with thermal-pane glass unit, e.g. "Forever Door" or equal.

Location(s):

## 73. DOOR, TRIM

At the location(s) noted below, install new wood door trim to match existing. Install to existing door frame. Provide additional jamb extension as needed. Nails to be countersunk and filled.

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## 74. DOOR, WEATHERSTRIP AND SWEEP

At location(s) noted below, install pressure type weatherstrip and adjustable sweep on noted exterior doors. After installation, adjust doors to open, close and lock properly. Threshold height must allow door to clear floor covering. Patch to match surrounding areas any affected surfaces. Use Q-Lon weatherstrip and Thermo-Tru or Thermal Brush Sweep or equal.

Location(s):

## 75. DRYER VENT

Install dryer exhaust duct to exterior. Vent ducting shall be rigid steel or aluminum snap lock pipe. PVC pipe will be acceptable only if dryer is electric. Ducting shall be fastened at each joint with minimum of (3) screws for metal pipe and plastic weld for PVC pipe. Ducting shall be well supported to prevent drooping. Install exterior approved vent cap. Use Heartland vent cap or equal. Repair all affected surfaces. Connect to existing dryer with minimum length of plastic flex ducting. Secure both ends of flex with pipe clamp. Duct penetration through wall of dryer room shall be secured and sealed.

## 76. DRYWALL, FIRETAPE EXISTING GWB

At location(s) noted below, apply firetape coat to the walls and ceiling. Apply tape and adequate mud to seal seams. Apply one coat of mud to nail/screw heads. Area to be left clean and dust free.

Location(s):

## 77. DRYWALL, GWB OVERLAY WALLS/CEILING

At location(s) noted below, remove all loose and sagging plaster from walls and ceiling. Remove any fixtures, plate covers, etc. that are on the surface of affected area. Overlay walls and ceiling with 1/2" drywall using greenboard at any wet areas. Fasteners shall extend into the framing member not less than 1". All outside corners shall receive metal corner beads, joints to occur at supports, tape and finish joints and fastening heads. Apply tape and mud to blend in with other adjacent surfaces. Reinstall all fixtures, electrical plate covers, etc.

Location(s):

## 78. DRYWALL, PATCH/REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, cutout damaged areas, repair damaged areas, patch with new GWB as needed, all affected outside corners shall receive metal corner bead. Prepare surfaces to an acceptable finish. Apply tape and mud to seal all joints and nails. Outside corners to have nailed metal corner bead.

Location(s):

## 80. DRYWALL, CEILING, TYPE X GWB

At location(s) noted below, install new 5/8" type "X" drywall. . Remove any fixtures, plate covers, etc. that are on the surface of affected area. Attach to the framing with approved fasteners. Fasteners shall extend into the framing member not less than 1". All outside corners shall receive metal corner beads, joints to occur at supports, tape and finish joints and fastening heads. Apply tape and mud to seal all joints and nails to a fire tape status. Reinstall all fixtures, electrical plate covers, etc.

Location(s):

## 81. DRYWALL, WALLS GWB

At location(s) noted below, install 1/2" drywall on all walls using greenboard at required wet areas. Remove any fixtures, plate covers, etc. that are on the surface of affected area. Attach to the framing with approved fasteners. Fasteners shall extend into the framing member not less than 1". All outside corners shall receive metal corner beads, joints to occur at supports, tape and finish joints and fastening heads. Apply tape and mud to seal all joints and nails to a fire tape status. Reinstall all fixtures, electrical plate covers, etc.

Location(s):

## 82. DRYWALL, WALLS & CEILINGS, MOISTURE GUARD GWB/TT&P

At location(s) noted below, install 1/2" Moisture Guard drywall on all walls and ceilings at required wet areas. . Remove any fixtures, plate covers, etc. that are on the surface of affected area. Attach to the framing with approved fasteners. Fasteners shall extend into the framing member not less than 1". All outside corners shall receive metal corner beads, joints to occur at supports, tape and finish joints and fastening heads. Apply tape and mud to seal all joints and nails to a fire tape status. Reinstall all fixtures, electrical plate covers, etc.

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## 83. 3/8" AC ON CEILINGS AND/OR WALLS

At location(s) noted below, install 3/8" AC plywood on ceiling and/or walls. Remove any fixtures, plate covers, etc. that are on the surface of affected area. Attach plywood to the framing with finish nails or screws. Nails shall extend into the framing member not less than 1-1/2". Screws shall extend into the framing member not less than 1". All inside and outside corners and butt joints shall be neatly cut and butt cleanly to adjoining piece. Joints to occur at framing members. Reinstall all fixtures, electrical plate covers, etc.

Location(s):

## 84. ELECTRICAL, CLEAN-UP EXISTING

Minimal repairs as needed to provide safety including but not limited to; installing wire nuts on taped connections, installing covers on junction boxes, properly attaching wiring that is hanging or loose from the structure, reattaching light fixtures, installing cover plates, installing GFI receptacles, reinstalling switches or receptacles, etc. Most work will be minimal to only eliminate the immediate hazards.

NOTE: If the extent of work exceeds the Scope of Work, the contractor shall contact Ak CDC as soon as the condition is realized and a determination will be made.

## 85A. ELECTRIC, FAN, BATH, REPLACE

At the location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the bath fan. Install a Panasonic #70 or equal fan in the center area of the ceiling. Fan shall be vented to the exterior via rigid ducting of 28g aluminum or PVC pipe. Ducting shall be secured at all joints with screws or weld. Ducting shall be properly supported and/ or buried within the attic insulation if possible. Exterior vent shall be dampered and weather tight. Preferred location (noted) of exterior vent shall be at the gable end wall nearest the fan location. Roof termination will be acceptable. Any insulation affected by the installation shall be replaced. Ceiling penetration shall be sealed tight. Install separate switch in wall next to opening side of door. Fan operation by the light switch is not desirable. All wiring shall be concealed in wall, floor and/or ceiling. Install as per manufacturers recommendations. Patch and seal all affected areas to match surrounding area.

Location(s):

## 85B. ELECTRIC, FAN, BATH, NEW

At the location(s) noted below, install a Panasonic #70 or equal fan in the center area of the ceiling. Fan shall be vented to the exterior via rigid ducting of 28g aluminum or PVC pipe. Ducting shall be secured at all joints with screws or weld. Ducting shall be properly supported and/ or buried within the attic insulation if possible. Exterior vent shall be dampered and weather tight. Preferred location (noted) of exterior vent shall be at the gable end wall nearest the fan location. Roof termination will be acceptable. Any insulation affected by the installation shall be replaced. Ceiling penetration shall be sealed tight. Install separate switch in wall next to opening side of door. Fan operation by the light switch is not desirable. All wiring shall be concealed in wall, floor and/or ceiling. Install as per manufacturers recommendations. Patch and seal all affected areas to match surrounding area.

Location(s):

## 86. ELECTRIC, FAN, RANGE HOOD, NEW

Install ducted, 120v., 160 CFM minimum range hood with light and variable speed fan. Hood shall be connected to circuit capable of 15 AMP. Hood shall vent to exterior via rigid metal ducting. All joints shall be screwed with not less than (2) stainless steel self tapping screws per joint and all ducting shall be properly supported. Termination of vent shall be at gable end wall if possible. Roof termination is acceptable. Termination cap shall be positively dampered and weather sealed. All penetration shall be sealed. All wiring shall be concealed. All affected surfaces shall be repaired. All work to be in full compliance with applicable electrical and mechanical codes. Standard is Nutone Model #RL6100 "Value Test" or approved equal. Provide manufacturer's warranty and user guide. Color selection by owner.

## 87. ELECTRIC, FAN, RANGE HOOD, REPLACE

Remove and properly dispose of the existing range hood. Install ducted, 120v., 160CFM minimum range hood with light and variable speed fan. . Hood shall be connected to circuit capable of 15 AMP. Hood shall vent to exterior via rigid metal ducting. All joints shall be screwed with not less than (2) stainless steel self tapping screws per joint and all ducting shall be properly supported. Termination of vent shall be at gable end wall if possible. Roof

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termination is acceptable. Termination cap shall be positively dampered and weather sealed. All penetration shall be sealed. All wiring shall be concealed. All affected surfaces shall be repaired and sealed. All work to be in full compliance with applicable electrical and mechanical codes. Standard is Nutone Model #RL6100 "Value Test" or approved equal. Provide manufacturer's warranty and user guide. Color selection by owner.

88. ELECTRIC, FAN, WALL

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the wall fan. Install 8" through the wall exhaust fan. Use Nutone #8070 or equal. New fan shall be single speed, 120V. with an exhaust rate of minimum 160CFM and sound level not to exceed 4.5 sones. Install separate switch in convenient location. All wiring shall be concealed in wall, floor and /or ceiling. Cut opening through existing wall and secure unit. Install as per manufacturers recommendation. Patch and seal all affected areas.

Location(s):

89. ELECTRIC, GFI, EXTERIOR

At exterior location(s) noted below, replace existing outlet with GFI duplex receptacle. Non-GFI outlets will not be permitted on the exterior of the structure. Old outlet boxes, if not used for GFI, shall be covered with blank, water tight plate to prevent use. The individual receptacles do not have to be replaced if the circuit(s) is protected via a GFI breaker. There cannot be a freezer or refrigerator using a GFI protected circuit.

Location(s):

90. ELECTRIC, GFI, INTERIOR

At all location(s) within 6' of kitchen sink, bath sink, bath tub, shower, utility sink or as noted below, replace existing outlet with GFI duplex receptacle. Non-GFI outlets within 6' of water supply will not be permitted. Old outlet box within 6' of water supply, if not used for GFI, shall be covered with blank wall plate to prevent use. The individual receptacles do not have to be replaced if the circuit(s) is protected via a GFI breaker. There cannot be a freezer or refrigerator using a GFI protected circuit.

Location(s):

91. ELECTRIC, GFI, NEW

At location(s) noted below, install a new GFI duplex outlet per code. Install a new circuit as needed. All wiring to be concealed within walls/ceiling/floor. Old outlets within 6' of water supply, if not used, shall be covered with solid matching plate cover to prevent use. The individual receptacles do not have to be replaced if the circuit(s) is protected via a GFI breaker. There cannot be a freezer or refrigerator using a GFI protected circuit.

Location(s):

94. ELECTRIC, LIGHT FIXTURE, CEILING

At location(s) noted below, remove existing ceiling fixture(s). Install new fluorescent ceiling light fixture(s) size(s) indicated below. Fixture to be installed per manufacturers recommendations and local electrical codes. Installation shall include connection to existing wiring.

Large size: Shall be "American Fluorescent Floating Cloud" or equal but in all cases shall have electronic ballast and T-8 Bulbs.

Small size: Shall be "American Fluorescent fixture #C2026" or equal but in all cases shall have compact fluorescent lamps included with incandescent light output equal to 100 watt +/-.

Location(s) and size:

98. ELECTRIC, LIGHT FIXTURE, INSTALL EXISTING

At location(s) noted below, install the existing light fixture. Ensure proper function.

Location(s):

99. ELECTRIC, LIGHT FIXTURE, PORCELAIN

At the location(s) noted below, install a porcelain light fixture with pull string on/off switch. Provide adequate circuit to serve the fixture from existing local circuit. All wiring shall be concealed within the wall/floor/ceiling. Install a compact fluorescent lamp in the fixture.

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100. ELECTRIC, LIGHT FIXTURE, PORCELAIN

At the location(s) noted below, remove existing ceiling fixture(s). Install a porcelain ceiling light fixture(s) with pull string on/off control. Fixture to be installed per manufacturers recommendations and local electrical codes.

Installation shall include connection to existing wiring.

Location(s):

102. ELECTRIC, NEW SERVICE PANEL

Install new electrical service at location as required by Code. To include new surface mount panel and wiring (unless otherwise specified), new service wire, head, straps, disconnect circuit panel and circuit breakers, connection of existing wiring into new panel, fittings, labels and trim. New min. 100 amp. panel to be in full compliance with all applicable building codes and Housing Department requirements.

103. ELECTRIC, OUTLET, 100V NEW

At location(s) noted below, install new 20 Amp., 120V electrical outlet on a new circuit. Installation to include flush mounted outlet box, appropriate sized branch wiring, circuit breaker, all fasteners, grounding and coverplate. All work to be in full compliance with applicable building codes. All wiring shall be concealed within wall/ceiling/floor. All areas affected by this work shall be finished to match surrounding surfaces.

Location(s):

104. ELECTRIC, OUTLET, 110V, REPLACE

Throughout structure, remove and properly dispose all electrical receptacle(s). Install grounded 120V receptacles. Installation to include all fasteners and new covers. Receptacle to be secure and cover to be even with adjacent surfaces and straight. All work to be done according to local electrical codes. Color of receptacles and cover to compliment adjoining surfaces.

105. ELECTRIC, OUTLET, 220V NEW

At location(s) noted below, install 220V appliance circuit with outlet bearing UL label. Type of outlet to be appropriate for the appliance. Installation to be per code. All wiring shall be concealed within walls/ceiling/floor. All areas affected by this work shall be finished to match surrounding surfaces.

Location(s):

106. ELECTRIC, PANEL, R&R

Remove and properly dispose of the electrical panel. Install an electrical panel that is capable of serving the connected load plus having enough room for additional circuits when needed. The panel is to Square D, General Electric, or equal. All work to meet NEC.

107. ELECTRIC, RELAMP

At the below noted location(s), install the below noted high efficiency/compact fluorescent lamp(s).

Location:           Lamp:

Earthlight

15W Capsule

15W Globe

Fluorever 40W

SLS-15

SLS-20

Circline-9"

Circline-22W

Exterior 13W Flood

109. ELECTRIC, SELF LIMITING HEAT TAPE

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the existing heat tape. Install self limiting heat tape to the areas indicated. Install per manufacturers recommendations. Use Arctic Trace or equal. Installation shall include waterproof caps as needed. Either hard wire or plug the tape into a GFI protected circuit. Connection shall be within 2" of the heat tape.

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## 110. ELECTRIC, SUB PANEL

At location noted below, remove sub panel. Install new grounded single phase, 100 Amp., 3 wire, flush mounted breaker sub panel. Connect existing circuits to new circuit breakers and distribute load according to building code requirements. Installation to include all fittings, labels, trim and return of affected area to a smooth paint ready condition.

Location:

## 111. ELECTRIC, SWITCH, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, replace switch with new switch. Color and cover to match existing as close as possible.

Location(s):

## 113. ESCAPE LADDER

Provide XX escape ladder(s) to owner. Use model #2 for 2 story and #3 for 3 story applications as manufactured by DIAL Industries or equal. Provide owner with all manufactures paper work.

Location(s):

## 114. EXTERIOR, BATTENS/TRIM REPAIR/REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, replace all missing/damaged battens (siding corners) to match existing as close as possible. Secure all loose siding and corner members prior to installing new corners.

Location(s):

## 115. EXTERIOR, FASCIA REPAIR/REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, replace all broken, deteriorated fascia with S4S cedar to match size of existing. Bottom edge to be straight line as reasonably possible. All nails to be galvanized.

Location(s):

## 116. EXTERIOR, GUTTERS

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of all existing gutters, downspouts, brackets, etc. Install a vinyl gutter system on all eaves. Support brackets shall be installed to support the gutters with snow load. Brackets shall be not more than 48" apart. Grade for all gutters shall be 1/8" per 1' toward nearest downspout. Downspouts shall be directed away from structure. Install fiberglass or concrete splash blocks at each downspout.

Location(s):

## 117. EXTERIOR, SIDING/TRIM REPAIR/REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, replace broken, missing and deteriorated siding with new matching siding. Secure all loose siding and trim. Trim out all windows, doors and corners with 1X cedar trip or as needed to match existing. If lap siding or other strip type siding is used, multiple short pieces will not be acceptable. Butt seams shall be offset by not less than 16". All joints to be fit accurately and tight. Use galvanized nails. Transitions shall be smooth and finished ready for coating.

Location(s):

## 118A EXTERIOR SKIRTING, INSULATED

At perimeter of structure, install a wood frame and panel skirt with rigid insulation. Frame shall be AWW 2 x 4 construction consisting of a top plate attached to structure and a bottom plate following grade. The vertical members shall be not less than 24" on center. Skirt sheathing shall be 1/2" AWW plywood. Skirt sheathing shall extend from bottom edge of the structure exterior siding to grade. Top edge of sheathing shall be placed either behind the structure siding allowing the siding to provide a drip edge or the skirt sheathing shall butt to the siding using "Z" metal for water prevention. All butt edges shall be over skirt framing members. Insulate skirting with 2" extruded polystyrene (Blue Board). "Bead Board" will not be acceptable. Insulation shall be applied to interior side of skirting directly against the sheathing and between framing members. Attach insulation using appropriate fasteners and/or adhesive. All fasteners shall be compatible with AWW materials. Nailing schedule shall be consistent with the UBC. All joints shall be sealed using exterior caulk. Corners shall be finished with 1 x cedar.

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## 118B EXTERIOR SKIRTING, UNINSULATED

At perimeter of structure, install a wood frame and panel skirt. Frame shall be AWW 2 x 4 construction consisting of a top plate attached to structure and a bottom plate following grade. The vertical members shall be not less than 24" on center. Skirt sheathing shall be 1/2" AWW plywood. Skirt sheathing shall extend from bottom edge of the structure exterior siding to grade. Top edge of sheathing shall be placed either behind the structure siding allowing the siding to provide a drip edge or the skirt sheathing shall but to the siding using "Z" metal for water prevention. All butt edges shall be over skirt framing members. All fasteners shall be compatible with AWW materials. Nailing schedule shall be consistent with the UBC. All joints shall be sealed using exterior caulk. Corners shall be finished with 1 x cedar.

## 119. EXTERIOR, SKIRTING REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, remove, repair and reinstall existing skirting so that all joints are as tight as possible. Air seal with caulking and/or expanding foam to seal. Skirt shall be as tight to the soil as possible. Replace any damaged or missing portions of the skirting including framing, sheathing, insulation, etc.. Repair the access door as needed for proper function.

Location(s):

## 120. FAN, VENT EXISTING

At the location(s) noted below, vent the existing fan(s) to exterior via rigid metal ducting (PVC is acceptable for bath fans only). All joints shall be screwed with not less than (2) stainless steel self tapping screws per joint and all ducting shall be properly supported. Termination of vent shall be gable end wall if possible. Roof termination is acceptable. Termination cap shall be positively dampered and weather sealed. Ceiling penetration shall be sealed.

Location(s):

## 126. FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Install a 10# ABC fire extinguisher on wall mounted bracket. Extinguisher shall be refillable. Mount bracket at location as agreed by with owner. Location shall be low to floor and near exit. Provide owner with all manufacturers paper work.

## 134. FLOORING, UNDERLAYMENT

At location(s) noted below, install underlayment grade AC plywood (3/4" or as needed to match surrounding surfaces) secured with screws and construction adhesive. Screw @ 3" O. C. at edges and 6" in field over joists. Apply Fixall or other filler to all joints and nail dents and sand smooth.

Location(s):

## 139. FOUNDATION, BEAMS, POSTS AND PADS, AWW

At location(s) noted below, demo and properly dispose existing beams and/or pads and posts in location(s) noted below. Install load-bearing wood beams under existing floor joists as noted. Beams will be sized and spaced according to load and code requirements. Install posts as noted to meet span requirements. Install AWW pads of appropriate size (see drawing) on solid compacted and/or undisturbed soil. Anchor beams to post members and post members to pads per code (as drawn). Install cross members from the base of one post to the top of the next post around perimeter and down length of each beam using appropriate fasteners or as noted. All joints in girders must fall on column supports.

Location(s):

## 140 FOUNDATION, PAD AND POST, AWW

At location(s) noted below, demo and properly dispose existing posts and pads in location(s) noted below. Install pads and posts as noted to meet span requirements. Install AWW pads of appropriate size (see drawing) on solid compacted and/or undisturbed soil. Anchor beams to post members and post members to pads per code (as drawn). Install cross members from the base of one post to the top of the next post around perimeter and down length of each beam using appropriate fasteners or as noted. All joints in girders must fall on column supports.

Location(s):

## 143. FOUNDATION, REPAIR AND LEVEL

Jack and brace sills, joists, and beams as needed to remove weight from foundation wall. Reset or replace where necessary, all broken or loose foundation wall elements, pads and posts and support members per local requirements

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(see other spec if applicable). Shim as necessary to make structure level. Shims shall be of a material so as to not smash or lose height. Any and all voids or air passages created between the crawl space and the exterior shall be sealed with appropriate materials.

Location(s):

## 146A ARCTIC ENTRY, DEMO EXISTING

At location noted below, demo all exiting arctic entry, landing and/or stair and properly dispose of materials.

Location:

## 146B ARCTIC ENTRY, NEW

At location noted below, prepare site for new arctic entry. Excavate 2 points at 8 ft. By 8 ft. from structure at new entry location. Excavation shall be to solid compacted and/or undisturbed soil. Construct an 8 ft. By 8 ft. Arctic entry at location as noted. Entry shall be attached to structure via a rim ledger and joist hangers. The outside corners will be placed on AWW pads. (See drawing). All connections to foundation/structure shall be by appropriate connectors/brackets. All materials within 6" of soils shall be AWW. Entry structure shall include one door and one window (drawing). Floor surface shall be constructed with 3/4" CDX and shall be not less than 1/2" below the edge of the structure door sill/threshold. Roof shall be pitched as indicated on drawing and completely finished with metal roofing. The siding shall be T-1-11 with 1 x 4 cedar battens and trim. Construct a landing and stair with railing as necessary (see below). Location of entry door and window to be determined by assessor with cooperation of owner. A ceramic ceiling light fixture will be installed at the interior and an exterior grade porch light shall be installed at the new exterior door location. Switching shall be 3 way with a switch at interior of exterior door and interior of interior door. Wiring to be concealed as much as possible. No insulation will be installed.

Landing/Stair: Construct exterior wood deck per applicable codes. The landing shall not exceed 42" x 42". All beam(s), joists and support system to be pressure treated lumber (AWW). Support posts shall be set on concrete piers attached with proper brackets. Piers shall be set on undisturbed or compacted soils. Landing to be finished grade pressure treated dimensional fir or pine similar to "outdoor wood" or equal, or cedar. Floorboards shall be spaced 1/4" apart and secured with non-corrosive deck screws. Ledger(s) shall be lagged to structural framing and joists shall be supported with hangers at each end. The landing shall not be more than 1/2" below the leading edge of the threshold and shall slope away from the structure at 1/4" per 1 foot. A guardrail shall be required if the floor of the deck is more than 30" above finished grade. Finish grade below deck shall be graded and raked to drain properly. Stairs shall be required if the landing is more than 9" above grade at the step. Stairs shall be not less than 36" net width. Rise and run shall meet UBC. Materials used on the stair shall be the same as used on the deck. Use 2x12 stringers and two 2x6 for each tread. If stringers are cut, ends of treads to extend 1/2" beyond stringers. Simpson Tread Angles are acceptable. A single handrail shall be required if there are more than 4 risers. All railings shall be as follows; Posts to extend through deck floor and solidly secured to joists. Top rail to be 2x4 on edge and shall be continuous with full length lumber (up to 16'). Any joint beyond 16' to be at post. Top of rail to be 3'-6" above floor of deck. Balusters to be vertical, 2x2 @ not more than 4" clear between each baluster secured to rail and joist with minimum (2) each 2-1/2" galvanized or treated screws at both rail and joist. Edges to be slightly rounded and sanded smooth with no splinters.

Location:

## 147. FRAMING, CLOSE-IN EXTERIOR OPENING (SIDING)

At location(s) noted below, frame in existing exterior opening with 2x studs on 16" centers. Provide all necessary support for upper structure. Install minimum R-19 batts insulation in cavity and install 6 mil poly vapor barrier on interior side. Install matching siding on exterior and paint to match surrounding surfaces. Siding must be matched to existing with no obvious joints. Interior shall be patched and sealed to match surrounding surfaces.

Locations(s):

## 149. FRAMING, JOIST, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, demo all damaged floor joists. Install new 2" x 8" joists, install per code using proper hangers. Fasten to flooring above using construction adhesive.

See other for related flooring spec.

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## 150. FRAMING, JOISTS, SISTER

At location(s) noted below, install joists to brace floor. Sister to existing joist as necessary. Extend new joist member the full length of defective joist. Nail to joists at each end using (3) 6d nails and every 32" O. C. staggering nails. All new members to run full length without joint. Where abutting headers, use joist hangers. Fasten to flooring above using construction adhesive. Installation to be per code.

Location(s):

## 151. FRAMING, SUBFLOOR, REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of all damaged flooring materials down to the floor joist. Install 3/4" tongue and groove, CDX plywood decking, (or as needed to make a flush transition), glued with construction adhesive and nailed 8" on center using screw shank or cement coated nails. Installation and fastening to be per manufacturer's recommendation.

Location(s):

## 152. FRAMING, TRUSS ROOF, NEW

Construct a truss roof per the attached drawing. The trusses used shall be energy heel type construction and meet all local load and span requirements. Framing shall include barges for over hang as drawn. The drawing is intended for reference only. Construction shall be in compliance with the UBC. Sheath the trusses with 1/2" OSB or other as appropriate. All holes for penetrations shall be cut to fit as tight as possible or within allowable clearances.

## 157. FURRING, WALLS

At location(s) noted below, install 1" x 2" furring strips @ 16" on center over existing framing or over masonry wall(s) in order to support GWB to match surrounding areas. Fasteners shall be nails and (for masonry walls) a manufacturer recommended adhesive. Strips to be straight and true, plumb or level.

## 158. FURRING, WIRING/PLUMBING

At location(s) noted below, install 2X furring @ 16" on center over existing framing or over masonry wall(s) in order to cover existing wiring and plumbing. Construction shall support GWB to match surrounding areas. Fasteners shall be nails and (for masonry walls), a manufacturer recommended adhesive. Furring to be straight and true, plumb or level.

Location(s):

## 159. GLASS, REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the broken glass, including all glazing materials. Install a piece of Low-E, Argon filled insulated glass sized per the existing opening and glazed with appropriate glazing materials. Prime any bare wood before glazing. If glazing putty is to be used, putty shall be straight, neat, and height of glazing at glass to match interior glazing height. Glass at all baths to be obscure. If the sash has removable glazing strips, they shall be retained for reuse unless broken, in which case it shall be the contractors responsibility to replace the glazing strips with like pieces.

Location(s):

## 160. GUTTERS, NEW/REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of gutters and downspouts from the structure and the site. Install seamless, prefinished vinyl gutters and downspouts with all required ells, miters, hangers and other accessories to insure proper anchorage and proper drainage of all roof surfaces. Slope gutters to downspouts 1/16" per foot minimum and provide basket strainers to top of all downspouts. Hangers and/or brackets shall be installed per industry standards or code.

Location(s):

## 167. HANDRAIL, EXTERIOR

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the handrail and associated parts. Install a wood handrail system made of "outdoor wood" or cedar. AWW will not be acceptable. The top rail shall be 2x4. The newel post(s) shall be 4x4. The balusters shall be 2x2. The top rail shall be between 34" and 36" above the nose of each tread. There shall not be more than 4" clear space between the balusters. The newel post shall be attached solidly to the stringer using lags or through-bolts. The handrail will be installed with the 2" side facing up and will have eased edges. The balusters shall be cut on the top open grain end at a bevel so as to not collect water. It will

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be the contractors responsibility to provide adequate backing to make a sturdy rail system. All fasteners shall be galvanized, stainless steel or ceramic coated, and be sized properly for the application.

Location(s):

## 170. HEATING, BASEBOARD ELECTRIC

At location(s) noted below, install electric baseboard heating unit per code. To include built-in thermostat. Cut base and install snug against wall firmly secured with screws. Connect electrical and test operation of unit and thermostat. Install new circuit if needed. Length of unit shall be sized for the area to be heated. All manufacturer instruction books and warranties to be provided to owner.

Location(s):

## 171. HEATING, BOILER, REPLACE

Remove and properly dispose of the existing boiler. Install a XXX BTU input boiler complete with controls, shut off valve, check valve, draincock, and automatic feed, pressure gauge and thermometer. Attach to the existing distribution system. Inspect distribution system for any instruction books and warranties to be provided to owner.

Gas: Use Trianco Heatmaker HW or H Series or equal, installed direct vent.

Oil: Use Trianco D-MAX Low Mass Boiler installed direct vent.

## 172. HEATING, CHARGE GLYCOL

Charge the existing hydronic system with non-toxic glycol (Dowfrost or equal). Drain and properly dispose of the existing liquid in the system. Recharge and purge the system so that it operates properly.

## 173. HEATING, DUCT INSULATION

At location(s) noted below, wrap heating ducts in crawl space with R-15 foil backed fiberglass insulation and secure and seal all seams with foil tape.

Location(s):

## 174. HEATING, DUCT CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND SEALING

NEW: At location(s) as noted on the drawings, install furnace ducts. Size and installation to be per UMC. Cut in additional supply vents at the below noted location(s). Install the appropriate supply register grill(s).

All joints to be properly supported and no less than 2 screws per joint. Duct work shall be completely airsealed using an approved mastic similar to "RCD" or equal. Duct tape is not allowed.

REPAIR: At location(s) noted below, repair and properly support existing ductwork. All joints to be properly supported and no less than 2 screws per joint. Duct work shall be completely airsealed using an approved mastic similar to "RCD" or equal. Duct tape is not allowed.

SEAL: Duct work shall be completely airsealed using an approved mastic similar to "RCD" or equal. Duct tape is not allowed.

Location(s):

## 175. HEATING, DUCTWORK FOR FURNACE

At location(s) as noted on the drawings, install furnace ducts. Size and installation to be per UMC. All joints to be hung, screwed and sealed with duct mastic. Duct tape will not be accepted.

## 176. HEATING, FORCED AIR FURNACE, GAS/OIL

Remove and properly dispose of the existing furnace. Existing furnace shall be destroyed to prevent reuse. Install a naturally aspirating or direct vent, closed combustion, forced air furnace, sized properly for area of dwelling.

Installation shall be inclusive of all electrical, plumbing, etc., necessary for a complete installation. Connect to existing duct system. Connection of existing supply and return to the furnace may be via flex connectors.

Installation to be complete, including registers, returns, wall thermostat in central area, ducts, electrical, plumbing, filter, permits and removal of debris. Filter system shall be easily accessible by the owner and shall be designed for disposable type filters. Duct work shall be completely airsealed using an approved mastic similar to "RCD" or equal. Duct tape is not allowed. Repair all affected surfaces to match existing as close as possible. contractor to provide access to furnace per code. All work and venting to be complete with furnace operating. Supply (4) filters to owner. All manufacturer instruction books and warranties to be provided to owner.

Install at location noted:

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## 177 HEATING, SERVICE/TUNE

Service gas furnace as outlined. After servicing, the mechanical contractor shall leave a certificate on the furnace indicating his/her name, the work or repairs completed, and the date. Clean and adjust the system for proper operation. On forced air systems, this shall include cleaning the blower motor and fan assembly, installing new air filters and replacing blower motor drive belts and testing of combustion regulators. On oil fired systems, this shall include cleaning the oil tank (removing condensation and sediment), fittings and lines and replacing fuel filters and testing of combustion regulators. On all fossil fuel heating appliances, the heat exchangers, vent connectors and vents shall be inspected for damage or deterioration. Vent connectors and vents shall be cleaned. Ductwork shall be cleaned only when specified. When necessary or specified replace thermostat. Contractor to operate unit long enough to establish proper operation including any automatic parts and controls.

## 178. HEATING, HYDRONIC SYSTEM, NEW

Install a direct vent, high efficiency boiler and distribution system sized for the area to be treated. Installation shall be complete with controls, shut-off valve, check valve, zone valves, draincock, automatic feed, pressure gauge and thermometer. Install individual zones for the areas noted below. Install adequate lineal feet of baseboard/diffusers for the area to be heated. Installation will be by a licensed installer. All manufacturer instruction books and warranties to be provided to owner.

Gas: Use Trianco Heatmaker HW or H Series or equal, installed direct vent.

Oil: Use Trianco D-MAX Low Mass Boiler installed direct vent.

Zones:

## 179. HEATING, HYDRONIC ZONE, NEW

For area(s) noted below, install separate zone(s) and thermostat(s), including zone valve(s), related equipment and control wiring.

Area(s):

## 180. HEATING, SERVICE/TUNE

Service heating appliance. Clean burners, combustion chambers and flues of heating unit. Tune burner for optimum combustion. Install new filter(s). Adjust pilot. Contractor to operate until long enough to establish proper operation, including any automatic parts and controls.

## 181. HEATING, THERMOSTAT

Replace thermostat with digital, programmable unit. Mount at same location as existing and secure to wall using approved fasteners. Calibrate and set to match gas valve impedance. All manufacturer instruction books and warranties to be provided to owner.

## 182A HEATING, OIL DIRECT VENT SPACE HEATER

At location noted below or on drawing, install a direct vent oil fired space heater. Installation shall include connection to oil line plumbing and electrical service at the location noted. All effected surfaces shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces.

See related specs for fuel tank, line and filter.

Location:

## 182B HEATING, GAS DIRECT VENT SPACE HEATER

At location noted below or on drawing, install a direct vent gas fired space heater. Installation shall include connection to gas line plumbing and electrical service at the location noted. All effected surfaces shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces.

See related specs for fuel tank, line and filter.

Location:

## 183A. INSULATION, WALLS FROM UNIT INTERIOR

At location(s) noted below, from the interior, install fiberglass batt insulation to maximum R-value as space allows to all noted exterior walls from bottom plate to top plate. All spaces within framing to be filled with insulation, e.g. corners, outlets, switches, partition leads, around windows, etc. Expanding foam may be used to access inaccessible voids. Install 6 mil minimum moisture barrier to the inside surfaces. Moisture barrier shall have all penetrations and holes sealed off using poly tape.

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**183B. INSULATION, RAFTER CAVITY FROM ATTIC (R-19 for bid purposes)**

At location(s) noted below, from the attic, install fiberglass batt insulation to maximum R-value as space allows or to R-38 total. Insulation shall be tight against the roof sheathing above and supported in an appropriate manner, e.g. metal insulation hangers between the rafters. (this will create a hot roof) All spaces within framing to be filled with insulation. Expanding foam may be used to access inaccessible voids. Install 6 mil minimum moisture barrier to the inside surfaces. Moisture barrier shall have all penetrations and holes sealed off using poly tape.

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**183C. INSULATION, CEILING FROM UNIT INTERIOR (R-19 for bid purposes)**

At location(s) noted below, from the unit interior, install fiberglass batt insulation to maximum R-value as space allows or to R-38 total. Insulation shall be tight against the floor sheathing above if existing and supported in an appropriate manner, e.g. metal insulation hangers between the floor/ceiling joists. All spaces within framing to be filled with insulation. Expanding foam may be used to access inaccessible voids. Install 6 mil minimum moisture barrier to the inside surfaces. Moisture barrier shall have all penetrations and holes sealed off using poly tape.

Location:

**183D. INSULATION, CEILING, RIGID**

At location(s) noted below, from the unit interior and over existing ceiling surfaces, install 2" rigid insulation board. Prior to installation, remove all ceiling fixtures, trim and other materials that will interfere with the installation. Use Styrofoam or R-Max or equal as noted. Insulation shall be continuous over entire surface. All spaces to be filled with insulation, e.g. corners, partition leads, around plumbing and electrical, etc., using batts or spray in foam. Rigid insulation shall be applied using approved adhesive and/or fasteners designed for the application. Tape all joints using poly tape. Expanding foam may be used to access inaccessible voids. Install new 5/8" type "X" drywall. Attach to the framing with approved fasteners. Fasteners shall extend through the 2" rigid insulation and extend not less than 1" into the framing members. All outside corners shall receive metal corner beads, joints to occur at supports, tape and finish joints and fastening heads to a fire tape status.

Location(s):

**184 INSULATION, FLOOR (R-19 for bid purposes)**

At location(s) noted below, from the basement/crawl space, install fiberglass batt insulation to maximum R-value as space allows. Insulation shall be tight against the floor sheathing and supported in an appropriate manner, e.g. metal insulation hangers between the floor joists. All spaces within framing to be filled with insulation. Expanding foam may be used to access inaccessible voids. The insulation will be covered with Tyvek building wrap, or equivalent stapled to the floor joists, to act as an air but not a moisture barrier. Building wrap will be stretched tight without wrinkles or loose areas.

Location:

**185A. INSULATION, ATTIC FIBERGLASS BATTS (for bid purposes, 1 layer of R-19 and does not include airsealing)**

At the floor of the attic, insulate attic area using fiberglass batts insulation laid alternately perpendicular to prior layers. (to achieve R-38 minimum) All penetrations shall be properly sealed prior to insulating. Manufactured chimneys shall be properly protected from the insulation. No insulation shall touch the underside of the roof sheathing. Install baffles as needed to optimize the R-value to the exterior wall.

**185B. INSULATION, ATTIC LOOSE FILL BLOW-IN CELLULOSE (for bid purposes, 1 layer of R-19 and does not include airsealing)**

At the floor of the attic, insulate attic area using blow-in cellulose insulation. All penetrations shall be properly sealed prior to insulating. Manufactured chimneys shall be properly protected from the insulation. No insulation shall touch the underside of the roof sheathing. Install baffles as needed to optimize the R value to the exterior wall.

**185C. INSULATION, ATTIC LOOSE FILL BLOW-IN FIBERGLASS (for bid purposes, 1 layer of R-19 and does not include airsealing)**

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At the floor of the attic, insulate attic area using blow-in fiberglass insulation. All penetrations shall be properly sealed prior to insulating. Manufactured chimneys shall be properly protected from the insulation. No insulation shall touch the underside of the roof sheathing. Install baffles as needed to optimize the R value to the exterior wall.

## 186A. INSULATION, DENSE PACK CEILING

Install blow-in cellulose insulation in the ceilings noted below to a point of density of 3.5 lb./cu. ft., or to a point that additional insulation cannot be added without causing the surface sheathing to pull away from the framing members. Drill holes in interior ceiling surface or exterior rim at ceiling joist area as noted to gain access to areas to be insulated. Install material with an insulation blower designed for the specific use of dense packing insulation. All access holes shall be filled with a plug and sealed. Note any fire blocking or other framing obstructions during installation to insure full application.

Area(s):

## 186B. INSULATION, DENSE PACK WALLS

Install blow-in cellulose insulation in the walls noted below to a point of density of 3.5 lb./cu. ft., or to a point that additional insulation cannot be added without causing the surface sheathing to pull away from the framing members. Drill holes in interior or exterior surface as noted to gain access to areas to be insulated. Install material with an insulation blower designed for the specific use of dense packing insulation. All access holes shall be filled with a plug and sealed. Note any fire blocking or other framing obstructions during installation to insure full application.

Area(s):

## 186C. INSULATION, DENSE PACK FLOOR

Install blow-in cellulose insulation in the floors noted below to a point of density of 3.5 lb./cu. ft., or to a point that additional insulation cannot be added without causing the surface sheathing to pull away from the framing members. Drill holes in interior or exterior surface or at exterior rim at floor joist area as noted to gain access to areas to be insulated. Install material with an insulation blower designed for the specific use of dense packing insulation. All access holes shall be filled with a plug and sealed. Note any fire blocking or other framing obstructions during installation to insure full application.

Area(s):

## 187. INSULATION, FOUNDATION, EXTERIOR

At location(s) noted below, install rigid insulation to the exterior side of the foundation wall to minimum of R-19. Use only insulation that is appropriate for use below grade. Excavate perimeter to footer. Install insulation from top of footer to mud sill. Insulation shall be attached to the foundation using adhesive and/or powder actuated nails. Exposed insulation shall be flashed or painted to protect from UV degradation. Foam or other appropriate insulation shall be installed around all plumbing and electrical penetrations. Backfill perimeter to finish grade. Grade shall be sloped away from structure to provide drainage.

Location(s):

## 188. INSULATION, FOUNDATION, EXTERIOR, SLAB

At location(s) noted below, install rigid insulation to the exterior side of the foundation wall to minimum of R-19. Use only insulation that is appropriate for use below grade. Excavate perimeter to 24" below the mudsill. Soil shall be excavated out from wall from 24" below mudsill at a slope of 2" per foot. Compact soil. Install insulation from mudsill down wall 24". Insulation shall be attached to the foundation using adhesive and/or powder actuated nails. Install rigid insulation at the sloped soil. Exposed insulation shall be flashed or painted to protect from UV degradation. Foam or other appropriate insulation shall be installed around all plumbing and electrical penetrations. Backfill perimeter to finish grade. Finish grade shall be sloped away from structure to provide drainage.

Location(s):

## 189. INSULATION, FOUNDATION, INTERIOR, BATTS

At location(s) noted below, install fiberglass batt insulation to minimum of R-19 to all noted exterior foundation walls from footer to mudsill. All spaces to be filled with insulation, e.g. corners, partition leads, around plumbing and electrical, etc., using batts or spray in foam. Insulation shall be attached in a way that will insure it will stay in place.

Location(s):

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## 190. INSULATION, FOUNDATION, INTERIOR, RIGID

At location(s) noted below, install 2" rigid insulation board to the interior side of the foundation wall. Use Styrofoam or R-Max or equal as noted. Insulation shall be installed from the top of the footer up the wall to the underside of the floor joists. In the void created at the rim joists, install friction fit fiberglass batts to R-19. All spaces to be filled with insulation, e.g. corners, partition leads, around plumbing and electrical, etc., using batts or spray in foam. Rigid insulation shall be applied using approved adhesive and/or fasteners designed for the application.

Location(s):

## 191. INSULATION, FOUNDATION, INTERIOR, SPRAY

At location(s) noted below, insulate with spray applied foam to minimum of R-19 to all noted exterior foundation walls. Insulate using a two component urethane foam. Applied in place density shall not be less than 2# per cu. ft. Apply a fire resistant cement based material over the foam. Insulation is to extend from underside of floor sheathing to footer without seams or breaks. Crawl space shall be maintained at 65 degrees minimum for 24 hours prior to application and for 3 to 5 days after or until cured. Operable ventilation grills shall not be covered and shall be left in a working condition. Non-operable ventilation shall be covered over. All spaces to be filled with insulation, e.g. corners, partition leads, around plumbing and electrical, etc.

Location(s):

## 192. INSULATION, GARAGE DOOR

Install a garage door blanket on the garage doors. Install per manufacturers recommendations.

## 193. INSULATION, MOBILE HOME, BELLY, BLOW-IN

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the damaged rodent barrier and insulation. Install rodent barrier at all effected locations. Fasten rodent barrier adequately to support the blow-in insulation. Use Amoco Woven Geotextile #2002 or equal or Celotex or equal. Entire area of effected area to be protected with rodent barrier. Blow in Cellulose insulation to fill the void. Insulation shall be tight to underside of floor sheathing and fill all voids around plumbing and ducting. Any exposed holes in the exterior shall be filled and finished to match surrounding areas.

Location(s):

## 194. INSULATION, MOBILE HOME, BELLY, BATTS

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the damaged rodent barrier and insulation. Install fiberglass batts to minimum R-30 in floor/belly. Support with rodent barrier. Use Amoco Woven Geotextile #2002 or equal. Entire area of effected area to be protected with rodent barrier.

Location(s):

## 195. INSULATION, PIPE WRAP

At location(s) noted below, install foam pipe wrap insulation on all exposed water supply lines. All corners and joints shall be insulated. Foam wrap shall be secured using manufacturers recommended tape and adhesives.

Location(s):

## 196. INSULATION, RIGID AT ROOF

At location(s) noted below, after old roof is removed down to sheathing (see roofing specs for related work), install 2x6 furring on each rafter. Install 4" R-Max or equal (R-30) to exterior side of roof sheathing between furring. Secure insulation to roof framing members, furring and/or sheathing. the roofing will be secured to the furring.

Location(s):

## 197. INSULATION, RIM

Insulate inside of rim joist around interior perimeter of foundation wall. Use fiberglass batt insulation or rigid foam providing a minimum R-19 is maintained.

## 198. VAPOR BARRIER, 6 MIL POLY

At location(s) noted below, install 6 mil minimum polyethylene membrane moisture barrier to the inside surfaces. Poly shall be installed using staples on framing members. Poly is to be stretched tight without wrinkles or folds.

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Joints shall be overlapping and seams shall be sealed using poly tape. All penetrations shall be sealed using poly tape.

Location(s):

## 200 INSULATION, WALL, RIGID AND SIDING

Unless otherwise noted, install rigid insulation package to all exterior walls of the heated portion of the structure. Remove all existing trim, vent covers, flashings, etc. except brickmould at doors and windows. On all exterior surfaces, including the gable ends, install 2 x 2 furring vertically at 2' on center and horizontally at 8' on center. Install furring around each door, window, electric meter base and other exterior mounted structures. At all walls of the heated portion of the structure, install 1-1/2" rigid extruded polystyrene (blue or pink Styrofoam) or polycyanurate (R-Max) insulation tight to existing exterior wall and furring strips. Seal around all penetrations using expanding foam or caulk. Install T-1-11 siding on all walls of the structure. Install jamb extension and trim out at doors and windows with 1x cedar. Install 1x cedar at battens and at top of siding cut under eaves and gables. Use "Z" metal at horizontal butt seams. Reinstall all vent covers, flashings and hardware removed in order to install siding. All joints to be fit accurately and tight. Use galvanized nails. All finished surfaces shall be smooth and ready for stain/paint.

## 201. INSULATION, WATER HEATER

Install R7 (or better), fiberglass insulating blanket to outside of existing water heater, all seams to be covered and sealed full circumference by a belt or duct tape. Mark access panels on outside of wrap.

## 202. MOBILE HOME CEILING PANEL(S)

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the damaged ceiling panel(s). Retain all usable trim strips. Install new ceiling panels. Match existing ceiling panels and trim strips. Trim out as needed.

Location(s):

## 203. MOBILE HOME EXTERIOR DOOR

Remove and properly dispose existing door(s) at the below noted location(s). Install metal insulated, prehung, mobile home exterior door(s) sized to best fit the existing rough openings. Jamb shall include pressure type weatherstrip, adjustable sweep and/or adjustable threshold, keylock and a single cylinder deadbolt both keyed alike (with owner approval). Replace trim inside and out using matching trim

Location(s):

## 204. MOBILE HOME SNOW ROOF

Install a stand alone roofing structure system per design. Roof is to be supported by posts installed next to the structure properly secured to an adequate footing. Roof shall be constructed with prebuilt trusses. Trusses are to be energy heel type to allow for R-38 insulation. Baffles shall be installed between all trusses at heel to allow proper ventilation. Minimum 1/2" plywood or OSB shall be used for roof sheathing. Minimum 2' eaves and overhangs are required. 1x6 cedar fascia shall be used on entire perimeter. T-1-11 shall be used at gables and under overhang to sister with existing siding. "Z" metal shall be used at all horizontal joints. 1x4 cedar shall be used at vertical joints and for trim out. Blocking with screen shall be installed at overhang between tails to provide eave ventilation. Appropriate sized gable vents shall be installed at all gables. All exposed wood shall be painted to match existing structure or per owner selection. All vents, flues, etc., shall be extended through new roof and be properly booted/flushed.

## 205 OUTLET GASKETS

Install closed-cell foam outlet and switch gaskets behind the cover plate of all electrical outlet and switch cover plates.

## 206. OIL FILTER

Install an oil filter in line immediately after the shut off valve down stream of the oil tank. Use a goldenrod or equal. Excessive oil spilled by the contractor is the responsibility of the contractor.

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## 207. OIL TANK, MOVE

Move the oil tank away from the structure. Tank shall not be in contact with the structure or under the any part of the common roof. Reinstall all plumbing. Extension of the existing line will be acceptable only with the proper materials using flared fittings.

Install tank on existing stand

Install tank of steel stand as commercially available for the size of the tank

## 208. OIL TANK, NEW

At location noted below, install a 300 gallon steel oil tank on a steel stand. Height of stand will be dependent upon the location relative to the burner. Tank and stand shall be as commercially available.

Location:

## 209. PAINT, INTERIOR, VAPOR BARRIER PAINT

At location(s) noted below, paint ceiling using vapor barrier and acrylic latex paints. Assure that all furniture, curtains, rugs, etc., have been removed from room and/or properly protected. Properly protect floor and trim from paint. Assure that all surfaces have been prepared for paint. Inspect all surfaces and fill all holes and cracks that will not be concealed by new paint. Make minor plaster repair on ceilings and ceiling, sand to a smooth. Apply (1) coat of prime or vapor barrier paint as directed and (1) coat of finish paint on all ceilings noted. Clean paint from hardware and all other surfaces not intended for paint. Use medium quality paints. Color selection by owner. Contractor shall be responsible for removal of all items in rooms to enable the painting work to be completed.

Location(s):

## 210 PAINT, EXTERIOR

Paint exterior of structure using all weather exterior latex paint. Body and trim will be painted in two colors or as determined by assessor with owner cooperation. Entire exterior wall surfaces shall be scrapped and/or sanded to remove all loose paint and splintered wood. Remove all hardware attached to exterior of structure. Brush or sweep all surfaces free of dust and dirt. Paint exterior surfaces using a sprayer and then backrolling all surfaces while paint is still wet. Reapply as needed to ensure a complete and even coat. Hand paint trim with rollers and brushes. Protect all unpainted surfaces, plants, walks, sills, operation hardware on windows, etc. Mask all windows, doors, etc. not intended to be painted. After masking is removed, clean up any errant paint. Do not leave runs. Reinstall all hardware back on structure. Operating windows will have weatherstripping removed prior to painting and edges of sashes shall be painted. Do not paint hardware. Reinstall weatherstripping after paint is dry. Doors shall have weatherstripping removed prior to painting. Reinstall weatherstripping after paint is dry.

## 224. PLUMBING, FUEL LINE

Install appropriate plumbing (oil/gas/LP) from source to the appliance(s).

For LP and Natural Gas: Only black iron piping with threaded fittings shall be used. Flex pipe capable of the pressure shall be used at connection to appliance only. A shut off valve shall be installed as close to the source as possible and at termination of black iron pipe.

For Oil: Soft copper may be used providing it is properly protected. A shut off valve shall be installed as close to the source as possible and at termination. A water/sediment filter shall be installed just below the shut off valve at the source. Use Goldenrod or equal.

## 225. PLUMBING, GAS LINE, REPLACE

Remove and properly dispose of the broken/damaged gas line section and cap at nearest supply connection. Provide and install new approved equally sized gas line section, to replace existing inclusive of all connections, elbows, runs - both vertical and horizontal, supports, caulking, and cleanup. All surfaces affected shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces. Work to be in full compliance with UPC and UMC.

## 230. PLUMBING, LEAK REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, repair leaking plumbing. Include all necessary labor and materials for complete repair, including piping/fittings inclusive of all hookups, connections, associated hardware, caulking, and cleanup. All interior surfaces affected shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces.

Location(s):



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## 232. PLUMBING, MIXING VALVE

Install a mixing valve on the water line servicing the toilet(s). Valve shall be installed as near the water heater as possible. Installation shall be inclusive of all hookups, connections, associated hardware, caulking, and cleanup. All interior surfaces affected shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces.

## 235. PLUMBING, P&T VALVE, REPLACE

Replace the pressure and temperature relief valve on the water heater. Install the drain tube to 18" above the floor. Use appropriate materials.

## 251. PLUMBING, SUPPORT

At location(s) noted below, support or properly hang the plumbing runs consistent with the UPC. Use materials appropriate for the location and application. Shim or secure as needed to prevent movement.

Location(s):

## 259. PLUMBING, UTILIDOR

Construct an insulated utilidor to house and protect the exposed plumbing. Unit shall be sized to house all the plumbing in a single structure and be able to insulate a minimum of R-38. Unit shall be constructed of AWW material and shall extend into the ground not less than 18" below finished grade with soils backfilled against the walls higher up. The floor of the unit shall be insulated to R-19 with rigid foam capable of contact with soils. Insulation shall be solid and continuous from the floor of the unit to the heated area of the structure. The insulation in the immediate area around the plumbing shall be left loose so as to allow heat from the structure to infiltrate. The exterior perimeter of the unit shall be airsealed and one panel shall be screwed to the framing members for access.

## 264. WATER HEATER, ON-DEMAND

At location noted below, install residential direct-vent tankless on-demand gas or oil water heater (Aquastar 125B, Toyostove, or equiv.) and all required connections and venting materials. Plumb into existing hot water system, installing separate zone valve. Interior shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces.

Location:

## 265. PLUMBING, WATER HEATER, ELECTRIC, GAS OIL

At location noted below and/or on the drawing, remove and properly dispose of the existing water heater. Install a (5) year guaranteed, glass lined, water heater inclusive of all water and electrical and/or fuel hookups, connections, associated hardware and cleanup. All work to be in full compliance with UPC, UMC, and NEC. Installation shall include a mixing valve for servicing the toilet(s) and the dedicated supply lines to the toilets as needed. Installation shall include a P&T Valve with drain tube to within 18" of the floor. All surfaces affected shall be repaired and patched to match surrounding surfaces.

Location:

## 266. PLUMBING, WATER HEATER, POINT OF USE

At the kitchen sink, install a "point of use" (2) gallon electric water heater. Use the model as available from Alaska Pipe and Supply. Provide an electrical circuit as required. Plumb into water line for the kitchen sink only. Install per manufacturers recommendation. Provide owner with all manufacturers paper work.

## 267. ROOF, APPLY COATING

Over entire roof surface apply a one or two coat roof coat system as noted. Similar to Plas-T-Cote or equal. Prepare the surface by removing all boots and flashings and other hardware attached to the roof surface. Remove or repair all loose roofing materials. Patch all potential cracks or leaks around penetrations using a compatible sealant. Sweep entire surface clean. Apply roof coating per manufacturers recommendations. Apply extra coats as needed to seams, fasteners, etc. Coating shall extend over sides of roof to drip edge including plywood edging if used as a drip edge. Reinstall all flashings, boots and other hardware.

## 268. ROOF, REMOVE EXISTING SHEATHING

At the location(s) noted below, remove existing roofing down to sheathing. Remove sheathing to expose rafters. Properly dispose of all demolished materials. Inspect the subsurface materials for excess deterioration and report to the Project Manager.

Location(s):

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## 269. ROOF, INSTALL NEW RAFTER SYSTEM

At the location(s) noted below, remove enough of the existing roofing down to expose rafters. Properly dispose of all demolished materials. Inspect the rafter materials for excess deterioration and report to the Project Manager. Install rafter system as designed. Installation shall include rafters properly spaced and supported. Install sheathing or purlins over rafters. Sheathing or purlins shall be fastened to rafters per code. sheathing shall be 1/2" OSB or CDX Plywood. All end joints to be supported. Joints to be staggered. Purlins shall be 1 x 4 Pine. See drawings.  
Location(s):

## 270 ROOF, REMOVE EXISTING ROOFING MATERIALS

At the location(s) noted below, remove existing roofing down to sheathing. Properly dispose of all demolished materials. Inspect the subsurface materials for excess deterioration and report to the Project Manager.  
Location(s):

## 271. ROOF, METAL, REPAIR

At location(s) noted below, prepare and repair the metal roof surfaces and sub surfaces as indicated. Re-secure the metal roof and associated flashings with screws designed for the application and properly used. Seal all joints, flashings, penetrations, screw holes, etc., that might allow moisture penetration. Use a minimum amount of the proper sealant for the application. Work appearance shall be neat and professional.

Location(s):

Install any missing flashings at gable, eave, transitions, etc.

Repair plumbing stack, ensure the penetration is sealed.

Install a boot slashing at all plumbing penetrations.

## 272 ROOF, METAL, NEW

Install 28g "Skyline" painted metal, hidden fastener roofing as supplied by BHP Steel Building Products or equal. Include all flashings at valleys, ridges, gables and eaves and any/all flashings at vertical intersections with walls or masonry as necessary. Install and fasten per manufacturers instructions. Metal sheets shall be turned up under the flashing at the high end of the roof and turned down at the low or gutter end to prevent water from running back along the underside of the sheets. The use of closure strips at the eave and ridge are/not required. Roofs less than 2:12 shall require sidelap sealant. Install Ice and Water Shield at all eaves from the edge of the eave up roof not less than 6'. Properly seal and/or flash all pipes, vents or other penetrations through the roof. Replace all existing boots. Replace any required attachments that were removed including antennas, bracing, electrical masts, etc. Maximum eaves overhang shall be 1.5 inches and roofing shall lap away from prevailing winds. Full length sheets are to be used. Remove and properly dispose of debris. Use BHP, ASC Pacific or equal painted steel roofing. Roof shall have not less than 20 year warranty. Color selection by owner from within standard color selections. Galvanized and aluminum roofing will not be allowed.

Note: Clean out and reattach existing rain gutters as needed.

## 273. ROOF, METAL, REPLACE

At the location(s) noted below, remove existing roofing down to sheathing, purlins, or other subsurface. Inspect the subsurface materials for excess deterioration and report to the Project Manager. Install Ice and Water Shield at all eaves from the edge of the eave up roof not less than 6'. Install painted metal roofing including all flashings at valleys, ridges, gables and eaves, and any/all flashings at vertical intersections with walls or masonry as necessary. Properly seal and/or flash all pipes or vents extending through roof. Replace all existing boots. Replace any required attachments that were removed. Remove and properly dispose of debris. Use ASC pacific or equal painted steel roofing. Roof shall have not less than 20 year warranty. Color selection by owner.

Location(s):

## 274. ROOF, SEAL LEAKS

At location(s) noted below, seal all leaks in the roof. Seal at all noted penetrations. Use appropriate materials for the application.

Location(s):

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## 275. ROOF, SHEATHING, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of all roofing materials down to the framing members. Install 1/2" CDX plywood or 1/2" OSB sheathing nailed per code. All end joints to be supported. Joints to be staggered.

Location(s):

## 276. ROOF, THREE TAB, REPAIR

At the location(s) noted below, install three-tab roofing to replace lost or damaged shingles. Match color as close as possible. Blend in new to old in a professional manner. Replace any attachments that were removed.

Location(s):

## 277. ROOF, 90# ROLLED ROOFING, REPLACE

Remove and properly dispose of all roofing down to sheathing. Install galvanized flashing or bituthane membrane at all valleys, around all edges, and vertical intersections with walls or masonry if existing. Metal step flashings and/or counter-flashings shall be used wherever appropriate to ensure a tight roof. All penetrations shall be properly flashed. Install ice and water shield at all eaves not less than 6' up from eave edge. Install 90# rolled roofing per manufacturer's recommendations. Replace any attachments that were removed. Provide manufacturer's warranty and related paperwork to the owner. Color selection by owner.

## 278. ROOF, TORCHDOWN

At the location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of existing roofing and install a complete torchdown roofing system. Remove and properly dispose of all existing roofing materials down to the sheathing. Prepare the surface for torchdown roofing system. Install per manufacturer's recommendations. Install all necessary flashings at the eaves, gables, ridges, transitions, etc.

Location(s):

## 279. ROOF, EPDM WITH INSULATION

Over entire roof surface apply 2" minimum extruded polycyanurate (R-Max) or polystyrene (Blue Board) rigid insulation and EPDM roof membrane. Prepare the surface by removing all boots and flashings and other hardware attached to the roof surface. Remove or repair all loose roofing materials. Patch all potential cracks or leaks around penetrations using a compatible sealant. Sweep entire surface clean. Apply rigid insulation fit tight edge to edge over entire roof surface extending beyond heated perimeter by not less than 4". Fasten insulation to structure using adhesive or appropriate fasteners. Sweep entire surface of insulation prior to installation of EPDM membrane. Install EPDM membrane seamless over entire roof surface. Install per manufacturers recommendations. Membrane shall extend over sides of roof to drip edge. Reinstall all flashings, boots and other hardware.

## 280. ROOM, FINISH

At the location noted below, demonstrate all damaged or unusable GWB, insulation, vapor barrier, etc. Finish as follows:

At Floor: Install 3/4" minimum underlayment graded plywood over entire floor. Caulk and seal any penetrations.

At Walls/Ceiling: Install, as needed, R-19 fiberglass batts in all exterior walls including exposed rim between ceiling and floor above. Install continuous poly vapor barrier on all exterior walls. Seal all penetrations with poly tape. Install 1/2" drywall on all walls and ceiling using greenboard at required wet areas. Drywall to be installed using screws penetrating joists a minimum of one-half length of screw or per code. Outside corners to have nailed metal corner bead. Tape all joints and apply (1) coat of mud on all joints and nails.

Trim and Finish: Trim out interior side of window(s)/door(s) with trim matching other trim in the structure. All nails to be finish and counter-sunk. All joints and nails holds shall be caulked smooth. If trim is pre-finished, joints and nail holes shall be filled with wood putty to match trim color.

Location:

## 281. ROOM, FINISH, BATH

At the location noted below, demonstrate all damaged or unusable GWB, insulation, vapor barrier, etc. Finish as follows:

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Floor: Install underlayment rated plywood over entire floor area. Float sub-floor or shim as needed to provide a level and sturdy floor surface. Precisely locate and cut out for all floor penetration that will be needed.

Walls/Ceiling: Install R-19 fiberglass batts in all exterior walls including exposed rim between ceiling and floor above. Install continuous poly vapor barrier on all exterior walls. Seal all penetrations with poly tape. Install continuous poly vapor barrier on all exterior walls. Seal all penetrations with poly tape. Install 1/2" drywall on all walls and ceiling using greenboard at required wet areas (behind sink and toilet, around tub to ceiling). Drywall to be installed using screws penetrating joists a minimum of one-half length of screw or per code. Outside corners to have nailed metal corner bead. Tape all joints and apply (1) coat mud on all joints and nails.

Location:

## 282. ROOM, FINISH, GWB/FIRETAPE ONLY

At location noted below, demolish all damaged or unusable GWB, insulation, vapor barrier, etc. Finish as follows:

At Walls/Ceiling: Install, as needed, R-19 fiberglass batts in all exterior walls including exposed rim between ceiling and floor above. Install continuous poly vapor barrier on all exterior walls. Seal all penetrations with poly tape. Install 1/2" drywall on all walls and ceiling using greenboard at identified future wet areas. Drywall to be installed using screws penetrating joists a minimum of one-half length of screw or per code. Outside corners to have nailed metal corner bead. Tape all joints and corners and apply (1) coat mud on nail/screw head.

## 283. SEISMIC

Install seismic strapping around water heater. Strap shall be securely fastened to the wall structural members.

## 287. SMOKE DETECTOR

At location(s) noted below, install new battery operated, photoelectric smoke detector with power-on indicator. Unit to be UL approved and installed according to manufacturer's recommendation. Use ASI/Electronics Model ESA 4000 or equal. Provide owner with all manufacturer's paper work.

Location(s):

## 289. STAIR, INTERIOR, FOLDING

At attic access, install pre-assembled folding stairway. Stairway to be medium quality and constructed of 1" pine stock and shall be complete with all hardware, including heavy duty springs and handrail. All cutting of structural members, bracing, and finishing of installation to be per code. Exposed trim to be installed with tight miter joints, primed, and painted. Install 1/2" x 3/8" self adhesive, open cell foam gasket around perimeter of opening to airseal attic.

## 290. STAIR, INTERIOR, RISERS, REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, remove damaged riser(s). Install 2x nailers with glue and screws on each stringer for replacement riser. Install #1 common pine or 1/2 AC plywood with glue and screw shank nails. Reinstall old flooring or to match existing.

Location(s):

## 291. STAIR, INTERIOR, TREAD REPLACE

At location(s) noted below, remove damaged tread(s). Install 2x nailers with glue and screws on each stringer for replacement tread. Install pine stepping stock tread with glue and screw shank nails. Reinstall old flooring or to match existing.

Location(s):

## 295. TRIM, INTERIOR

At location(s) noted below, trim out interior side of window(s)/door(s) and/or base with trim matching other trim in the structure. All nails to be finish and counter-sunk. If trim is to be painted, all joints and nail holds shall be caulked smooth. If trim is pre-finished, joints and nail holes shall be filled with wood putty to match trim color.

Location(s):

# SAMPLE

## 299. VENTILATION, ARCTIC VENTS

At location(s) noted below, install arctic vents per manufacturer's recommendations. Vents shall be installed at location noted at height from floor as noted. Use "Fresh 100" or equal. All affected surfaces shall be repaired to match surrounding surfaces.

Location(s):

## 300. VENTILATION, ATTIC, RIDGE VENT

Install ridge venting to provide attic ventilation per code requirements. Ridge venting is to be installed per manufacturer's specifications. Install on entire ridge short the last 5' at each gable end. Install membrane to prevent pests. All holes to be cut accurately and vents to be flashed and sealed properly according to manufacturer/trade procedures. Protect roof from all damage during installation.

## 301A. VENTILATION, ATTIC, EAVES/SOFFITS

Install screened eave vents in eave/soffit. Holes to be neatly cut and vents installed squarely with corrosion resistant fasteners. Repair all affected surfaces. Install vents in every other truss space minimum.

## 301B. VENTILATION, EAVE BAFFLES

At locations noted below, install eave baffles between all trusses from heel up rafter the length of baffle (48") and with spacing ridges against roof sheathing. Baffles shall be Rafter-Mates, Proper Vents or equal. Cardboard baffles will not be acceptable. Baffle must have "ridges" built in to ensure that the baffle will not get pressed against the underside of the roof sheathing. Install using staples or other acceptable fasteners.

## 302. VENTILATION, ATTIC GABLE

Install gable vents using prefabricated aluminum or galvanized sheet metal vents including screening. Install to conform to venting requirements per code. Repair all affected surfaces. Install (1) at each gable.

## 304. VENTILATION, CRAWL, SEAL OFF

Seal off all crawl space vents. Install rigid insulation to R-19 minimum. Secure in place with fasteners. If the insulation is exposed to sunlight, cover with exterior grade plywood or flashing.

## 308. WINDOW, REMOVABLE STORM UNITS

At location(s) noted below, remove deteriorated storm window materials including nails, screws, staples, etc. that would interfere with the proper installation of new units. Storm panels shall be not less than 1/8" thick up to 16 square feet. Over 16 square feet shall be 1/4" glass. Storm units shall have metal edging that is securely attached to the glass. Units shall be installed on the exterior using metal clips. Clips shall be placed not less than 2 per side but spaced not more than 24" apart on any side. Clips and screws shall be stainless or aluminum and resistant to deterioration. Units shall be installed against a solid, smooth surface that will provide a constant contact seal with the storm panel.

Location(s):

## 309. WINDOW, REGLAZE SASH I. G. UNITS

At location(s) noted below, remove deteriorated glazing and all remaining glazing materials, and install new insulated glass. I. G. units to be Low-E, Argon filled with not less than 3/8" air space. Glass shall be not less than 1/8" thick up to 16 square feet. Over 16 square feet shall be 1/4" glass. Glaze into sash using specialized glazing caulk or if sash is so equipped, using removable glazing strips. Spackling is not acceptable. Clean window after installation of all glazing materials. Leave identifying stickers for inspection purposes. Removal of stickers will be owners responsibility.

Location(s):

## 310. WINDOW, REGLAZE SASH SINGLE PANE UNITS

At location(s) noted below, remove deteriorated glazing and all remaining glazing materials, and install new single pane glass. Glass shall be not less than 1/8" thick up to 16 square feet. Over 16 square feet shall be 1/4" glass. Glaze into sash using specialized glazing caulk or if sash is so equipped, using removable glazing strips. Spackling is not acceptable. Clean window after installation of all glazing materials. Leave identifying stickers for inspection purposes. Removal of stickers will be owners responsibility.

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## 311. WINDOW, SASH LOCK, INSTALL

At window(s) noted below, install new window latches of the type required by window unit. Install as per manufacturer's recommendations as not to interfere with the window operation.

Window(s):

Location(s):

## 312. WINDOW, VINYL, JAMB EXTENSION

At location(s) noted below, install interior jamb extension, and trim style to match other trim of structure. Wood jamb extension shall be clear (stain) or finger joint (paint grade) pine. All nails to be finish and counter-sunk. If jamb and/or trim are to be painted, all joints and nail holes are to be caulked smooth. If jamb and/or trim is to be stained or clear sealed, joints and nail holes shall be filled with wood putty to match.

Location(s):

## 313. WINDOW, VINYL

At location(s) noted below, remove and properly dispose of the existing noted window(s). Install a vinyl casement/awning/fix window, as noted, for the particular opening. Window shall be manufactured to fit the existing RO and shall include Low-E, Argon filled, insulated glass with not less than 3/8" airspace. Use units as manufactured by Insulate Industries, Alpine Windows, or equal. Except on mobile homes, installation shall include exterior molding. Unit shall include screen and all hardware. Window to be installed plumb and true, and shimmed at corners per manufacturer's recommendations. Operator hardware to be Roto style on casement, and lever or roto style on awning. All operable windows shall include positive acting cam type locks. Remove identifying stickers and clean window after installation.

Location(s) and Type(s):

## 314. WINDOW, VINYL, NEW HOLE

At location(s) noted below, cut hole in wall and install window(s). Construct to meet height and width egress requirements. Install a vinyl casement window that meets or exceeds egress requirements. When window is open, bottom of opening (top of hardware cover), shall not be more than 42" above the floor. Window shall be Low-E, Argon filled, insulated glass with not less than 3/8" airspace. Use units as manufactured by Insulate Industries, Alpine Windows, or equal. Except on mobile homes, installation shall include exterior molding. Unit shall include screen and all hardware. Window to be installed plumb and true, and shimmed at corners. Operator to be Roto style. Remove identifying stickers and clean window after installation.

Location(s):

## 315. WINDOW, VINYL, REVISE RO FOR EGRESS

At location(s) noted below, remove existing window(s). Revise height and/or width to accommodate egress requirements. Install a vinyl casement window that meets or exceeds egress requirements. When window is open, bottom of opening (top of hardware cover), shall not be more than 42" above the floor. Window shall be Low-E, Argon filled, insulated glass with not less than 3/8" airspace. Use units as manufactured by Insulate Industries, Alpine Windows, or equal. Except on mobile homes, installation shall include exterior molding. Unit shall include screen and all hardware. Window to be installed plumb and true, and shimmed at corners. Operator to be Roto style. Remove identifying stickers and clean window after installation.

Location(s):

## 316. WINDOW, WOOD SASH, REPAIR

At the window(s) noted below, repair as noted the window(s)/sash(s) to "like new" operation. This includes repair or replacement of any damaged or missing parts, weatherstripping and glazing materials, clean and re-glue all loose joints using waterproof glue. Wood components shall be clear pine. Patch, sand all affected areas ready for paint. Units shall operate smoothly and be draft free when closed.

Window(s):

## 317. WOODSTOVE

At location noted below, install an airtight woodstove. Remove and properly dispose of the existing woodstove, floor and wall protection, interior flue pipe, and any other related materials (do not remove existing insulated chimney). Install floor and wall protection sized to the new stove. Properly secure to floor and wall. Use J-E-SAF-

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LINED or equal. Install woodstove observing all proper clearances. Install single wall flue pipe. Use matte black, single wall, Snap-Lock pipe in the proper diameter, for the stove. Single wall flue pipe shall be installed with the crimped end of each pipe pointing down (dripless). An adjustable "slip joint" shall be used to accomplish a tight installation between the single wall and insulated flue. All joints shall be secured with not less than (3) stainless steel, self tapping screws per connection. If elbows are used in the installation, runs will be as vertical as possible. No horizontal runs will be allowed. The woodstove shall be Blaze King, Earth Stove, or equal. Size of the stove shall be appropriate for the size of the structure. All manufacturer's paperwork will be given to the owner. Location:

## 318. WOODSTOVE GASKET

Remove and properly dispose of the woodstove door gasket. Install a properly sized door gasket on entire contact surface of the woodstove door/body. Use proper adhesive. Adjust door as needed, to achieve an airtight seal.

## 319. WOODSTOVE, FLOOR AND WALL PROTECTION

At location noted below, remove and properly dispose of the existing floor and wall protection, and any other related materials. Install floor and wall protection sized to the new stove. Properly secure to wall protection to wall using non-combustible spacers with screws set into framing members. Floor protection shall be held in place by the stove. Install pipe protectors on all single wall pipe that is within 18" of a combustible surface. Secure pipe protector to single wall pipe using stainless steel screws and ceramic spacers. Observe all required clearances. Use J-E-SAF-LINED or equal.

Location:

## 320. WOODSTOVE, MOVE FOR CLEARANCE

Move the woodstove away from the combustible surfaces as needed to satisfy the UL rated clearances to combustibles for the appliance. Install additional matte black single wall pipe, elbows, and transitions, as needed, to achieve clearances. Install additional wall, floor, and pipe protection materials as needed. Use J-E-SAF-LINED or equal.

## 321. WOODSTOVE, PIPE PROTECTION

At location noted below, install pipe protectors on all single wall pipe that is within 18" of a combustible surface. Secure protector to single wall pipe using stainless steel screws and ceramic spacers. Observe all required clearances. Use J-E-SAF-LINED or equal.

Location:

## 400 LOGISTICS (FOR BID PURPOSES)

It is assumed that a contractor's cost for particular tasks will be the same from region to region but realizing that the cost of mobilizing crew within your home region will incur costs different than cost to mobilize to another region. Cost should include travel, room and board and other costs associated with mobilizing crew and equipment to remote or distant locations. The intent of this bid line item is to provide a multiplier on a per house basis to allow for the distances these programs serve. Reference appendix A for number of units per region. It will be the intent of [Grantee] to assign a minimum of 5 homes per region/community at a time and that those homes will be as close in proximity to each other as possible given the client list at the time. The contractor/assessor may bid each task with applicable costs for each region if desired, or may use the logistics costs as the differentiation factor between regions. List all regions that the bid response refers to and differentiate the applicable "logistics costs" per region.

## 498 DELIVERY AND CLEAN-UP OF PROJECT SITE

Delivery: The contractor is responsible for delivery of materials to project site either from local vendors or agreed warehouse location. Materials held in a warehouse will be drawn down as needed for each project in the area served by that warehouse location. Ak CDC will attempt to provide warehouse space and materials as convenient to the work area as possible. Stocking of the Warehouse will be the contractor's responsibility unless otherwise arranged.

Clean-up: All materials removed or demolished from project structures are the property of the building owner.

Daily, the contractor is required to properly dispose of or store all materials removed or demolished from project structures. This includes storing materials safely on the project property. Protection of stored materials will be the owner's responsibility.

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## 499 GENERAL CARPENTRY

General carpentry is any tasks that may be encountered that are not otherwise described within a specification. these tasks will be charged at an hourly rate.

Typical tasks may include construction of handrails and stairs, repair of flooring, leveling structures, general demolition, etc.

## 500 INSULATION BLOWER LOGISTICS

Ak CDC will provide transportation of insulation blower to areas outside the Anchorage Bowl. The blower will be delivered to the identified warehouse location for each area. The contractor is responsible for pick up at the identified warehouse and delivery to the project site. Upon completion of the scheduled work, the contractor shall contact Ak CDC for pick-up and delivery back to Ak CDC by common carrier. Insulation blowing machine shall be kept clean and dry and maintained according to manufactures specifications while in the contractor's possession.

## 600 ASSESSMENT

**(For bid purposes, "Assessment" does not include the cost of the testing but only the use of the test data to determine the Scope of Work for each project. The cost of the "Assessment" shall include overview of property, gathering of all test data, writing test reports, determining the Minimum Target Ventilation Rate based on the blower door test data, estimating the time and materials required for the Scope of Work using AKWARM (per structure) or WAP Priority List.)**

Assessment contractors will be required to assess dwelling units to determine which energy conservation and occupant safety measures and materials are necessary and within budget; to complete an AKWARM review and report per structure; to measure and test building air tightness; to determine the Minimum Target Ventilation Rate; to measure the combustion safety and efficiency of heating systems and appliances; to test and measure house air pressures and heating duct performance, to perform resident conservation education and to distribute educational materials within the region. Assessor will accurately measure for all materials to perform the Program measures. Eligible client lists, dwelling assessment and test forms, and client education information will be provided by [Grantee]. Assessment tools, transportation, lodging and meals are the responsibility of the assessment contractor. Test results, AKWARM reports (per structure), and completed assessments listing needed materials, will be delivered on a timely basis to [Grantee].

## 601 PRE OR POST BLOWER DOOR TEST

1. A complete blower door test ( one point CFM 50) shall be completed on every house unless a waiver is approved and documented prior to beginning any weatherization work on the house. Blower door test will be conducted in accordance with "Instructions for Alaska WAP Pressure Diagnostics Checklist". The results of the test shall be reported on the Diagnostic Test Report and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

2. The initial home blower door test will be done at the time of the assessment and prior to starting any work. The results of the test shall be incorporated into the assessment and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

3. The second test will be done after all weatherization work has been completed and the results shall be reported at the time the completed job is turned back to [Grantee] for inspection. All test forms must be completely filled out.

4. All individuals performing blower door tests must have successfully completed an approved blower door training course.

5. State of Alaska/AHFC blower door test procedures must be followed.

**(for bid purposes; appendix D)**

## 602 PRE OR POST PRESSURE PAN DUCT LEAKAGE TEST

1. The initial duct system test will be done on all applicable dwellings at the time of the assessment and original blower door test. Test will be conducted in accordance with "Instructions for Alaska WAP Pressure Diagnostics Checklist". The results of the test shall be reported on the Diagnostic Test Report and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

2. The final test will be conducted after all weatherization work and duct system sealing has been completed.

3. All individuals performing duct system testing must have successfully completed an approved blower door training course and have attended training on duct system testing and sealing.



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4. State of Alaska/AHFC duct system testing procedures must be followed.

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## 603 PRE OR POST ROOM TO ROOM PRESSURE TEST

1. The initial room to room pressure test will be done on all applicable dwellings at the time of the assessment and original blower door test. Test will be conducted in accordance with “Instructions for Alaska WAP Pressure Diagnostics Checklist”. The results of the test shall be reported on the Diagnostic Test Report and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

2. The final test will be conducted after all weatherization work and room to room pressure balancing has been completed.

3. State of Alaska/AHFC room to room pressure testing procedures must be followed. **(for bid purposes; appendix D)**

## 604 PRE OR POST MAXIMUM DEPRESSURIZATION TEST

1. The initial depressurization test will be done on all applicable dwellings at the time of the assessment and original blower door test. Test will be conducted in accordance with “Instructions for Alaska WAP Pressure Diagnostics Checklist”. The results of the test shall be reported on the Diagnostic Test Report and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

2. The final test will be conducted after all weatherization work has been completed.

3. State of Alaska/AHFC depressurization testing procedures must be followed.

**(for bid purposes; appendix D)**

## 605 PRE OR POST COMBUSTION SAFETY TEST, GAS OR OIL, ALL COMBUSTION APPLIANCES

1. Combustion safety and efficiency testing is required on every home unless a waiver is approved and documented prior to beginning any work on the dwelling.

2. The initial heating system efficiency combustion safety tests will be done at the time of the assessment. The results of the test shall be reported on the Diagnostic Test Report and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

3. The final test will be conducted after all weatherization work and heating system improvements or repairs are completed.

4. All individuals performing combustion safety and combustion efficiency testing must be proficient in the use of the testing equipment.

5. State of Alaska/AHFC Combustion Safety Checklist testing procedures must be followed.

**(for bid purposes; appendix D)**

## 606 PRE OR POST COMBUSTION SAFETY INSPECTION, WOOD

Assessor shall inspect the wood burning appliance for safety compliance. Clearance to combustible surfaces, stove material integrity, proper appliance installation, interior single wall pipe, insulated flue including combustible penetrations and protection, flashing and termination. The initial wood combustion safety inspection will be done at the time of the assessment. The results of the test shall be reported on the Diagnostic Test Report and made a part of the weatherization plan for the dwelling.

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# Weatherization Operations Manual

## Section 9. U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Guidelines

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### Attachments:

- 2021 Alaska Field Guide
- 2022 DOE Health and Safety Plan
- 2022 Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist
- 2022 Weatherization Assistance Program Assistance Agreement and State Plan
- SOA WAP Technical Support Document, Combustion Safety

## DOE Variations from State Guidelines

A Subgrantee that administers U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) funds only may expend them on homes that comply with DOE guidelines. Subgrantees are required to reimburse DOE funds provided to pay the cost of weatherizing a dwelling unit if it is determined that the household unit occupying the dwelling was not eligible for weatherization assistance when it was served—except when allowed for ineligible multi-family rental units (See Maximum Investment Limits on pg. 9-7.).

Differences between DOE guidelines and the State guidelines in the Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM), the grant agreement, and the State Plan are provided below and in the attached 2021 Alaska Field Guide. The State Plan takes precedence. Subgrantees may find additional guidance in the most recent 10 CFR 440 and Federal Register. Other program guidance and notices from DOE are available at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/wap/weatherization-program-notices-and-memorandums>.

When applicable, headings and page numbers from a corresponding section of the WOM are provided for reference.

### Materials Installation

Materials are to be installed by the Subgrantee or the Subgrantee's authorized representative. Only in rare circumstances shall a client be allowed to install materials without oversight from an assessor or inspector. In those circumstances, the client must certify in writing successful installation of the materials, and justification for allowing the client to install the materials must be in the client file.

### Multi-Family Buildings

The Subgrantee must obtain permission from the AHFC Program Manager before assisting a multi-family with five or more units.

All units in 2- to 4-unit buildings must be assessed.

In buildings with five or more units, at least 10% of all units in the building, with no fewer than three units of each floor plan, and not fewer than five units total, must be visited for a complete energy audit during the pre-weatherization building assessment.

All units with a combustion appliance present must receive pre- and post- health and safety diagnostics testing.

At some point during each project, all units must have a documented inspection for possible health and safety concerns, including diagnostics if appropriate, followed by work orders for correction.

All individual units in which weatherization improvements were performed must be visited during final inspection, including all common areas in buildings where weatherization improvements were performed.

Health and safety diagnostics testing is required in all units and common areas of multi-family buildings.

Common areas not within the building thermal envelope of the qualified residential building are not eligible for weatherization.

All units completed in an eligible multi-family building are reported, regardless of occupant income eligibility. Demographics must be reported from all units counted as completions (vacant units would have all zeros; over-income units should have demographics, sometimes collected from the landlord with a notation in the file that their units were not included in the eligibility of the building and consequently application documents are not present.

In row house buildings where there is a complete separation between units of building thermal barrier, air pressure boundary, and mechanical systems, each unit may be considered a single-family building and served as such. Consultation on a case-by-case basis with the AHFC Program Manager is required before committing DOE funds under this guideline.

### **Condominiums** (pg. 1-33)

Condominiums shall be treated as multi-family buildings.

However, in buildings (e.g., row houses) where there is a complete separation between units of building thermal barrier, air pressure boundary, and mechanical systems, each unit may be served as a single-family building. Qualifying all units or a percentage of all units is not required. Consultation on a case-by-case basis with the AHFC Program Manager is required before committing DOE funds under this guideline.

The Subgrantee shall obtain written permission from the condo association as necessary to make improvements to the client's unit.

### **Privacy**

Subgrantees shall treat all client data as confidential. They may share data in aggregate per DOE policy. [See 10 CFR 440.2 (e) on pg. 9-12.]

### **Qualified Aliens Eligibility for Benefits**

Subgrantees are directed to review guidance provided by Health and Human Services (HHS) under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

**Application Requirements** (pg. 1-10)

12. statement signed by the applicant that the home has not received weatherization work in the past 15 years by any agency.

**Automatic Qualifiers for Income Eligibility** (pg. 1-12)

A household unit automatically meets DOE income eligibility requirements if during the income review period:

- a member received cash assistance payments under Title IV (ATAP or TANF), Title XVI of the Social Security Act (SSI), or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), or
- the household met the income requirements for a HUD means-tested program including but not limited to: HUD Lead Hazard Control Grants, HUD Multifamily Assisted Properties, HUD Public Housing HUD Vouchers, HUD-VASH Vouchers (VA Supportive Housing), HUD HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, etc.
  - Multifamily-Specific Guidance
    - WPN 22-5 supersedes procedures outlined in WPN 17-4, Multifamily Housing – Procedure for Certifying Income-Eligible HUD Assisted Buildings.
    - Housing owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities: WAP providers shall consider all such buildings managed by the PHAs referenced in [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contact](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contact) to be 100 percent income eligible.
    - Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance: WAP providers should refer to <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2020/05/f74/Current%20HUD-DOE%20Multifamily%20Weatherization%20Listings%204-30-20.xlsx> to determine the percentage of the units in each building that are income eligible.
    - Privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance: WAP providers will determine the percentage of income eligible residences by either contacting the building owner/manager to obtain such Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher records (from HUD's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program [TBRA]) or by individually verifying which residents hold such vouchers.

**Definition of Household Unit Income** (pg. 1-13)

Subgrantees must include PFDs received by all members of the household unit (excluding live-in aides) in income calculations.

**Income Exclusions** (pg. 1-13)

Military Family Allotments (#17) are not excluded by DOE.

**Calculating Income** (pg. 1-15)

Subgrantees must qualify households based on

- the AQs listed in this Section (pg. 9-4), or
- a review of gross income received by the household, except for certain types of net income (See pg. 1-13, #7, #8, and #14).

**Required Income Documentation** (pg. 1-16)

If income eligibility is determined by an outside agency or program (e.g., LIHEAP, TANF/ATAP, or SSI), then copies of the recipient's eligibility determination for that assistance or other form of verification from the other agency/program is acceptable proof for the client file.

After all avenues of documenting income eligibility are exhausted, self-certification is allowable. Evidence of various attempts to prove eligibility must be in the client file, including a notarized statement signed by the potential applicant indicating that the applicant has no other proof of income.

**No Income** (pg. 1-21)

This is not part of DOE guidelines. After all other avenues of documenting income eligibility are exhausted, self-certification is allowable. Evidence of the various attempts at proving eligibility must be contained in the client file, including a notarized statement signed by the potential applicant indicating having no income.

**Prior Weatherization Verification** (pg. 1-23)

Dwelling units weatherized (including dwelling units partially weatherized) may not receive further financial assistance for weatherization until the date that is 15 years after the date such previous weatherization was completed. This paragraph does not preclude dwelling units that have received previous weatherization from receiving assistance and services (including the provision of information and education to assist with energy management and evaluation of the effectiveness of installed weatherization materials).

**Commercial Use** (pg. 1-33)

The third bullet is not part of DOE guidelines.

Buildings comprised of separate commercial and residential spaces might qualify for assistance, if the residential space meets the 50% or 66% eligibility requirements for

the structure. The landlord would have to pay the full cost of weatherizing the commercial area or a percentage of the total cost of weatherization based on the square feet of occupancy. Consult with the AHFC Program Manager on a case-by-case basis.

### **Assisted Living Homes** (pg. 1-34)

Under limited circumstances, Assisted Living Homes may qualify to be served as Shelters. Contact the AHFC Program Manager for further guidance.

### **Shelters** (pg. 1-35)

As for any multifamily structure, DOE guidance governing eligibility and benefits must apply. Because they are not owner-occupied, owner permission is required. The DOE average cost per unit applies. Contact the AHFC Program Manager for guidance before investing DOE funds in a shelter.

### **Other Allowable Uses of Funds** (pg. 1-40)

A previously weatherized dwelling unit may be reweatherized under the following conditions:

- If such dwelling unit has been damaged by fire, flood, or act of God and repair of the damage to the Weatherization materials is not paid for by insurance; or
- It is eligible for reweatherization per *Prior Weatherization Verification* on pg. 9-5.
- Furthermore, the Subgrantee has not exceeded the number of re-WXs allowed in its grant agreement. In addition, the percentage of allowed re-WXs will be published in the State Plan for the current program year. No Subgrantee shall exceed the amount allowed without prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager.

### **Fuel Switch** (pg. 1-40)

DOE funds shall not be used to switch non-renewable fuels. The DOE Weatherization Assistance Program does not permit the general practice of non-renewable fuel switching when replacing furnaces/appliances. However, DOE does allow the changing or converting of a furnace/appliance using one fuel source to another on a limited, case-by-case basis only. **Subgrantees shall obtain written approval from the AHFC Program Manager prior to expending DOE funds for fuel switching.**

Approved renewable energy systems are listed in Section 8. *10 CFR 440 Appendix A—Standards for Weatherization Materials*. Consideration must be given to whether:

- Sufficient capacity of the fuel source is proven;
- The measure will meet or exceed an SIR of 1; and

- Costs for the renewable fuel are expected to be stable for the foreseeable future.

**Prior written approval from the AHFC Program Manager must be obtained before expending DOE funds on renewable energy systems.**

### **Maximum Investment Limits (pg. 1-44)**

DOE maximum funding limits apply to all dwelling units served. The limits for average cost per unit, average cost per unit for renewables, and health/safety are published by AHFC in the annual State Plan. The average cost per unit for renewables is included in the average cost per unit; it is not in addition to the average cost per unit. A rental dwelling unit may qualify to receive DOE funds only under the following conditions:

- the household meets DOE income and occupancy guidelines,
- the landlord/owner certifies in writing that a vacant unit will be occupied by a household that will become income-eligible within 180 days under a federal, State, or government program for rehabilitating the building or making similar improvements to the building, or
- the ineligible rental unit receives common WX building measures funded by DOE and meets all other rental policies in Section 1, *Rental Policies* (pp. 1-25 to 1-31).

Rental dwelling units that qualify for and receive DOE-funded improvements must be counted as DOE units.

Regardless of the funding source, only measures on a list of measures with a cumulative SIR of 1 or greater may be paid for in any portion with DOE funds. Allowable health-and-safety measures also may be provided.

### **WX Funding Limitations on Rentals [Owner Contributions] (pg. 1-26)**

Subgrantees are not allowed to require owner contributions for single-family units.

Landlords may contribute to the weatherization of their buildings.

Owner contributions that may be required, such as described on pp. 1-26 to 1-29, may be separate from monies used to buy down measures.

### **Buy-Downs**

At the Subgrantee's discretion, owners also may buy down measures – such as furnace or boiler replacements or new fenestration – that do save energy but don't achieve an SIR of 1 or greater as a stand-alone measure.



It is DOE's aim to bring as many non-federal resources into the program to buy down measures that do not meet the individual SIR requirements in the initial audit run.

**Note:** All associated health-and-safety costs incurred on a dwelling unit generally are treated outside the SIR when determining cost-effectiveness. However, all energy-related incidental repair measures associated with weatherizing dwelling units are a part of the SIR when determining cost-effectiveness.

Subgrantees shall use this SIR calculation allowance only when the cost-effectiveness for the entire investment in the property can still be substantiated. In other words, a measure can be bought down only when the overall SIR of the DOE package of measures, including the full cost of the measure that will be bought down, is 1.0 or greater.

**Example:** In order for a measure to qualify for the buy-down, the DOE package of measures, including the full cost (the pre-buy-down cost) of the measure, which is to be bought down, must have an SIR of 1.0 or greater.

For example, in the first case below the replacement windows would be eligible for a buy-down; the replacement windows with a full-cost measure SIR = 0.8 could be bought down so the after-buy-down measure cost would have an SIR of at least 1.0 (and the post-buy-down DOE package SIR would increase).

In the second case, the replacement windows would not be eligible for a buy-down, because the pre-buy-down package SIR is below 1.0.

<b>Energy Saving Economics Case 1 – Buy-down Allowed in WAP</b>		
<b>Measure</b>	<b>Measure SIR</b>	<b>Cumulative SIR</b>
Infiltration Reduction	1.3	1.3
Lighting Retrofits	7.4	1.7
Ceiling Insulation	2.4	1.9
Replacement Windows (pre-buy-down)	0.8	1.1 ( $\geq 1.0$ )

<b>Energy Saving Economics Case 2 – Buy-down Not Allowed in WAP</b>		
<b>Measure</b>	<b>Measure SIR</b>	<b>Cumulative SIR</b>
Infiltration Reduction	1.3	1.3
Lighting Retrofits	7.4	1.7
Ceiling Insulation	2.4	1.9
Replacement Windows (pre-buy-down)	0.6	0.9 ( <b>not <math>\geq 1.0</math></b> )

Do not "leapfrog" measures that are already cost-effective in order to accommodate a measure that is included in the DOE package of measures as a result of this guidance. All measures that were cost-effective after the initial energy audit is conducted would remain a part of the list of measures to be completed on the building. Measures that do not attain the SIR of 1.0 only can be considered for buy-down if all the cost-effective measures in the initial audit also are installed.

The following steps are recommended to determine what other funding is necessary to leverage for a measure that would otherwise not meet the SIR requirements:

1. Using the full, non-leveraged cost of all measures, conduct an initial energy audit of the building to determine the package of measures that has a combined SIR of 1.0 or greater, including measures that are not cost-effective without leveraged resources.
2. Determine whether sufficient funds from other resources are available to bring any measures with individual SIRs below 1.0 in that package up to at least an SIR of 1.0.
3. Apply those other funds to that measure and include it in the package of measures.
4. Document the inclusion of the leveraged measure into the weatherization statement of work with the original energy audit and either:
  - a. A summary of all costs associated with the weatherization of the building, including any or all resources to be used, or
  - b. A revised audit in which the leveraged price of the additional measure is used as the measure cost. This documentation will become part of the file along with the inputs and results of both energy audits.

**State funds may be used to buy down measures for any eligible dwelling type (owner-occupied or rental).**

#### **Benefits Must Accrue to Tenants** (pg. 1-29)

Written justification that benefits of weatherization accrue primarily to the tenant is required in the client file. The *Accrual of Benefits to Tenant* form (Section 6, #1) is provided as an option to use for this purpose.

#### **Prioritizing Applications** (pg. 1-47)

Priority shall be given to a household unit with an elderly person (60 or older), a person with disabilities, or a child under six years old before other household units. Emergency circumstances may justify moving a household up the wait list.

#### **Financial Reporting** (pg. 3-5)

Reporting of SHPO data for units assisted with DOE funds is due by September 15. This data shall be provided through WX Online unless otherwise directed by AHFC.

**Budget Control** (pg. 3-8)

The average expense per dwelling unit for program and material costs using DOE funds cannot exceed the amount established each year by DOE and published each year by AHFC in the State Plan.

**Required Approval for Specific Costs** (pg. 3-9)

A T&TA plan must be submitted prior to grant award for DOE funds.

**Program Support** (pg. 3-11)

The DOE maximum funding limit for repairs is \$500 per dwelling unit. The repairs must be necessary to make the installation of Weatherization materials effective.

Pollution Occurrence Insurance is required for DOE-funded projects and is an allowable expense.

All DOE-funded projects must have at least one measure that meets an SIR of one or above. There must be an accounting in each file that shows what measures/materials were charged to DOE.

Only one unit of the primary heating system may be replaced with DOE funds. In some homes, two heaters might be used to comprise the primary heating system (equally used, heating different spaces, etc.). In such cases, Subgrantees shall charge only one replacement unit to DOE funds, and the other to state funds. Having to replace more than one unit in any home should be the exception not the rule.

When in doubt about a material or measure, discuss it with the AHFC Program Manager before charging it to DOE funds. Written justification for replacing more than one unit (regardless of funding source) must be in all project files.

**Unallowable Costs** (pg. 3-13)

Immunization of Weatherization workers is not an allowable expense.

Homes served with State funds only cannot be reported as DOE homes.

**Micro-Purchases** (pg. 3-18)

The micro-purchase threshold is \$10,000.

Per the grant agreement, Subgrantees administering DOE and state funding, shall comply with the procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.317-321 for their programs.

## Section 7. Health and Safety Forms

- Asbestos:** For all homes, provide the client with *Asbestos in your Home* (Form #3) and have client certification of receipt (Form #4) on file.
- Mold:** For all homes, provide the client with *A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home* (Form #1) and have client certification of receipt (Form #9 or other signed certification of receipt) on file.
- Pollution:** For all homes, complete the *Pollution Source Survey* (Form #10)
- Radon:** For all homes, provide the client with *Basic Radon Facts* (Form #5) and have client certification of *Radon Informed Consent* (Form #6) on file.

## Allowable Health and Safety Items

- Ground Vapor Retarder to reduce pollutants, radon, and moisture from the ground into the living area
- Sump pump and/or coverings
- Crawl space ventilation strategies
- Ventilation—whole house and spot, range hood—ASHRAE compliant
- Heating system clean-and-tune and repair or replacement
- Fuel switch heating and hot water for health-and-safety
- Heating system stack and pipe repair and replacement, high temp caulk
- Heating and/or hot water heater replacement for health-and-safety reasons, including stack and venting
- Lead RRP compliance costs/Asbestos/Mold/Pollutants
- Carbon Monoxide and smoke alarms
- Dryer ducting to outside
- Client Education for Health and Safety
- Worker protection and OSHA compliance

See the current DOE Health and Safety Plan attached to this Section for further detail on allowable and required health-and-safety measures.

## 10 CFR 440

**Note:** Appendix A to Part 440—*Standards for Weatherization Materials* is included in Section 8. *Materials Standards* of this manual.

### **Title 10: Energy**

#### **PART 440—WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS**

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6861 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Source: 49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

#### **§ 440.1 Purpose and scope.**

This part implements a weatherization assistance program to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons or to provide such persons renewable energy systems or technologies, reduce their total residential expenditures, and improve their health and safety, especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high energy burden.

[65 FR 77217, Dec. 8, 2000, as amended at 71 FR 35778, June 22, 2006]

#### **§ 440.2 Administration of grants.**

Grant awards under this part shall comply with applicable law including, without limitation, the requirements of:

- (a) Executive Order 12372 entitled "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs", 48 FR 3130, and the DOE Regulation implementing this Executive Order entitled "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Energy Programs and Activities" (10 CFR part 1005);
- (b) Office of Management and Budget Circular A-97, entitled "Rules and Regulations Permitting Federal Agencies to Provide Specialized or Technical Services to State and Local Units of Government under Title III of the Inter-Governmental Coordination Act of 1968;"
- (c) Unless in conflict with provisions of this part, the DOE Financial Assistance Rule (10 CFR part 600); and
- (d) Such other procedures applicable to this part as DOE may from time to time prescribe for the administration of financial assistance.
- (e)(1) States, Tribes and their subawardees, including, but not limited to subrecipients, subgrantees, contractors and subcontractors that participate in the program established under this Part are required to treat all requests for information concerning applicants and recipients of WAP funds in a manner consistent with the Federal Government's treatment of information requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, including the privacy protections contained in Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6). Under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), information relating to an individual's eligibility application or the individual's participation in the program, such as name, address, or income information, are generally exempt from disclosure.
- (2) A balancing test must be used in applying Exemption (b)(6) in order to determine:
  - (i) Whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded;
  - (ii) Whether the release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the Government; and
  - (iii) Whether in balancing the privacy interests against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

(3) A request for personal information including but not limited to the names, addresses, or income information of WAP applicants or recipients would require the State or other service provider to balance a clearly defined public interest in obtaining this information against the individuals' legitimate expectation of privacy.

(4) Given a legitimate, articulated public interest in the disclosure, States and other service providers may release information regarding recipients in the aggregate that does not identify specific individuals. However, a State or service provider must apply an FOIA Exemption (b)(6) balancing test to any request for information that can not be satisfied by such less-intrusive methods.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 75 FR 11422, Mar. 11, 2010; 77 FR 11737, Feb. 28, 2012]

### **§ 440.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

*Act* means the Energy Conservation in Existing Buildings Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6851 *et seq.*

*Assistant Secretary* means the Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Renewable Energy or official to whom the Assistant Secretary's functions may be redelegated by the Secretary.

*Base Allocation* means the fixed amount of funds for each State as set forth in §440.10(b)(1).

*Base temperature* means the temperature used to compute heating and cooling degree days. The average daily outdoor temperature is subtracted from the base temperature to compute heating degree days, and the base temperature is subtracted from the average daily outdoor temperature to compute cooling degree days.

*Biomass* means any organic matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis, including agricultural crops and trees, wood and wood wastes and residues, plants (including aquatic plants), grasses, residues, fibers, and animal wastes, municipal wastes, and other waste materials.

*CAA* means a Community Action Agency.

*Capital-Intensive furnace or cooling efficiency modifications* means those major heating and cooling modifications which require a substantial amount of funds, including replacement and major repairs, but excluding such items as tune-ups, minor repairs, and filters.

*Children* means dependents not exceeding 19 years or a lesser age set forth in the State plan.

*Community Action Agency* means a private corporation or public agency established pursuant to the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Pub. L. 88-452, which is authorized to administer funds received from Federal, State, local, or private funding entities to assess, design, operate, finance, and oversee antipoverty programs.

*Cooling Degree Days* means a population-weighted annual average of the climatological cooling degree days for each weather station within a State, as determined by DOE.

*Deputy Assistant Secretary* means the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technical and Financial Assistance or any official to whom the Deputy Assistant Secretary's functions may be redelegated by the Assistant Secretary.

*DOE* means the Department of Energy.

*Dwelling Unit* means a house, including a stationary mobile home, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as separate living quarters.

*Elderly Person* means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

*Electric base-load measures* means measures which address the energy efficiency and energy usage of lighting and appliances.

*Family Unit* means all persons living together in a dwelling unit.

*Formula Allocation* means the amount of funds for each State as calculated based on the formula in §440.10(b)(3).

*Formula Share* means the percentage of the total formula allocation provided to each State as calculated in §440.10 (b)(3).

*Governor* means the chief executive officer of a State, including the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

*Grantee* means the State or other entity named in the Notification of Grant Award as the recipient.

*Heating Degree Days* means a population-weighted seasonal average of the climatological heating degree days for each weather station within a State, as determined by DOE.

*High residential energy user* means a low-income household whose residential energy expenditures exceed the median level of residential expenditures for all low-income households in the State.

*Household with a high energy burden* means a low-income household whose residential energy burden (residential expenditures divided by the annual income of that household) exceeds the median level of energy burden for all low-income households in the State.

*Incidental Repairs* means those repairs necessary for the effective performance or preservation of weatherization materials. Such repairs include, but are not limited to, framing or repairing windows and doors which could not otherwise be caulked or weather-stripped and providing protective materials, such as paint, used to seal materials installed under this program.

*Indian Tribe* means any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Native Americans, including any Alaskan native village, or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Pub. L. 92-203, 85 Stat. 688, which (1) is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Native Americans because of their status as Native Americans, or (2) is located on, or in proximity to, a Federal or State reservation or rancheria.

*Local Applicant* means a CAA or other public or non profit entity unit of general purpose local government.

*Low income* means that income in relation to family size which:

(1) At or below 200 percent of the poverty level determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, except that the Secretary may establish a higher level if the Secretary, after consulting with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, determines that such a higher level is necessary to carry out the purposes of this part and is consistent with the eligibility criteria established for the weatherization program under Section 222(a)(12) of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964;

(2) Is the basis on which cash assistance payments have been paid during the preceding twelve month-period under Titles IV and XVI of the Social Security Act or applicable State or local law; or

(3) If a State elects, is the basis for eligibility for assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, provided that such basis is at least 200 percent of the poverty level determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

*Native American* means a person who is a member of an Indian tribe.

*Non-Federal leveraged resources* means those benefits identified by State or local agencies to supplement the Federal grant activities and that are made available to or used in conjunction with the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program for the purposes of the Act for use in eligible low-income dwelling units.

*Persons with Disabilities* means any individual (1) who is a handicapped individual as defined in section 7(6) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (2) who is under a disability as defined in section

1614(a)(3)(A) or 223(d)(1) of the Social Security Act or in section 102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act, or (3) who is receiving benefits under chapter 11 or 15 of title 38, U.S.C.

*Program Allocation* means the base allocation plus formula allocation for each State.

*Relevant Reporting Period* means the Federal fiscal year beginning on October 1 and running through September 30 of the following calendar year.

*Renewable energy system* means a system which when installed in connection with a dwelling—

(1) Transmits or uses solar energy, energy derived from geothermal deposits, energy derived from biomass (or any other form of renewable energy which DOE subsequently specifies through an amendment of this part) for the purpose of heating or cooling such dwelling or providing hot water or electricity for use within such dwelling; or wind energy for nonbusiness residential purposes; and

(2) Which meets the performance and quality standards prescribed in §440.21 (c) of this part.

*Rental Dwelling Unit* means a dwelling unit occupied by a person who pays rent for the use of the dwelling unit.

*Residential Energy Expenditures* means the average annual cost of purchased residential energy, including the cost of renewable energy resources.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Department of Energy.

*Separate Living Quarters* means living quarters in which the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and which have either direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall or complete kitchen facilities for the exclusive use of the occupants. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements, and includes shelters for homeless persons.

*Shelter* means a dwelling unit or units whose principal purpose is to house on a temporary basis individuals who may or may not be related to one another and who are not living in nursing homes, prisons, or similar institutional care facilities.

*Single-Family Dwelling Unit* means a structure containing no more than one dwelling unit.

*Skirting* means material used to border the bottom of a dwelling unit to prevent infiltration.

*State* means each of the States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

*Subgrantee* means an entity managing a weatherization project which receives a grant of funds awarded under this part from a grantee.

*Support Office Director* means the Director of the DOE Field Support Office with the responsibility for grant administration or any official to whom that function may be redelegated by the Assistant Secretary.

*Total Program Allocations* means the annual appropriation less funds reserved for training and technical assistance.

*Tribal Organization* means the recognized governing body of any Indian tribe or any legally established organization of Native Americans which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body.

*Unit of General Purpose Local Government* means any city, county, town, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State.

*Vestibule* means an enclosure built around a primary entry to a dwelling unit.

*Weatherization Materials* mean:

(1) Caulking and weatherstripping of doors and windows;



- (2) Furnace efficiency modifications including, but not limited to—
- (i) Replacement burners, furnaces, or boilers or any combination thereof;
  - (ii) Devices for minimizing energy loss through heating system, chimney, or venting devices; and
  - (iii) Electrical or mechanical furnace ignition systems which replace standing gas pilot lights;
- (3) Cooling efficiency modifications including, but not limited to—
- (i) Replacement air conditioners;
  - (ii) Ventilation equipment;
  - (iii) Screening and window films; and
  - (iv) Shading devices.

*Weatherization Project* means a project conducted in a single geographical area which undertakes to weatherize dwelling units that are energy inefficient.

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#### § 440.10 Allocation of funds.

- (a) DOE shall allocate financial assistance for each State from sums appropriated for any fiscal year, upon annual application.
- (b) Based on total program allocations at or above the amount of \$209,724,761, DOE shall determine the program allocation for each State from available funds as follows:
- (1) Allocate to each State a "Base Allocation" as listed in Table 1.

**Base Allocation Table**

State	Base allocation
Alabama	\$1,636,000
Alaska	1,425,000
Arizona	760,000
Arkansas	1,417,000
California	4,404,000
Colorado	4,574,000
Connecticut	1,887,000
Delaware	409,000
District of Columbia	487,000
Florida	761,000
Georgia	1,844,000
Hawaii	120,000
Idaho	1,618,000
Illinois	10,717,000
Indiana	5,156,000
Iowa	4,032,000
Kansas	1,925,000
Kentucky	3,615,000
Louisiana	912,000
Maine	2,493,000
Maryland	1,963,000
Massachusetts	5,111,000

Michigan	12,346,000
Minnesota	8,342,000
Mississippi	1,094,000
Missouri	4,615,000
Montana	2,123,000
Nebraska	2,013,000
Nevada	586,000
New Hampshire	1,193,000
New Jersey	3,775,000
New Mexico	1,519,000
New York	15,302,000
North Carolina	2,853,000
North Dakota	2,105,000
Ohio	10,665,000
Oklahoma	1,846,000
Oregon	2,320,000
Pennsylvania	11,457,000
Rhode Island	878,000
South Carolina	1,130,000
South Dakota	1,561,000
Tennessee	3,218,000
Texas	2,999,000
Utah	1,692,000
Vermont	1,014,000
Virginia	2,970,000
Washington	3,775,000
West Virginia	2,573,000
Wisconsin	7,061,000
Wyoming	967,000
American Samoa	120,000
Guam	120,000
Puerto Rico	120,000
Northern Mariana Islands	120,000
Virgin Islands	120,000
Total	171,858,000

(2) Subtract 171,258,000 from total program allocations.

(3) Calculate each State's formula share as follows:

(i) Divide the number of "Low Income" households in each State by the number of "Low Income" households in the United States and multiply by 100.

(ii) Divide the number of "Heating Degree Days" for each State by the median "Heating Degree Days" for all States.

(iii) Divide the number of "Cooling Degree Days" for each State by the median "Cooling Degree Days" for all States, then multiply by 0.1.

(iv) Calculate the sum of the two numbers from paragraph (b)(3)(ii) and (iii) of this section.

(v) Divide the residential energy expenditures for each State by the number of households in the State.

(vi) Divide the sum of the residential energy expenditures for the States in each Census division by the sum of the households for the States in that division.

(vii) Divide the quotient from paragraph (b)(3)(v) of this section by the quotient from paragraph (b)(3)(vi) of this section.

(viii) Multiply the quotient from paragraph (b)(3)(vii) of this section for each State by the residential energy expenditures per low-income household for its respective Census division.

(ix) Divide the product from paragraph (b)(3)(viii) of this section for each State by the median of the products of all States.

(x) Multiply the results for paragraph (b)(3)(i), (iv) and (ix) of this section for each State.

(xi) Divide the product in paragraph (b)(3)(x) of this section for each State by the sum of the products in paragraph (b)(3)(x) of this section for all States.

(4) Calculate each State's program allocation as follows:

(i) Multiply the remaining funds calculated in paragraph (b)(2) of this section by the formula share calculated in paragraph (b)(3)(xi) of this section,

(ii) Add the base allocation from paragraph (b)(1) of this section to the product of paragraph (b)(4)(i) of this section.

(c) Should total program allocations for any fiscal year fall below \$209,724,761, then each State's program allocation shall be reduced from its allocated amount under a total program allocation of \$209,724,761 by the same percentage as total program allocations for the fiscal year fall below \$209,724,761.

(d) All data sources used in the development of the formula are publicly available. The relevant data is available from the Bureau of the Census, the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(e) Should updates to the data used in the formula become available in any fiscal year, these changes would be implemented in the formula in the following program year.

(f) DOE may reduce the program allocation for a State by the amount DOE determines cannot be reasonably expended by a grantee to weatherize dwelling units during the budget period for which financial assistance is to be awarded. In reaching this determination, DOE will consider the amount of unexpended financial assistance currently available to a grantee under this part and the number of dwelling units which remains to be weatherized with the unexpended financial assistance.

(g) DOE may increase the program allocation of a State by the amount DOE determines the grantee can expend to weatherize additional dwelling units during the budget period for which financial assistance is to be awarded.

(h) The Support Office Director shall notify each State of the program allocation for which that State is eligible to apply.

[60 FR 29480, June 5, 1995, as amended at 74 FR 12539, Mar. 25, 2009]

#### **§ 440.11 Native Americans.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the Support Office Director may determine, after taking into account the amount of funds made available to a State to carry out the purposes of this part, that:

(1) The low-income members of an Indian tribe are not receiving benefits under this part equivalent to the assistance provided to other low-income persons in the State under this part and

(2) The low-income members of such tribe would be better served by means of a grant made directly to provide such assistance.

(b) In any State for which the Support Office Director shall have made the determination referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, the Support Office Director shall reserve from the sums that would otherwise be allocated to the State under this part not less than 100 percent,

or more than 150 percent, of an amount which bears the same ratio to the State's allocation for the fiscal year involved as the population of all low-income Native Americans for whom a determination under paragraph (a) of this section has been made bears to the population of all low-income persons in the State.

(c) The Support Office Director shall make the determination prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section in the event a State:

- (1) Does not apply within the sixty-day time period prescribed in §440.12(a);
- (2) Recommends that direct grants be made for low-income members of an Indian tribe as provided in §440.12(b)(5);
- (3) Files an application which DOE determines, in accordance with the procedures in §440.30, not to make adequate provision for the low-income members of an Indian tribe residing in the State; or
- (4) Has received grant funds and DOE determines, in accordance with the procedures in §440.30, that the State has failed to implement the procedures required by §440.16(6).

(d) Any sums reserved by the Support Office Director pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section shall be granted to the tribal organization serving the individuals for whom the determination has been made, or where there is no tribal organization, to such other entity as the Support Office Director determines is able to provide adequate weatherization assistance pursuant to this part. Where the Support Office Director intends to make a grant to an organization to perform services benefiting more than one Indian tribe, the approval of each Indian tribe shall be a prerequisite for the issuance of a notice of grant award.

(e) Within 30 days after the Support Office Director has reserved funds pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, the Support Office Director shall give written notice to the tribal organization or other qualified entity of the amount of funds reserved and its eligibility to apply therefor.

(f) Such tribal organization or other qualified entity shall thereafter be treated as a unit of general purpose local government eligible to apply for funds hereunder, pursuant to the provisions of §440.13.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993]

#### **§ 440.12 State application.**

(a) To be eligible for financial assistance under this part, a State shall submit an application to DOE in conformity with the requirements of this part not later than 60 days after the date of notice to apply is received from the Support Office Director. After receipt of an application for financial assistance or for approval of an amendment to a State plan, the Support Office Director may request the State to submit within a reasonable period of time any revisions necessary to make the application complete or to bring the application into compliance with the requirements of this part. The Support Office Director shall attempt to resolve any dispute over the application informally and to seek voluntary compliance. If a State fails to submit timely appropriate revisions to complete the application, the Support Office Director may reject the application as incomplete in a written decision, including a statement of reasons, which shall be subject to administrative review under §440.30 of this part.

(b) Each application shall include:

- (1) The name and address of the State agency or office responsible for administering the program;
- (2) A copy of the final State plan prepared after notice and a public hearing in accordance with §440.14(a), except that an application by a local applicant need not include a copy of the final State plan;
- (3) The budget for total funds applied for under the Act, which shall include a justification and explanation of any amounts requested for expenditure pursuant to §440.18(d) for State administration;

- (4) The total number of dwelling units proposed to be weatherized with grant funds during the budget period for which assistance is to be awarded—
- (i) With financial assistance previously obligated under this part, and
  - (ii) With the program allocation to the State;
- (5) A recommendation that a tribal organization be treated as a local applicant eligible to submit an application pursuant to §440.13(b), if such a recommendation is to be made;
- (6) A monitoring plan which shall indicate the method used by the State to insure the quality of work and adequate financial management control at the subgrantee level;
- (7) A training and technical assistance plan which shall indicate how funds for training and technical assistance will be used; and
- (8) Any further information which the Secretary finds necessary to determine whether an application meets the requirements of this part.
- (c) On or before 60 days from the date that a timely filed application is complete, the Support Office Director shall decide whether DOE shall approve the application. The Support Office Director may—
- (1) Approve the application in whole or in part to the extent that the application conforms to the requirements of this part;
  - (2) Approve the application in whole or in part subject to special conditions designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of this part; or
  - (3) Disapprove the application if it does not conform to the requirements of this part.
- (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1904-0047)

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#### **§ 440.13 Local applications.**

- (a) The Support Office Director shall give written notice to all local applicants throughout a State of their eligibility to apply for financial assistance under this part in the event:
- (1) A State, within which a local applicant is situated, fails to submit an application within 60 days after notice in accordance with §440.12(a) or
  - (2) The Support Office Director finally disapproves the application of a State, and, under §440.30, either no appeal is filed or the Support Office Director's decision is affirmed.
- (b) To be eligible for financial assistance, a local applicant shall submit an application pursuant to §440.12(b) to the Support Office Director within 30 days after receiving the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this section.
- (c) In the event one or more local applicants submits an application for financial assistance to carry out projects in the same geographical area, the Support Office Director shall hold a public hearing with the same procedures that apply under section §440.14(a).
- (d) Based on the information provided by a local applicant and developed in any hearing held under paragraph (c) of this section, the Support Office Director shall determine in writing whether to award a grant to carry out one or more weatherization projects.
- (e) If there is an adverse decision in whole or in part under paragraph (d) of this section, that decision is subject to administrative review under §440.30 of this part.
- (f) If, after a State application has been finally disapproved by DOE and the Support Office Director approves local applications under this section, the Support Office Director may reject a new State application in whole or in part as disruptive and untimely without prejudice to submission of an application for the next program year.

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**§ 440.14 State plans.**

(a) Before submitting to DOE an application, a State must provide at least 10 days notice of a hearing to inform prospective subgrantees, and must conduct one or more public hearings to receive comments on a proposed State plan. The notice for the hearing must specify that copies of the plan are available and state how the public may obtain them. The State must prepare a transcript of the hearings and accept written submission of views and data for the record.

(b) The proposed State plan must:

(1) Identify and describe proposed weatherization projects, including a statement of proposed subgrantees and the amount of funding each will receive;

(2) Address the other items contained in paragraph (c) of this section; and

(3) Be made available throughout the State prior to the hearing.

(c) After the hearing, the State must prepare a final State plan that identifies and describes:

(1) The production schedule for the State indicating projected expenditures and the number of dwelling units, including previously weatherized units which are expected to be weatherized annually during the program year;

(2) The climatic conditions within the State;

(3) The type of weatherization work to be done;

(4) An estimate of the amount of energy to be conserved;

(5) Each area to be served by a weatherization project within the State, and must include for each area:

(i) The tentative allocation;

(ii) The number of dwelling units expected to be weatherized during the program year; and

(iii) Sources of labor.

(6) How the State plan is to be implemented, including:

(i) An analysis of the existence and effectiveness of any weatherization project being carried out by a subgrantee;

(ii) An explanation of the method used to select each area served by a weatherization project;

(iii) The extent to which priority will be given to the weatherization of single-family or other high energy-consuming dwelling units;

(iv) The amount of non-Federal resources to be applied to the program;

(v) The amount of Federal resources, other than DOE weatherization grant funds, to be applied to the program;

(vi) The amount of weatherization grant funds allocated to the State under this part;

(vii) The expected average cost per dwelling to be weatherized, taking into account the total number of dwellings to be weatherized and the total amount of funds, Federal and non-Federal, expected to be applied to the program;

(viii) The average amount of the DOE funds specified in §440.18(c)(1) through (9) to be applied to any dwelling unit;

(ix) [Reserved]

(x) The procedures used by the State for providing additional administrative funds to qualified subgrantees as specified in §440.18(d);

(xi) Procedures for determining the most cost-effective measures in a dwelling unit;

(xii) The definition of "low-income" which the State has chosen for determining eligibility for use statewide in accordance with §440.22(a);

(xiii) The definition of "children" which the State has chosen consistent with §440.3; and

(xiv) The amount of Federal funds and how they will be used to increase the amount of weatherization assistance that the State obtains from non-Federal sources, including private sources, and the expected leveraging effect to be accomplished.

[65 FR 77217, Dec. 8, 2000, as amended at 66 FR 58366, Nov. 21, 2001]

#### **§ 440.15 Subgrantees.**

(a) The grantee shall ensure that:

(1) Each subgrantee is a CAA or other public or nonprofit entity;

(2) Each subgrantee is selected on the basis of public comment received during a public hearing conducted pursuant to §440.14(a) and other appropriate findings regarding:

(i) The subgrantee's experience and performance in weatherization or housing renovation activities;

(ii) The subgrantee's experience in assisting low-income persons in the area to be served; and

(iii) The subgrantee's capacity to undertake a timely and effective weatherization program.

(3) In selecting a subgrantee, preference is given to any CAA or other public or nonprofit entity which has, or is currently administering, an effective program under this part or under title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, with program effectiveness evaluated by consideration of factors including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

(i) The extent to which the past or current program achieved or is achieving weatherization goals in a timely fashion;

(ii) The quality of work performed by the subgrantee;

(iii) The number, qualifications, and experience of the staff members of the subgrantee; and

(iv) The ability of the subgrantee to secure volunteers, training participants, public service employment workers, and other Federal or State training programs.

(b) The grantee shall ensure that the funds received under this part will be allocated to the entities selected in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, such that funds will be allocated to areas on the basis of the relative need for a weatherization project by low-income persons.

(c) If DOE finds that a subgrantee selected to undertake weatherization activities under this part has failed to comply substantially with the provisions of the Act or this part and should be replaced, such finding shall be treated as a finding under §440.30(i) for purposes of §440.30.

(d) Any new or additional subgrantee shall be selected at a hearing in accordance with §440.14(a) and upon the basis of the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section.

(e) A State may terminate financial assistance under a subgrant agreement for a grant period only in accordance with established State procedures that provide to the subgrantee appropriate notice of the State's reasons for termination and afford the subgrantee an adequate opportunity to be heard.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 55 FR 41326, Oct. 10, 1990; 58 FR 12526, Mar. 4, 1993; 65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000]

#### **§ 440.16 Minimum program requirements.**

Prior to the expenditure of any grant funds each grantee shall develop, publish, and implement procedures to ensure that:

- (a) No dwelling unit may be weatherized without documentation that the dwelling unit is an eligible dwelling unit as provided in §440.22;
- (b) Priority is given to identifying and providing weatherization assistance to:
- (1) Elderly persons;
  - (2) Persons with disabilities;
  - (3) Families with children;
  - (4) High residential energy users; and
  - (5) Households with a high energy burden.
- (c) Financial assistance provided under this part will be used to supplement, and not supplant, State or local funds, and, to the maximum extent practicable as determined by DOE, to increase the amounts of these funds that would be made available in the absence of Federal funds provided under this part;
- (d) To the maximum extent practicable, the grantee will secure the services of volunteers when such personnel are generally available, training participants and public service employment workers, other Federal or State training program workers, to work under the supervision of qualified supervisors and foremen;
- (e) To the maximum extent practicable, the use of weatherization assistance shall be coordinated with other Federal, State, local, or privately funded programs in order to improve energy efficiency and to conserve energy;
- (f) The low-income members of an Indian tribe shall receive benefits equivalent to the assistance provided to other low-income persons within a State unless the grantee has made the recommendation provided in §440.12(b)(5);
- (g) No dwelling unit may be reported to DOE as completed until all weatherization materials have been installed and the subgrantee, or its authorized representative, has performed a final inspection(s) including any mechanical work performed and certified that the work has been completed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with the priority determined by the audit procedures required by §440.21; and
- (h) Subgrantees limit expenditure of funds under this part for installation of materials (other than weatherization materials) to abate energy-related health and safety hazards, to a list of types of such hazards, permissible abatement materials and their costs which is submitted, and updated as necessary at the same time as an annual application under §440.12 of this part and which DOE shall approve if—
- (1) Elimination of such hazards are necessary before, or as a result of, installation of weatherization materials; and
  - (2) The grantee sets forth a limitation on the percent of average dwelling unit costs which may be used to abate such hazards which is reasonable in light of the primary energy conservation purpose of this part;
- (i) The benefits of weatherization to occupants of rental units are protected in accordance with §440.22(b)(3) of this part.

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#### **§ 440.17 Policy Advisory Council.**

- (a) Prior to the expenditure of any grant funds, a State policy advisory council, or a State commission or council which serves the same functions as a State policy advisory council, must be established by a State or by the Regional Office Director if a State does not participate in the Program which:



- (1) Has special qualifications and sensitivity with respect to solving the problems of low-income persons, including the weatherization and energy conservation problems of these persons;
- (2) Is broadly representative of organizations and agencies, including consumer groups that represent low-income persons, particularly elderly and handicapped low-income persons and low-income Native Americans, in the State or geographical area in question; and
- (3) Has responsibility for advising the appropriate official or agency administering the allocation of financial assistance in the State or area with respect to the development and implementation of a weatherization assistance program.

(b) Any person employed in any State Weatherization Program may also be a member of an existing commission or council, but must abstain from reviewing and approving activities associated with the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program.

(c) States which opt to utilize an existing commission or council must certify to DOE, as a part of the annual application, of the council's or commission's independence in reviewing and approving activities associated with the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993; 65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000]

#### **§ 440.18 Allowable expenditures.**

(a) Except as adjusted, the expenditure of financial assistance provided under this part for labor, weatherization materials, and related matters included in paragraphs (c)(1) through (9) of this section shall not exceed an average of \$6,500 per dwelling unit weatherized in the State, except as adjusted in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) The expenditure of financial assistance provided under this part for labor, weatherization materials, and related matters for a renewable energy system, shall not exceed an average of \$3,000 per dwelling unit.

(c) The \$6,500 average will be adjusted annually by DOE beginning in calendar year 2010 and the \$3,000 average for renewable energy systems will be adjusted annually by DOE beginning in calendar year 2007, by increasing the limitations by an amount equal to:

- (1) The limitation amount for the previous year, multiplied by
- (2) The lesser of:
  - (i) The percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (all items, United States city average) for the most recent calendar year completed before the beginning of the year for which the determination is being made, or
  - (ii) Three percent.
- (3) For the purposes of determining the average cost per dwelling limitation, costs for the purchase of vehicles or other certain types of equipment as defined in 10 CFR part 600 may be amortized over the useful life of the vehicle or equipment.

(d) Allowable expenditures under this part include only:

- (1) The cost of purchase and delivery of weatherization materials;
- (2) Labor costs, in accordance with §440.19;
- (3) Transportation of weatherization materials, tools, equipment, and work crews to a storage site and to the site of weatherization work;
- (4) Maintenance, operation, and insurance of vehicles used to transport weatherization materials;
- (5) Maintenance of tools and equipment;
- (6) The cost of purchasing vehicles, except that any purchase of vehicles must be referred to DOE for prior approval in every instance.
- (7) Employment of on-site supervisory personnel;

- (8) Storage of weatherization materials, tools, and equipment;
  - (9) The cost of incidental repairs if such repairs are necessary to make the installation of weatherization materials effective;
  - (10) The cost of liability insurance for weatherization projects for personal injury and for property damage;
  - (11) The cost of carrying out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities in accordance with §440.20;
  - (12) The cost of weatherization program financial audits as required by §440.23(d);
  - (13) Allowable administrative expenses under paragraph (d) of this section; and
  - (14) Funds used for leveraging activities in accordance with §440.14(b)(9)(xiv); and
  - (15) The cost of eliminating health and safety hazards elimination of which is necessary before, or because of, installation of weatherization materials.
- (e) Not more than 10 percent of any grant made to a State may be used by the grantee and subgrantees for administrative purposes in carrying out duties under this part, except that not more than 5 percent may be used by the State for such purposes, and not less than 5 percent must be made available to subgrantees by States. A State may provide in its annual plan for recipients of grants of less than \$350,000 to use up to an additional 5 percent of such grants for administration if the State has determined that such recipient requires such additional amount to implement effectively the administrative requirements established by DOE pursuant to this part.
- (f) No grant funds awarded under this part shall be used for any of the following purposes:
- (1) To weatherize a dwelling unit which is designated for acquisition or clearance by a Federal, State, or local program within 12 months from the date weatherization of the dwelling unit would be scheduled to be completed; or
  - (2) To install or otherwise provide weatherization materials for a dwelling unit weatherized previously with grant funds under this part, except:
    - (i) As provided under §440.20;
    - (ii) If such dwelling unit has been damaged by fire, flood, or act of God and repair of the damage to weatherization materials is not paid for by insurance; or
    - (iii) That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or under other Federal programs during the period September 30, 1975, through September 30, 1993, may receive further financial assistance for weatherization under this part. While DOE will continue to require these homes to be reported separately, States may count these homes as completions for the purposes of compliance with the per-home expenditure limit in §440.18. Each dwelling unit must receive a new energy audit which takes into account any previous energy conservation improvements to the dwelling.

[58 FR 12526, Mar. 4, 1993, as amended at 65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000; 66 FR 58366, Nov. 21, 2001; 71 FR 35778, June 22, 2006; 74 FR 12540, Mar. 25, 2009]

#### **§ 440.19 Labor.**

Payments for labor costs under §440.18(c)(2) must consist of:

- (a) Payments permitted by the Department of Labor to supplement wages paid to training participants, public service employment workers, or other Federal or State training programs; and
- (b) Payments to employ labor or to engage a contractor (particularly a nonprofit organization or a business owned by disadvantaged individuals which performs weatherization services), provided a grantee has determined an adequate number of volunteers, training participants, public service employment workers, or other Federal or State training programs are not

available to weatherize dwelling units for a subgrantee under the supervision of qualified supervisors.

[65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000]

#### **§ 440.20 Low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities.**

(a) An eligible dwelling unit may be weatherized without regard to the limitations contained in §440.18 (e)(2) or §440.21(b) from funds designated by the grantee for carrying out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities provided:

(1) Inexpensive weatherization materials are used, such as water flow controllers, furnace or cooling filters, or items which are primarily directed toward reducing infiltration, including weatherstripping, caulking, glass patching, and insulation for plugging and

(2) No labor paid with funds provided under this part is used to install weatherization materials referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) A maximum of 10 percent of the amount allocated to a subgrantee, not to exceed \$50 in materials costs per dwelling unit, may be expended to carry out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities, unless the Support Office Director approves a higher expenditure per dwelling unit.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 50 FR 713, Jan. 4, 1985; 58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993]

#### **§ 440.21 Weatherization materials standards and energy audit procedures.**

(a) Paragraph (b) of this section describes the required standards for weatherization materials. Paragraph (c)(1) of this section describes the performance and quality standards for renewable energy systems. Paragraph (c)(2) of this section specifies the procedures and criteria that are used for considering a petition from a manufacturer requesting the Secretary to certify an item as a renewable energy system. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section describe the cost-effectiveness tests that weatherization materials must pass before they may be installed in an eligible dwelling unit. Paragraph (f) of this section lists the other energy audit requirements that do not pertain to cost-effectiveness tests of weatherization materials. Paragraphs (g) and (h) of this section describe the use of priority lists and presumptively cost-effective general heat waste reduction materials as part of a State's energy audit procedures. Paragraph (i) of this section explains that a State's energy audit procedures and priority lists must be re-approved by DOE every five years.

(b) Only weatherization materials which are listed in appendix A to this part and which meet or exceed standards prescribed in appendix A to this part may be purchased with funds provided under this part. However, DOE may approve an unlisted material upon application from any State.

(c)(1) A system or technology shall not be considered by DOE to be a renewable energy system under this part unless:

(i) It will result in a reduction in oil or natural gas consumption;

(ii) It will not result in an increased use of any item which is known to be, or reasonably expected to be, environmentally hazardous or a threat to public health or safety;

(iii) Available Federal subsidies do not make such a specification unnecessary or inappropriate (in light of the most advantageous allocation of economic resources); and

(iv) If a combustion rated system, it has a thermal efficiency rating of at least 75 percent; or, in the case of a solar system, it has a thermal efficiency rating of at least 15 percent.

(2) Any manufacturer may submit a petition to DOE requesting the Secretary to certify an item as a renewable energy system.

(i) Petitions should be submitted to: Weatherization Assistance Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable, Mail Stop EE-2K, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

(ii) A petition for certification of an item as a renewable energy system must be accompanied by information demonstrating that the item meets the criteria in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(iii) DOE may publish a document in the Federal Register that invites public comment on a petition.

(iv) DOE shall notify the petitioner of the Secretary's action on the request within one year after the filing of a complete petition, and shall publish notice of approvals and denials in the Federal Register.

(d) Except for materials to eliminate health and safety hazards allowable under §440.18(c)(15), each individual weatherization material and package of weatherization materials installed in an eligible dwelling unit must be cost-effective. These materials must result in energy cost savings over the lifetime of the measure(s), discounted to present value, that equal or exceed the cost of materials, installation, and on-site supervisory personnel as defined by the Department. States have the option of requiring additional related costs to be included in the determination of cost-effectiveness. The cost of incidental repairs must be included in the cost of the package of measures installed in a dwelling.

(e) The energy audit procedures must assign priorities among individual weatherization materials in descending order of their cost-effectiveness according to paragraph (d) of this section after:

(1) Adjusting for interaction between architectural and mechanical weatherization materials by using generally accepted engineering methods to decrease the estimated fuel cost savings for a lower priority weatherization material in light of fuel cost savings for a related higher priority weatherization material; and

(2) Eliminating any weatherization materials that are no longer cost-effective, as adjusted under paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(f) The energy audit procedures also must—

(1) Compute the cost of fuel saved per year by taking into account the climatic data of the area where the dwelling unit is located, where the base temperature that determines the number of heating or cooling degree days (if used) reasonably approximates conditions when operation of heating and cooling equipment is required to maintain comfort, and must otherwise use reasonable energy estimating methods and assumptions;

(2) Determine existing energy use and energy requirements of the dwelling unit from actual energy bills or by generally accepted engineering calculations;

(3) Address significant heating and cooling needs;

(4) Make provision for the use of advanced diagnostic and assessment techniques which DOE has determined are consistent with sound engineering practices;

(5) Identify health and safety hazards to be abated with DOE funds in compliance with the State's DOE-approved health and safety procedures under §440.16(h);

(6) Treat the dwelling unit as a whole system by examining its heating and cooling system, its air exchange system, and its occupants' living habits and needs, and making necessary adjustments to the priority of weatherization materials with adequate documentation of the reasons for such an adjustment; and

(7) Be specifically approved by DOE for use on each major dwelling type that represents a significant portion of the State's weatherization program in light of the varying energy audit requirements of different dwelling types including single-family dwellings, multi-family buildings, and mobile homes.

(g) For similar dwelling units without unusual energy-consuming characteristics, energy audits may be accomplished by using a priority list developed by conducting, in compliance with paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section, site-specific energy audits of a representative subset of these dwelling units. For DOE approval, States must describe how the priority list was developed, how the subset of similar homes was determined, and circumstances that will require site-specific audits rather than the use of the priority lists. States also must provide the

input data and list of weatherization measures recommended by the energy audit software or manual methods for several dwelling units from the subset of similar units.

(h) States may use, as a part of an energy audit, general heat waste reduction weatherization materials that DOE has determined to be generally cost-effective. States may request approval to use general heat waste materials not listed in DOE policy guidance by providing documentation of their cost-effectiveness and a description of the circumstances under which such materials will be used.

(i) States must resubmit their energy audit procedures (and priority lists, if applicable, under certain conditions) to DOE for approval every five years. States must also resubmit to DOE, for approval every five years, their list of general heat waste materials in addition to those approved by DOE in policy guidance, if applicable. Policy guidance will describe the information States must submit to DOE and the circumstances that reduce or increase documentation requirements.

[65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000, as amended at 71 FR 35778, June 22, 2006]

#### **§ 440.22 Eligible dwelling units.**

(a) A dwelling unit shall be eligible for weatherization assistance under this part if it is occupied by a family unit:

(1) Whose income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget,

(2) Which contains a member who has received cash assistance payments under Title IV or XVI of the Social Security Act or applicable State or local law at any time during the 12-month period preceding the determination of eligibility for weatherization assistance; or

(3) If the State elects, is eligible for assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, provided that such basis is at least 200 percent of the poverty level determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(b) A subgrantee may weatherize a building containing rental dwelling units using financial assistance for dwelling units eligible for weatherization assistance under paragraph (a) of this section, where:

(1) The subgrantee has obtained the written permission of the owner or his agent;

(2) Not less than 66 percent (50 percent for duplexes and four-unit buildings, and certain eligible types of large multi-family buildings) of the dwelling units in the building:

(i) Are eligible dwelling units, or

(ii) Will become eligible dwelling units within 180 days under a Federal, State, or local government program for rehabilitating the building or making similar improvements to the building; and

(3) The grantee has established procedures for dwellings which consist of a rental unit or rental units to ensure that:

(i) The benefits of weatherization assistance in connection with such rental units, including units where the tenants pay for their energy through their rent, will accrue primarily to the low-income tenants residing in such units;

(ii) For a reasonable period of time after weatherization work has been completed on a dwelling containing a unit occupied by an eligible household, the tenants in that unit (including households paying for their energy through their rent) will not be subjected to rent increases unless those increases are demonstrably related to matters other than the weatherization work performed;

(iii) The enforcement of paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section is provided through procedures established by the State by which tenants may file complaints, and owners, in response to such complaints, shall demonstrate that the rent increase concerned is related to matters other than the weatherization work performed; and

- (iv) No undue or excessive enhancement shall occur to the value of the dwelling units.
- (4)(i) A building containing rental dwelling units meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(2), and paragraphs (b)(3)(ii) and (b)(3)(iv), of this section if it is included on the most recent list posted by DOE of Assisted Housing and Public Housing buildings identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as meeting those requirements.
- (ii) A building containing rental dwelling units meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(2), and paragraph (b)(3)(iv), of this section if it is included on the most recent list posted by DOE of Assisted Housing and Public Housing buildings identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as meeting those requirements.
- (iii) A building containing rental dwelling units meets the requirement of paragraph (b)(2) of this section if it is included on the most recent list posted by DOE of Low Income Housing Tax Credit buildings identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as meeting that requirement and of Rural Housing Service Multifamily Housing buildings identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as meeting that requirement.
- (iv) For buildings identified under paragraphs (b)(4)(i), (ii) and (iii) of this section, States will continue to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the remaining requirements of this section, and States shall establish requirements and procedures to ensure such compliance in accordance with this section.
- (c) In order to secure the Federal investment made under this part and address the issues of eviction from and sale of property receiving weatherization materials under this part, States may seek landlord agreement to placement of a lien or to other contractual restrictions;
- (d) As a condition of having assistance provided under this part with respect to multifamily buildings, a State may require financial participation, when feasible, from the owners of such buildings. Such financial participation shall not be reported as program income, nor will it be treated as if it were appropriated funds. The funds contributed by the landlord shall be expended in accordance with the agreement between the landlord and the weatherization agency.
- (e) In devising procedures under paragraph (b)(3)(iii) of this section, States should consider requiring use of alternative dispute resolution procedures including arbitration.
- (f) A State may weatherize shelters. For the purpose of determining how many dwelling units exist in a shelter, a grantee may count each 800 square feet of the shelter as a dwelling unit or it may count each floor of the shelter as a dwelling unit.

[58 FR 12528, Mar. 4, 1993, as amended at 65 FR 77219, Dec. 8, 2000; 74 FR 12540, Mar. 25, 2009; 75 FR 3856, Jan. 25, 2010]

#### **§ 440.23 Oversight, training, and technical assistance.**

- (a) The Secretary and the appropriate Support Office Director, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall monitor and evaluate the operation of projects carried out by CAA's receiving financial assistance under this part through on-site inspections, or through other means, in order to ensure the effective provision of weatherization assistance for the dwelling units of low-income persons.
- (b) DOE shall also carry out periodic evaluations of a program and weatherization projects that are not carried out by a CAA and that are receiving financial assistance under this part.
- (c) The Secretary and the appropriate Support Office Director, the Comptroller General of the United States, and for a weatherization project carried out by a CAA, the Secretary of Health and Human Services or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, information, and records of any weatherization project receiving financial assistance under the Act for the purpose of audit and examination.
- (d) Each grantee shall ensure that audits by or on behalf of subgrantees are conducted with reasonable frequency, on a continuing basis, or at scheduled intervals, usually annually, but not

less frequently than every two years, in accordance with 10 CFR part 600, and OMB Circular 110, Attachment F, as applicable.

(e) The Secretary may reserve from the funds appropriated for any fiscal year an amount not to exceed 20 percent to provide, directly or indirectly, training and technical assistance to any grantee or subgrantee. Such training and technical assistance may include providing information concerning conservation practices to occupants of eligible dwelling units.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993; 74 FR 12540, Mar. 25, 2009]

#### **§ 440.24 Recordkeeping.**

Each grantee or subgrantee receiving Federal financial assistance under this part shall keep such records as DOE shall require, including records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by each grantee and subgrantee of the funds received, the total cost of a weatherization project or the total expenditure to implement the State plan for which assistance was given or used, the source and amount of funds for such project or program not supplied by DOE, the average costs incurred in weatherization of individual dwelling units, the average size of the dwelling being weatherized, the average income of households receiving assistance under this part, and such other records as DOE deems necessary for an effective audit and performance evaluation. Such recordkeeping shall be in accordance with the DOE Financial Assistance Rule, 10 CFR part 600, and any further requirements of this part.

[58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993]

#### **§ 440.25 Reports.**

DOE may require any recipient of financial assistance under this part to provide, in such form as may be prescribed, such reports or answers in writing to specific questions, surveys, or questionnaires as DOE determines to be necessary to carry out its responsibilities or the responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and Human Services under this part.

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#### **§§ 440.26-440.29 [Reserved]**

#### **§ 440.30 Administrative review.**

(a) An applicant shall have 20 days from the date of receipt of a decision under §440.12 or §440.13 to file a notice requesting administrative review. If an applicant does not timely file such a notice, the decision under §440.12 or §440.13 shall become final for DOE.

(b) A notice requesting administrative review shall be filed with the Support Office Director and shall be accompanied by a written statement containing supporting arguments and requesting, if desired, the opportunity for a public hearing.

(c) A notice or any other document shall be deemed filed under this section upon receipt.

(d) On or before 15 days from receipt of a notice requesting administrative review which is timely filed, the Support Office Director shall forward to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, the notice requesting administrative review, the decision under §440.12 or §440.13 as to which administrative review is sought, a draft recommended final decision for the concurrence of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, and any other relevant material.

(e) If the applicant requests a public hearing, the Deputy Assistant Secretary, within 15 days, shall give actual notice to the State and Federal Register notice of the date, place, time, and procedures which shall apply to the public hearing. Any public hearing under this section shall be informal and legislative in nature.

(f) On or before 45 days from receipt of documents under paragraph (d) of this section or the conclusion of the public hearing, whichever is later, the Deputy Assistant Secretary shall concur in, concur in as modified, or issue a substitute for the recommended decision of the Support Office Director.

(g) On or before 15 days from the date of receipt of the determination under paragraph (f) of this section, the Governor may file an application, with a supporting statement of reasons, for discretionary review by the Assistant Secretary. On or before 15 days from filing, the Assistant Secretary shall send a notice to the Governor stating whether the Deputy Assistant Secretary's determination will be reviewed. If the Assistant Secretary grants review, a decision shall be issued no later than 60 days from the date review is granted. The Assistant Secretary may not issue a notice or decision under this paragraph without the concurrence of the DOE Office of General Counsel.

(h) A decision under paragraph (f) of this section shall be final for DOE if there is no review under paragraph (g) of this section. If there is review under paragraph (g) of this section, the decision thereunder shall be final for DOE, and no appeal shall lie elsewhere in DOE.

(i) Prior to the effective date of the termination of eligibility for further participation in the program because of failure to comply substantially with the requirements of the Act or of this part, a grantee shall have the right to written notice of the basis for the enforcement action and the opportunity for a public hearing notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary of 10 CFR 600.26, 600.28(b), 600.29, 600.121(c), and 600.443. A notice under this paragraph shall be mailed by the Support Office Director by registered mail, return-receipt requested, to the State, local grantee, and other interested parties. To obtain a public hearing, the grantee must request an evidentiary hearing, with prior Federal Register notice, in the election letter submitted under Rule 2 of 10 CFR 1024.4 and the request shall be granted notwithstanding any provisions of Rule 2 to the contrary.

[55 FR 41326, Oct. 10, 1990, as amended at 58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993]



# **Weatherization Operations Manual, Effective April 1, 2022 (WOM 2022)**

## **Section 9. Department of Energy (DOE) Guidelines**

### **Attachment: 2021 Alaska Field Guide**

To minimize the size of the all-inclusive pdf of WOM 2022, the above DOE attachment is not included.

This document was previously distributed to DOE Subgrantees. It is also available at AHFC's web site for download.

In your browser, navigate to

[ahfc.us/efficiency/research-information-center/manuals-forms-and-workbooks/weatherization-operations-manual](http://ahfc.us/efficiency/research-information-center/manuals-forms-and-workbooks/weatherization-operations-manual)

Scroll down to the links below Section 9. U.S. Department of Energy Guidelines

## Weatherization Grantee Health and Safety Plan-Alaska 2022

POLICY SUBMITTED WITH PLAN

### 1.0 – GENERAL INFORMATION

*Grantees are encouraged to enter additional information here that does not fit neatly in one of the other sections of this document.*

Because of the condition of many of the homes that are lived in by DOE eligible clients, Health and Safety improvements crucial to the implementation of energy efficiency work often exceeds even 20% of the average cost per unit. Traditionally AHFC has covered this with other funds but is choosing to utilize DOE funds as well this year. Those costs that exceed 25% will be paid from other funding sources. Requesting 25% H&S.

We have limited the H&S category for DOE to the following:

Ground Vapor Retarder to reduce pollutants, radon and moisture from the ground into the living area.  
 Sump pump and or coverings  
 Crawl space ventilation strategies  
 Ventilation-whole house and spot, range hood-ASHRAE compliant  
 Heating System clean and tune and repair or replacement  
 Fuel switch heating and hot water for H&S  
 Heating system stack and pipe repair and replacement, high temp caulk  
 Heating and/or Hot water heater replacement for H&S reasons, including stack and venting  
 LEAD RRP compliance costs/Asbestos/Mold/Pollutants  
 Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms  
 Dryer Ducting to Outside  
 Client Education for Health and Safety  
 Worker Protection and OSHA Compliance

### 2.0 – BUDGETING

*Grantees are encouraged to budget Health & Safety (H&S) costs as a separate category and, thereby, exclude such costs from the average cost per unit cost (ACPU) limitation. This separate category also allows these costs to be isolated from energy efficiency costs in program evaluations. Grantees are reminded that, if H&S costs are budgeted and reported under the program operations category rather than the H&S category, the related H&S costs must be included in the calculation of the ACPU and cost-justified through the approved energy audit.*

Select which option is used below.

Separate Health and Safety Budget

Contained in Program Operations

### 3.0 – HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPENDITURE LIMITS

H&S Measure Matrix			
Double Click To Open For Editing			
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Measure	Average Cost	Frequency Installed/Completed	Auto-Calculated Average Cost
Ground Vapor Barrier	\$1,117.00	44.0%	\$491.48
Crawl Ventilation	\$817.00	6.0%	\$49.02
Heating System C&T	\$567.00	42.0%	\$238.14
Heating System Repair	\$1,533.00	14.0%	\$214.62
Heating System Replace-Average	\$7,208.00	8.0%	\$576.64
wood	\$6,167.00	3.0%	\$185.01
boiler	\$10,667.00	3.0%	\$320.01
MH	\$5,667.00	3.0%	\$170.01
Forced Air Furnace	\$6,667.00	3.0%	\$200.01
HS stack and Chimney	\$2,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00
Hot water system replacemnt	\$2,600.00	4.0%	\$104.00
Range hood replacement	\$633.00	19.0%	\$120.27
Range hood new install	\$833.00	6.0%	\$49.98
Ventilation fan/controls REPLACE	\$733.00	89.0%	\$652.37
Ventilation fan/controls NEW INSTALL	\$1,167.00	3.0%	\$35.01
HRV	\$3,167.00	0.0%	\$0.00
RRP compliance PPE	\$600.00	17.0%	\$102.00
CO/SMOKES	\$267.00	94.0%	\$250.98
Dryer Ducting	\$325.00	39.0%	\$126.75
Sump Pump	\$1,333.00	3.0%	\$39.99
COVID Costs	\$238.00	100.0%	\$238.00
Total Average H&S Cost Per Unit			\$4,164.29
Enter Estimated Production (Annual File: IV.2 WAP Production Schedule)			147
Enter Estimated Program Operations Budget (Annual File - Budget)			1156969
H&S Budget (Total Average H&S Cost Per Units * Estimated Production)			\$0.00
Suggested H&S Budget Request			0.0%
I will complete the form after receiving the allocation for 2022. Both this and my justification spreadsheet show a much higher percentage than 25%.			

#### 4.0 – INCIDENTAL REPAIR MEASURES

*Incidental Repairs means those repairs necessary for the effective performance or preservation of weatherization materials. Such repairs include, but are not limited to, framing or repairing windows and doors that could not otherwise be caulked or weather-stripped and providing protective materials, such as paint, used to seal materials installed under this program. ([10 CFR 440 "Definitions"](#))*

Incidental repair measures will not be assigned as an H&S measure.

#### 5.0 – DEFERRAL/REFERRAL POLICY

Grantee has developed a comprehensive written deferral/referral policy that covers both H&S, and other deferral reasons.

Yes  No

Where can this deferral/referral policy be accessed?

WOM 2021 Chapter 1 page 38.

### 6.0 – HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION FORM(S)

*Documentation forms must be developed that include at a minimum: the client's name and address, dates of the audit/assessment and when the client was informed of a potential H&S issue, a clear description of the problem, a statement indicating if, or when weatherization could continue, and the client(s) signature(s) indicating that they understand and have been informed of their rights and options.*

DOCUMENTATION FORMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND COMPLY WITH GUIDANCE?

Yes  No

### 7.0 – HEALTH AND SAFETY CATEGORIES

*For each of the following H&S categories identified by DOE:*

#### 7.1 – Heating Systems

##### Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral

Concurrence with Guidance  Alternative Guidance  Results in Deferral

Air Conditioning Unallowable Measure  Heating Unallowable Measure

##### Funding

DOE  LIHEAP  State  Utility  Other

#### How do you address unsafe or non-functioning primary heating systems?

When a space conditioning system does not qualify as an ECM, the following conditions must be met before the unit can be replaced or repaired with Health and Safety funds. “Red tagged,” inoperable, or nonexistent primary heating system may be replaced, repaired, or installed consistent with this guidance. Use proper sizing protocols (Heat loss calculation in AkWarm Software that is used to determine HS sizing. Unsafe primary units must be repaired or replaced, or deferral is required. There must be an identified and documented imminent H&S hazard (e.g. cracked heat exchanger) that necessitates the system replacement.

Much of our heating system work and replacements are completed using LIHEAP funds, and some use state funds, before utilizing DOE H&S funds. In addition, even when replacing for H&S reasons, the majority of our heating systems carry an SIR of one or above so count as an ECM measure.

#### How do you address unsafe or non-functioning secondary heating systems, Including unvented secondary space heaters?

Replacement or installation of secondary units is not allowed with DOE funds. Unsafe secondary units, including space heaters, must be repaired, or deferral is required.

Both LIHEAP and State funds can be used to replace critical secondary units. Much of our state is subject to power outages so secondary units are critical for winter outages. In addition, we have many dual primary systems (used in tandem to provide distributed heat) and utilize these funds for those systems.

#### Indicate Documentation Required for At-Risk Occupants

N/A no cooling systems allowed in the AK Weatherization program.

#### Testing Protocols

Make sure primary systems are present, operable, and performing correctly. • Check DOE-approved audit to determine if the system can be installed as an energy conservation measure (ECM) prior to replacement as an H&S measure. • On combustion equipment, inspect chimney and flue and test for Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) depressurization. See the AK Combustion Safety Form. For solid fuel, appliances look for visual evidence of soot on the walls, mantel or ceiling or creosote staining near the flue pipe.

<b>Client Education</b>				
<p>Deferral: When deferral is necessary, provide information to the client, in writing, describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence. Keep a copy of this notification in the client file. The client should be able to be served once the situation is corrected.</p> <p>Referral: Although AHFC and the subgrantee agencies are very aware of all the other funding sources that might be used on a home and work to interface with RD-USDA funds, HUD funds, etc. we are often the program of last resort. Agencies should make referrals, when appropriate, to churches and other non-profits such as Access Alaska, Native Corporations, and Tribal Groups etc. to find funds to deal with situations that might cause a deferral. Efforts must be made, when possible, to find other resources to correct a situation that would result in a deferral.</p> <p>Discuss appropriate use and maintenance of units, in addition to education about combustion safety and signs of depressurization. Provide all paperwork and manuals for any installed equipment. Discuss and provide information on proper disposal of bulk fuel tanks when not removed as part of the weatherization work.</p>				
<b>Training</b>				
<p>WAP H&amp;S policy training is an allowable activity. CAZ depressurization test and inspection training. Heating system training for installers also allowed. Crews are trained in the installation and maintenance of systems where they do most of the work in rural Alaska.</p>				
<b>7.2 - Asbestos - All</b>				
<b>What is the blower door testing policy when suspected Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) is identified?</b>				
<p>Blower door testing is allowed where suspected friable ACM is present unless the suspected ACM is in such condition that it cannot be contained and may be introduced into the living space of the home. Vermiculite in attics is not a reason to not do blower door testing. Workers should use PPE and access should be from outside when working in attics with vermiculite. Air sealing should be completed before doing a blower door test. Seal the attic thoroughly and proceed with blower door testing. If the ACM is in such a condition that blower door testing cannot be done, the home may be deferred.</p>				
<b>7.2a – Asbestos - in siding, walls, ceilings, etc.</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>How do you address suspected ACM's in siding, walls, or ceilings that will be disturbed through the course of weatherization work?</b>				
<p>The existence of asbestos siding that is in good condition does not prevent installing dense-pack insulation from the exterior. Siding may be removed and reinstalled in order to perform the ECM, and the associated costs may be charged as part of the ECM. General abatement of asbestos siding or replacement with new siding is not an allowable H&amp;S cost.</p>				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				
<p>Visually inspect exterior wall surface and subsurface, floors, walls, and ceilings for suspected ACM prior to drilling or cutting. Use applicable work safe practice. Asbestos testing is not allowed using DOE funds.</p>				
<b>Client Education</b>				
<p>Inform the client in writing that suspected ACMs are present and what precautions will be taken to ensure the occupants' and workers' safety during weatherization. Formally notify client in writing of results if testing was performed.</p>				
<b>Training and Certification Requirements</b>				

Training focus needs to be on identification of possible vermiculite in all scenarios, the appropriate work safe practice for the situation, the AHJ in the area, and when deferral and possible abatement is needed. Abatement is not eligible under DOE funding. Also included in training is effective client education techniques addressing asbestos.				
<b>7.2b – Asbestos - in vermiculite</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>		Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>How do you address suspected ACM's in vermiculite that will be disturbed through the course of weatherization work?</b>				
When vermiculite is present, assume it contains asbestos unless testing determines otherwise. Use proper respiratory protection while in areas containing vermiculite. Removal is not allowed. If identified seal attic space from inside the house and do not disturb, blower door test (positive pressure testing preferred), proceed with other weatherization measures. When deferral is necessary due to asbestos, occupant must provide documentation that a certified professional performed the remediation before work continues.				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				
AHERA sample collection and testing must be conducted by a certified tester. Baseline environmental asbestos sampling is an allowable cost.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Instruct clients in writing not to disturb suspected ACM. Provide asbestos safety information to the client. Formally notify client in writing of results if testing was performed. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.				
<b>Training and Certification Requirements</b>				
Training focus needs to be on identification of possible vermiculite in all scenarios, the appropriate work safe practice for the situation, the AHJ in the area, and when deferral and possible abatement is needed. Abatement is not eligible under DOE funding. Also included in training is effective client education techniques addressing asbestos.				

<b>7.2c – Asbestos - on pipes, furnaces, other small covered surfaces</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>		Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>How do you address suspected ACM's (e.g., pipes, furnaces, other small surfaces) that will be disturbed through the course of weatherization work?</b>				
Assume asbestos is present in suspect covering materials. When suspected friable ACM is present, take precautionary measures as if it is asbestos unless testing determines otherwise. Grantee may allow removal or encapsulation by an appropriately trained professional on a case-by- case basis. Grantees will look at the savings that would be lost by deferring the home compared to the cost of the removal. Charge only those costs directly associated with the testing, encapsulation, or removal to the H&S budget category. When deferral is necessary due to asbestos, occupant must provide documentation that a certified professional performed the remediation before work continues.				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				
Assess whether suspected ACMs are present. Proceed with work-safe practices. Testing is not an eligible expense.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Instruct clients in writing not to disturb suspected ACM. Provide asbestos safety information to the client. Formally notify client in writing of results if testing was performed. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.				
<b>Training and Certification Requirements</b>				

Training focus needs to be on identification of possible asbestos in all scenarios, the appropriate work safe practice for the situation, the AHJ in the area, and when deferral and possible abatement is needed. Abatement is not eligible under DOE funding. Also included in training is effective client education techniques addressing asbestos.

<b>7.5 – Biologicals and Unsanitary Conditions</b> (odors, mustiness, bacteria, viruses, raw sewage, rotting wood, etc.)				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
Unallowable Measure <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with biological and/or unsanitary conditions in homes slated for weatherization?</b>				
Remediation of conditions that may lead to or promote biological concerns and unsanitary conditions is allowed. Addressing bacteria and viruses is not an allowable cost. Deferral may be necessary in cases where conditions in the home pose a health risk to occupants and/or weatherization workers. See Mold and Moisture section for more information.				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				
Visual inspection, sensory inspection.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Inform client in writing of observed conditions. Provide information on how to maintain a sanitary home. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.				
<b>Training</b>				
Training focus needs to be on identification of biologicals and contaminants and solutions to remediation and prevention. Client education training in this area is also appropriate. All assessors and crew leads are trained to recognize contaminants that are threats to workers and occupants through OSHA training primarily.				

<b>7.6 – Building Structure and Roofing</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with structural issues (e.g., roofing, wall, foundation) in homes slated for weatherization?</b>				
Building rehabilitation is beyond the scope of the Weatherization Assistance Program. Homes that require major structural repairs must be deferred if other funds cannot be used to address them. See Mold and Moisture, Code Compliance, and Pests sections for more information.				
<b>Testing Protocol</b>				
Visual inspection. Ensure that access to the portions of the home where weatherization will occur are safe for entry and performance of assessments, work, and inspections.				
<b>How do you define “minor” or allowable structure and roofing repairs, and at what point are repairs considered beyond the scope of weatherization?</b>				
Minor or allowable structure and roofing repairs must be tied to a measure being done during weatherization work or to protect existing insulation and other energy related parts of the home. For minor repair, the cost must not go above \$1000 DOE funds per home. State and LIHEAP funds can be used to address more major repair. Subgrantees may also look at the savings that would be lost by deferring the home compared to the cost of the repair.				
<b>If priority lists are used, and these repairs are designated as Incidental Repairs, at what point is a site-specific audit required?</b>				
All homes have a site-specific audit.				
<b>Client Education</b>				

Notify client in writing of structurally compromised areas. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met for weatherization to commence.				
<b>Training</b>				
How to identify structural and roofing issues. AK assessors are well trained in identifying structural deficiencies. We encourage peer exchange between agencies to help expand the knowledge on the existing housing stock. General classes on building structure and integrity and well as building science are allowable and encouraged.				
<b>7.7 – Code Compliance</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with code compliance issues in homes receiving weatherization measures?</b>				
Correction of preexisting code compliance issues is not an allowable cost unless triggered by weatherization measures being installed in a specific room or area of the home. When correction of preexisting code compliance issues is triggered and paid for with WAP funds, cite specific code requirements with reference to the weatherization measure(s) that triggered the code compliance issue in the client file. Follow State and local or AHJ codes while installing weatherization measures, including H&S measures. Condemned properties and properties where “red tagged” H&S conditions exist that cannot be corrected under this guidance must be deferred.				
<b>Testing Protocol</b>				
Visual Inspection.				
<b>What specific situations commonly trigger code compliance work requirements for your network? How are they addressed?</b>				
Mechanical work in HVAC systems. Egress is another but not allowed using DOE funds.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Inform client in writing of observed code compliance issues when it results in a deferral. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.				
<b>Training</b>				
AHFC takes the lead within the state on codes. Adoption of the 2018 IRC is pending and over the next two years various training courses will be offered regarding that code. Subgrantee agencies as well as AHFC personnel will be taking classes. Some of our jurisdictions require permits and inspections for the work that we do also. Training in codes is an eligible TTA expense.				

<b>7.8 – Combustion Gases</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
CO alarm is required to be installed at the assessment in every home. Proper venting to the outside for combustion appliances, including gas dryers and refrigerators, furnaces, vented space heaters and water heaters is required. Correct venting when testing indicates a problem. If unsafe conditions whose remediation is necessary to perform weatherization cannot be remedied by repair or tuning, replacement is an allowable H&S measure unless prevented by other guidance herein. Follow Standards in the AK WOM regarding Heating system replacement. Use combustion safety and diagnostics form on every job regardless of funding. Use recommended test out procedures.				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				



<p>Combustion safety testing is required when combustion appliances are present. Test naturally drafting appliances for spillage and CO during CAZ depressurization testing pre- and post-weatherization and before leaving the home on any day when work has been done that could affect draft (e.g., tightening the home, adding exhaust). Utilize BPI 1200 Protocols.</p> <p>Inspect venting of combustion appliances and confirm adequate clearances.</p> <p>Check AkWarm to determine if the appliance can be justified as an ECM prior to replacement as an H&amp;S measure.</p>
<b>How are crews instructed to handle problems discovered during testing, and what are the specific protocols for addressing hazards that require an immediate response?</b>
<p>Install CO alarm in the home at assessment. Utilize the CO specs in the Alaska standard that includes a display so that everyone can see current and peak levels. See WOM Chapter 5. Check for ambient CO continually when in the home and follow BPI 1200 protocols if CO exceeds actionable levels. If CO exceeds 70 ppm ambient advise the client and leave the house. Arrange to have the source of the CO disabled or repaired immediately. Do not re-enter until the situation has been corrected.</p>
<b>Client Education</b>
<p>Provide client with combustion safety and hazards information. Train the client to set, utilize and understand the operation of the CO alarm.</p>
<b>Training</b>
<p>How to perform appropriate testing, determine when a building is excessively depressurized, and the difference between air free and as-measured CO. CO action levels. BPI 1200. DOE Wx providers will receive BPI 1200 training in November 2018.</p>
<b>7.9 – Electrical</b>
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>
<p>Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>      Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Funding</b>
<p>DOE <input type="checkbox"/>      LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      Utility <input type="checkbox"/>      Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with electrical hazards, including knob &amp; tube wiring, in homes slated for weatherization?</b>
<p>When the H&amp;S of the occupant/worker(s) is at risk, minor repairs, as defined by the Grantee, are allowed when necessary for weatherization measures. Evaluate and if necessary provide sufficient over-current protection and damming (if required) prior to insulating building components containing knob and tube wiring, as required by the AHJ.</p>
<b>Testing Protocol</b>
<p>Visual inspection for presence and condition of damaged or dangerous wiring and knob-and-tube wiring. Check for alterations that may create an electrical hazard. Voltage drop and voltage detection testing are allowed.</p> <p>Very little knob and tube wiring in Alaska. We do have electrical repairs that come up. The use of state or LIHEAP funds is required.</p>
<b>How do you define “minor” or allowable electrical repairs, and at what point are repairs considered beyond the scope of weatherization?</b>
<p>Minor electrical repairs must be tied to a measure being done during the weatherization or to protect the health and safety of the occupants or crews. Minor repairs are defined as under \$1000. State and LIHEAP funds only. No DOE funds.</p>
<b>If priority lists are used, and these repairs are designated as Incidental Repairs, at what point is a site-specific audit required?</b>
N/A
<b>Client Education</b>
<p>When electrical issues are the cause of a deferral, provide information to client on over-current protection, overloading circuits, and basic electrical safety/risks. If there are other questionable areas of electrical safety issue and H&amp;S notice to the client and keep a signed copy in the file.</p>
<b>Training</b>

How to identify electrical hazards. Local (or AHJ) code compliance. This will be covered somewhat in the code compliance training. However, most agencies can access basic training in electrical safety on line. This is an eligible TTA expense.

### 7.10 – Formaldehyde, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Flammable Liquids, and other Air Pollutants

#### Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral

Concurrence with Guidance  Alternative Guidance  Results in Deferral

#### Funding

DOE  LIHEAP  State  Utility  Other

#### What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with formaldehyde, VOCs, flammable liquids, and other air pollutants identified in homes slated for weatherization?

Removal of pollutants is allowed and is required if they pose a risk to workers. If pollutants pose a risk to workers and removal cannot be performed or is not allowed by the client, the unit must be deferred.

#### Testing Protocols

Sensory/visual inspection.

#### Client Education

Inform client in writing of observed hazardous condition and associated risks. Issue an H&S notice regarding pollutants. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met for weatherization to commence.

#### Training

Informational training and guidance as needed

### 7.11 – Fuel Leaks

*(please indicate specific fuel type if policy differs by type)*

#### Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral

Concurrence with Guidance  Alternative Guidance  Results in Deferral

#### Funding

DOE  LIHEAP  State  Utility  Other

#### Remediation Protocols

When a minor gas leak is found on the utility side of service, the utility service must be contacted before work may proceed. Fuel leaks that are the responsibility of the client (vs. the utility) must be repaired before weatherizing a unit. Use State or LIHEAP funds.

#### Testing Protocol

Test exposed gas lines for fuel leaks from utility coupling into, and throughout, the home. Conduct sensory inspection on bulk fuels to determine if leaks exist. Gas leaks must be tested with a leak detection fluid (soapy solution) for confirmation if a leak is suspected with initial testing.

#### How do you define allowable fuel leak repairs, and at what point are repairs considered beyond the scope of weatherization?

This is an allowable H&S measure using State and/or LIHEAP funds. Normally repairs should be under \$1000 but the Subgrantee can make a decision to spend more on repairing leaks if needed. Note to file the condition.

#### Client Education

Inform clients in writing if fuel leaks are detected. Issue H&S notice.

#### Training

Fuel leak testing is a part of QCI and EA protocol for certification. This is part of any general weatherization training and eligible for DOE TTA funds.

### 7.12 – Gas Ovens / Stovetops / Ranges

#### Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral

Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for addressing unsafe gas ovens/stoves/ranges in homes slated for weatherization?</b>		
Install CO alarm at assessment. Ensure operational range hood with gas ranges.		
When testing indicates a problem, entities may perform standard maintenance on or repair gas cooktops and ovens using State or LIHEAP funds. If repairs are not done, the client must be informed in writing about the problem. Follow BPI 1200 action levels.		
<b>Testing Protocols</b>		
Test gas ovens for CO. Inspect cooking burners and ovens for operability and flame quality.		
<b>Client Education</b>		
Inform clients of the importance of using exhaust ventilation when cooking and the importance of keeping burners clean to limit the production of CO. Clients must be trained on the operation of the CO alarm so they can diagnose ongoing CO problems. The cook stove is perhaps the most likely source of CO in a home where people are standing right over it. This should be a part of client ed.		
<b>Training</b>		
Testing techniques. CO action levels, Per BPI 1200. All agencies will receive this training.		

**7.13 – Hazardous Materials Disposal**  
**[Lead, Refrigerant, Asbestos, Mercury (including CFLs/fluorescents), etc.]**  
*(please indicate material where policy differs by material)*

<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide</b>		
See disposal procedures.		
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Client Education</b>		
Inform client in writing of hazards associated with hazardous waste materials being generated/handled in the home.		
<b>Training</b>		
Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for working with hazardous waste materials. Disposal requirements and locations. Health and environmental risks related to hazardous materials. OSHA training are eligible for TTA funds.		
<b>Disposal Procedures and Documentation Requirements</b>		
Hazardous Waste Materials generated during weatherization work shall be disposed of according to all local laws, regulations and/or Federal guidelines, as applicable. Document proper disposal requirements in contract language with responsible party. Refer to <i>Lead</i> and <i>Asbestos</i> sections for more information on those topics.		

**7.14 – Injury Prevention of Occupants and Weatherization Workers**  
*(Measures such as repairing stairs and replacing handrails)*

<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees regarding allowable injury-related repairs (e.g., stairs, handrails, porch deck board)?</b>		

This is allowable under State/LIHEAP funds. If it is incidental to a measure, it is included in the ECM or H&S item.
<b>How do you define “minor” or allowable injury prevention measures, and at what point are repairs considered beyond the scope of weatherization? Quantify “minor” or allowable injury prevention measures.</b>
Defining minor as under \$1000 generally. This category or repair is only allowed under State and LIHEAP funds. Follow guidance in the WOM. If not repaired issue an H&S notice to the client. If the repair is beyond the scope of weatherization resources, defer the job until corrected by the client.
<b>Training</b>
Hazard identification. OSHA Training and other Injury Prevention Training is an allowable TTA expenditure. We also allow for training with Learn to Return and similar agencies for remote and rural workers in Wilderness Medicine, Survival Skills, and Delayed Care and other curriculum pertaining to keeping workers safe under all the travel and job site situations they encounter.

<b>7.15 – Lead Based Paint</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Safe Work Protocols</b>				
Crews must follow EPA's Lead; Renovation, Repair and Painting Program (RRP) when working in pre-1978 housing unless testing confirms the work area to be lead free. Deferral is required when the extent and condition of lead-based paint in the house would potentially create further H&S hazards. Only those costs directly associated with the testing and lead safe practices for surfaces directly disturbed during weatherization activities are allowable.				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				
Testing to determine the presence of lead in paint that will be disturbed by WAP measure installation is allowed with EPA-approved testing methods. Testing methods must be economically feasible and justified. Job site set up and cleaning verification by a Certified Renovator is required. Follow RRP.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Follow pre-renovation education provisions for RRP. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.				
<b>Training and Certification Requirements</b>				
RRP training and certification is required. Subgrantee agencies must have certified personnel on site at each pre 1978 job site. RRP protocols must be followed. It is recommended that all assessors and inspectors be RRP certified. This is an eligible expense for TTA funds.				
<b>Documentation Requirements</b>				
RRP requirements for field file documentation must be followed. Documentation in the client file must include Certified Renovator certification; any training provided on-site; description of specific actions taken; lead testing and assessment documentation; and, photos of site and containment set up. Include the location of photos referenced if not in file.				

<b>7.16 – Mold and Moisture</b>				
(Including but not limited to: drainage, gutters, down spouts, extensions, flashing, sump pumps, dehumidifiers, landscape, vapor retarders, moisture barriers, etc.)				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with moisture related issues (e.g., drainage, gutters, down spouts, moisture barriers, dehumidifiers, vapor barrier on bare earth floors) in homes slated for weatherization?</b>				

Limited water damage repairs that can be addressed by weatherization workers are allowed when necessary in order to weatherize the home and to ensure the long-term stability and durability of the measures. Source control (i.e. correction of moisture and mold creating conditions) is allowed when necessary in order to weatherize the home and to ensure the long-term stability and durability of the measures. Source control is independent of latent damage and related repairs. Where severe Mold and Moisture issues cannot be addressed, deferral is required. Mold testing or cleanup is not an allowable H&S cost. Surface preparation where weatherization measures are being installed (e.g., cleaning mold off window trim in order to apply caulk) must be charged as part of the ECM, not to the H&S budget category

**How do you define “minor” or allowable moisture-related measures, and at what point is work considered beyond the scope of weatherization?**

We are defining minor as under \$1000 generally. If the mold exceeds allowable amounts per DOE and EPA, the home must be deferred until corrected.

**Client Education**

Provide client written notification and disclaimer on mold and moisture awareness.  
Provide information on importance of cleaning and maintaining drainage systems.  
Provide information on proper landscape design and how this impacts site drainage and moisture control. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.

**Training**

National curriculum on mold and moisture or equivalent. How to recognize drainage issues.  
All providers have been trained but the training is available on line for those that have not or for refresher.

**7.17 – Pests**

**Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral**

Concurrence with Guidance  Alternative Guidance  Results in Deferral

**Funding**

DOE  LIHEAP  State  Utility  Other

**What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with pests and pest intrusion prevention in homes slated for weatherization?**

Pest removal is allowed only where infestation would prevent weatherization.  
Infestation of pests may be cause for deferral where it cannot be reasonably removed or poses H&S concern for workers. Incorporating pest exclusion into air sealing practices to prevent intrusion is allowed.

**Define Pest Infestation Thresholds, Beyond Which Weatherization Is Deferred**

State and LIHEAP funds can be used to eliminate pest infestations but anything over \$1000 must be approved prior to going forward.

**Testing Protocols**

Assessment of presence and degree of infestation and risk to worker.

**Client Education**

Inform client in writing of observed condition and associated risks. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met in order for weatherization to commence.

**Training**

How to assess presence and degree of infestation and associated risks. All relevant training is an eligible TTA expense. Most agencies received training in bed bug infestation within the past several years.

**7.18 – Radon**

**Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral**

Concurrence with Guidance  Alternative Guidance  Results in Deferral

**Funding**

DOE  LIHEAP  State  Utility  Other

<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees around radon?</b>
Radon mitigation is not an allowable H&S cost. Clients must sign an informed consent form prior to receiving weatherization services. This form must be kept in the client file. In homes where radon may be present, work scope should include precautionary measures based on <a href="#">EPA Healthy Indoor Environment Protocols</a> for Home Energy Upgrades, to reduce the possibility of making radon issues worse. Whenever site conditions permit, cover exposed dirt floors within the pressure/thermal boundary with 6 mil (or greater) polyethylene sheeting as described in the Field Guide. Other precautions may include, but are not limited to, sealing any observed floor and/or foundation penetrations, including open sump pits, isolating the basement from the conditioned space, and compliance with ASHRAE 62.2 2016.
<b>Testing Protocols</b>
Limited testing is an allowable expense.
<b>Client Education</b>
Provide all clients EPA’s <a href="#">A Citizen’s Guide to Radon</a> and inform them of radon related risks. Informed consent form must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information from the results of the IAQ Study that there is a small risk of increasing radon levels when building tightness is improved</li> <li>A list of precautionary measures WAP will install based on EPA Healthy Indoor Environment Protocols.</li> <li>Some of the benefits of Weatherization including energy savings, energy cost savings, improved home comfort, and increased safety</li> </ul>
<b>Training and Certification Requirements</b>
Auditors, assessors and inspectors must have knowledge of radon, what it is and how it occurs, including what factors may make radon worse and precautionary measures that may be helpful. This is an eligible TTA expense. Workers are trained in proper vapor retarder installation.
<b>Documentation Requirements</b>
Written confirmation that EPA’s <a href="#">A Citizen’s Guide to Radon</a> was received and radon related risks discussed with the client.

<b>7.19 – Safety Devices: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms, Fire Extinguishers</b>				
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>				
Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What is your policy for installation or replacement of the following:</b>				
Smoke Alarms: Smoke alarms must be installed where alarms are not present or are inoperable using DOE funds. If you are, replacing alarms not yet expired use State funds.				
CO Alarms: CO alarms must be installed where alarms are not present or are inoperable using DOE funds. If you are, replacing alarms not yet expired use State funds. .				
Fire Extinguishers: Fire extinguishers may be provided utilizing state or LIHEAP funds.				
<b>Testing Protocols</b>				
Check existing alarms for operation. Verify operation of installed alarms. Follow WOM protocols.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Provide client with verbal and written information on use of devices installed.				
<b>Training</b>				
Training is provided in house at the Subgrantee agencies and by AHFC at monitoring if anyone is out of compliance with the location and code requirements of alarm installs.				

<b>7.20 – Occupant Health and Safety Concerns and Conditions</b>		
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Funding</b>				
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utility <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for soliciting the occupants' health and safety concerns related to components of their homes?</b>				
When a person's health may be at risk and/or WAP work activities could constitute an H&S hazard, the occupant will be required to take appropriate action based on severity of risk. Failure or the inability to take appropriate actions must result in deferral.				
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for determining whether occupants suffer from health conditions that may be negatively affected by the act of weatherizing their home?</b>				
Screen occupants to reveal known or suspected health concerns either as part of initial application for weatherization, during the audit, or both.				
<b>What guidance do you provide Subgrantees for dealing with potential health concerns when they are identified?</b>				
Follow required safety protocols when performing WAP work activities.				
<b>Client Education</b>				
Inform client in writing of any known risks. Provide client with Subgrantee point of contact information in writing so client can inform of any issues. When deferral is necessary, provide information in writing describing conditions that must be met for weatherization to commence.				
Documentation Form(s) have been developed and comply with guidance?      Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				

<b>7.21 – Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality</b>		
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Identify the Most Recent Version of ASHRAE 62.2 Implemented (optional: identify Addenda used)</b>		
ASHRAE 62.2 2016. All ventilation items installed are to be categorized as H&S measures.		
<b>Testing and Final Verification Protocols</b>		
Install ventilation as required by ASHRAE 62.2 – 2016. Measure fan flow of existing fans and of installed equipment to verify performance. Use the blower door testing to use the Infiltration Credit.		
<b>Client Education</b>		
Educate the client in the use of the ventilation system, helping them understand that proper ventilation creates good indoor air quality and material longevity against household pollutants, moisture, and mold. All owner manuals and warranties will be provided to the client regarding ventilation systems installed through the program.		
<b>Training</b>		
ASHRAE 62.2 training, including proper sizing, evaluation of existing and new systems. Staff have had training at State Conferences, HPC, Energy OutWest, and webinars put on by the state. They will be trained on any addenda adopted. BPC Bellingham is providing a training specifically on ASHRAE 62.2 2016 in Nov. 2018.		

<b>7.22 – Window and Door Replacement, Window Guards</b>		
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>What guidance do you provide to Subgrantees regarding window and door replacement and window guards?</b>		

Utilize state and LIHEAP funds in the replacement of windows and doors. In addition, follow protocols in the WOM to replace as an H&S measure.
<b>Testing Protocols</b>
N/A except for general Blower Door testing to ensure a good seal.
<b>Client Education</b>
Provide written information on lead risks wherever issues are identified.
<b>Training</b>
Awareness of guidance. General ongoing best practice training on site and at EOW, etc.

<b>7.23 – Worker Safety (OSHA, etc.)</b>		
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Workers must follow OSHA standards where required and take precautions to ensure the H&S of themselves and other workers. All Subgrantees and contractors must maintain compliance with the current OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, including on-site organized Safety Data Sheets (SDS).		
<b>How do you verify safe work practices? What is your policy for in-progress monitoring?</b>		
Safe work practices are verified during in-progress monitoring, using photo documentation in the file, and client interviews when monitoring. We ensure at least one in progress inspection per year.		
<b>Training and Certification Requirements</b>		
Use and importance of PPE. OSHA 10 hour training is recommended for all crewmembers, crew supervisor, auditors, and inspectors. OSHA 30 is recommended for Field Supervisors. Ongoing training as required in Hazard Communication Program. All OSHA training is eligible under DOE TTA.		

<b>7.24 – COVID 19&gt;</b>		
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Remediation Protocols</b>		
The state of Alaska will follow the standards set out in guidance by the National Center for Disease Control, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, EPA and any guidance issued within the state for ensuring worker and client safety from Covid 19. If a client requests a deferral due to possible Covid exposure, the deferral must be granted and the client returned to the wait list for future service. If the agency defers a client due to possible Covid exposure, all deferral protocols will be followed and the client can be served later.		
Each agency must have a plan to address COVID in terms of protection of clients and workforce. Diagnostic testing will continue as required. All PPE needed to protect workers will be provided and charged to either the Program Operations or the H&S budgets.		
<b>Testing Protocols</b>		
Checklists and protocols will be developed and implemented in conjunction with the Subgrantee agencies.		
<b>Client Education</b>		
Client education materials will be developed as needed to assist in implementing Covid 19 protections.		
<b>Training</b>		
Needed training for staff and crews will be provided by staff and agencies regarding all Covid 19 protocols.		



<b>7.25– ALLOWABLE FUEL SWITCH</b>		
<b>Concurrence, Alternative, or Deferral</b>		
Concurrence with Guidance <input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results in Deferral <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Funding</b>		
DOE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LIHEAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Remediation Protocols</b>		
<p>A subgrantee may change a dwelling’s heating fuel type in certain, limited situations. The system must be first evaluated as an ECM and if it does not meet the SIR of one or above, then it can be replaced as a health and safety measure if it meets one of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Changing from wood or coal heat to other types of fuel-fired heating systems for medical reasons, such as when the client is elderly or disabled and wood or coal preparation is difficult or impossible. The new fuel type shall not require physical effort to use. If the client is not elderly or disabled, the Grantee may obtain a third-party verification of the need.</li> <li>2 Heat pumps can be installed as a fuel switch option in Southeast and Kodiak, only when the client, due to age or disability, cannot operate a solid fuel system (wood or coal) or health concerns are caused by a fossil fuel system. Documentation must be in the file justifying the installation of a heat pump.</li> <li>3 Replacing an electric water heater with a storage tank integrated with a fuel fired boiler (i.e., indirect sidearm systems).</li> <li>4. Replacing a fuel-fired water heater with an electric water heater for health-and safety concerns when the unit fails maximum depressurization testing and cannot otherwise be corrected. (Example: The new system now passes the maximum depressurization test when the previous one failed.)</li> <li>5. Heating system or hot water system must be replaced due to life threatening situations.</li> </ol> <p>Subgrantees must follow the protocols and submit the forms required by AHFC to be allowed to utilize DOE funds in a fuel switch situation. The approval must be signed by the AHFC Program Manager and retained in the client file with photos, the worksheet and the ECM calculator.</p>		
<b>Testing Protocols</b>		
Utilize the Field Guide and Chapter 5 of the WOM for all documents and test protocols for the above.		
<b>Client Education</b>		
Utilize existing client education regarding heating systems.		
<b>Training</b>		
Parallel with Heating system install training.		

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3. Recipient: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation			
4. Reporting Requirements (see also the EERE Special Instructions) <i>Detailed instructions included after the Table of Contents</i>	Frequency	Addresses	
<b>I. PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORTING</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)	Q	A. <a href="https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx">https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. WAP Quarterly Performance Report	F, Q	A. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Financial Report (SF-425)	F, Q	B. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Scientific and Technical Reporting			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Accepted Manuscript of Journal Article(s)	A5, P	C.1. <a href="http://www.osti.gov/olink-2413">http://www.osti.gov/olink-2413</a>	
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<input type="checkbox"/> D. Intellectual Property Reporting			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Intellectual Property Reporting	A5, P	D.1. <a href="http://www.osti.gov">http://www.osti.gov</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Invention Utilization Report	A5, P	D.2. <a href="http://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx">http://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Project Management Plan (PMP)	A5	E. <a href="https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx">https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F. Special Status Report	A5	F. Email to DOE Project Officer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Continuation Application	A5	G. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> H. Other (see Special Instructions)	A5	H. See Special Instructions and due dates	
<b>II. AWARD MANAGEMENT REPORTING</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Participants and Collaborating Organizations	Q	A. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Current and Pending Support	A5	B. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Demographic Reporting	A5	C. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> D. Tangible Personal Property Report – Final Property Report (SF-428 & SF-428A)	Y	D. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Tangible Personal Property Report – Disposition Request/Report (SF-428 & SF-428C)	A5	E. Email to DOE Project Officer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F. Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Financing Statements	A5	F. See section II. F. for instructions and due dates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS)	A5	G. <b>FSRS</b> See special instructions and due dates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. Annual Incurred Cost Proposal	Y180	H. See section II. H. for instructions and due dates	
<input type="checkbox"/> I. DOE For-Profit Compliance Audit	O	I. See section II. I. for instructions and due dates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Single Audit: States, Locals, Tribal Governments, and Non-Profits	O	J. See section II. J. for instructions and due dates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K. Other (see Special Instructions)	A	K. See Special Instructions	
K. 1. Annual Training and Technical Assistance, Monitoring, and Leveraging Report	Y	K. 1. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
K. 2. Annual Historical Preservation Report	Y	K. 2. <a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>	
K. 3. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Logs	Q	K. 3. Email to <a href="mailto:GONEPA@ee.doe.gov">GONEPA@ee.doe.gov</a>	
<b>III. CLOSEOUT REPORTING</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Final Scientific/Technical Report	F	A. <b>OSTI E-Link</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Invention Certification (DOE I 2050.11)	F	B. <b>EERE PMC</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Tangible Personal Property Report – Final Report (SF-428 & SF-428B)	F	C. Email to DOE Project Officer	
<input type="checkbox"/> D. Verification of Receipt of Accepted Manuscripts	F	D. See section III. D. for instructions and due dates	
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Other (see Special Instructions)	F	E. See Special Instructions	

**IV. POST-PROJECT REPORTING**

- A. Scientific and Technical Reporting
- B. Intellectual Property Reporting

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A. [OSTI E-Link](#)  
B. [iEdison](#)

**FREQUENCY CODES AND DUE DATES:**

- A5** – As Specified or within five (5) calendar days after the event.
- F** – Final; within 120 calendar days after expiration or termination of the award.
- O** – Other: See instructions for further details.
- P** – Post-project (after the period of performance); within five (5) calendar days after the event, or as specified.
- Q** – Quarterly; within 30 calendar days after the end of the federal fiscal year quarter.
- S** – Semiannually; within 30 days after end of the reporting period.
- Y** – Yearly; within 90 calendar days after the end of the federal fiscal year.
- Y180** – Yearly; within 180 calendar days after the close of the recipient’s fiscal year.

**FULL URLS:**

- OSTI E-Link:** <http://www.osti.gov/elink-2413>
- OSTI E-Link Datasets:** <https://www.osti.gov/elink/2416-submission.jsp>
- DOE CODE:** <https://www.osti.gov/doecode/>
- iEdison:** <http://www.iedison.gov>
- EERE PMC:** <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx>
- FSRS:** <https://www.fsr.gov>
- PAGE:** <https://www.page.energy.gov>

**5. EERE Special Instructions:****I. WAP Quarterly Performance Report**

**I. A. WAP Quarterly Performance Report (DOE F 540.3).** This report shall be submitted quarterly, within 30 days after the end of the reporting period. Note: Total Outlays by Function should reconcile with the Financial Status Report Total Outlays by Fund Source each quarter, as well as cumulatively. When fourth quarter production information is submitted, recipients shall enter an updated estimate of annual energy savings in item II.A. using the estimated per-home BTU Energy Savings Estimate used in the approved state plan for this program year multiplied by the actual production total.

**II. K. OTHER REPORTING:** Submit the following reports K.1.K.2. to the Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy (PAGE) website at:

<https://www.page.energy.gov>

**II.K. 1. Annual Training and Technical Assistance, Monitoring, and Leveraging Report (DOE F 540.4).** The report shall be submitted yearly, 90 days after the end of the reporting period.

**II. K. 2. Annual Historical Preservation Report.** This report shall be submitted annually by September 15 and cover the reporting period from September 1 through August 31.

**II. K. 3. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Logs.** All activities must be documented (e.g., a NEPA log) to ensure compliance with the restrictions of the Bounded Categories. The documentation must be available for DOE review upon request and emailed on a quarterly basis to [GONEPA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:GONEPA@ee.doe.gov). A sample template NEPA log is available at [www.energy.gov/node/4816816](http://www.energy.gov/node/4816816).

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## EERE Reporting Instructions

**\*\*\* Throughout the performance of the project, it is important that you mark Protected Data/Limited Rights Data as described in Appendix A. It is equally important that you not submit Protected Personally Identifiable Information (Protected PII) to EERE. See Appendix A for guidance on Protected PII. \*\*\***

Report Templates Link: <http://energy.gov/eere/funding/eere-funding-application-and-management-forms>

### I. Project Management Reporting

#### A. WAP Quarterly Performance Report

Submit to:	<a href="https://www.page.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx">https://www.page.energy.gov/SubmitReports.aspx</a>
Submission deadline:	Within 30 calendar days after the end of the quarterly reporting period (January 30, April 30, July 30, October 30)

The Recipient must provide a concise narrative assessment of the status of work and include the following information and any other information identified under Special Instructions on the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist:

1. The DOE award and report information:
  - a. The DOE Award Number (as it appears on the award face page)
  - b. Recipient Name (as it appears on the award face page)
  - c. Project Title
  - d. Project Director / Principal Investigator (PD/PI) Name, Title and Contact Information (e-mail address and phone number)
  - e. Name of Submitting Official, Title, and Contact Information (e-mail address and phone number), if other than PD/PI
  - f. Project Period (Start Date, End Date)
  - g. Report Submission Date
  - h. Reporting Period Start and End Date
  
2. A written comparison of the actual project accomplishments with the project goals and objectives established for the reporting period; if goals and/or objectives for the reporting period were not met, a detailed description of the variance shall be provided.

3. A discussion of what was accomplished under these goals and objectives established for this reporting period, including major activities, significant results, major findings or conclusions, key outcomes, or other achievements. This section should not contain any proprietary data or other information not subject to public release. If such information is important to reporting progress, do not include the information, but include a note in the report advising the reader to contact the Principal Investigator or the Project Director for further information.
4. **Cost Status.** A comparison of the approved budget by budget period and the actual costs incurred during the reporting period shall be provided. If cost sharing is required, the cost breakdown shall show the DOE share, recipient share, and total costs.
5. **Schedule Status.** List milestones, anticipated completion dates and actual completion dates. If you submitted a project management plan with your application, you must use this plan to report schedule and budget variances. You may use your own project management system to provide this information.
6. Describe any changes during the reporting period in project approach and the reasons for these changes. Remember, significant changes to the project objectives and scope require prior approval by the Contracting Officer.
7. Describe any actual or anticipated problems or delays and any actions taken or planned to resolve them.
8. Describe any absence or changes of key personnel or changes in consortium/teaming arrangement during the reporting period.
9. List and describe any product produced or technology transfer activities accomplished during this reporting period, such as:
  - A. Publications (list journal name, volume, issue); conference papers; or other public releases of results. Attach or send copies of public releases to the DOE Program Manager identified in Block 15 of the Assistance Agreement Cover Page.
  - B. Web site or other Internet sites (list the URL) that reflect the results of this project.
  - C. Networks or collaborations fostered.
  - D. Technologies/Techniques (Identify and Describe).
  - E. Inventions/Patent Applications (Identify and Describe with date of application)

- F. Other products, such as data or databases, physical collections, audio or video, software or NetWare, models, educational aid or curricula, instruments or equipment (Identify and Describe).

**B. Financial Report SF-425 Federal Financial Report**

Submit to:	<a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>
Submission deadline:	Within 30 calendar days after the end of the quarterly reporting period (January 30, April 30, July 30, October 30) and within 90 calendar days after expiration or termination of the award

Every quarter, the prime recipient is required to submit a completed SF-425 for the project to EERE, covering the entirety of work performed by the prime recipient, subrecipients, and contractors – to EERE. A fillable version of the SF-425 is available at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/funding/eere-funding-application-and-management-forms>.

**F. Special Status Reports**

Submit to:	Email to DOE Project Officer
Submission deadline:	Within five (5) calendar days after the event, or as specified

Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the recipient’s ability to meet the objectives of the award or which may require DOE to respond to questions relating to such events from the public. The recipient must report any of the following incidents and include the anticipated impact and remedial action to be taken to correct or resolve the problem/condition.

The prime recipient is required to report the following events to EERE:

1. Any notices or claims of patent or copyright infringement arising out of or relating to the performance of the EERE award;
2. Refusal of a subrecipient to accept flow down requirements in the Special Terms and Conditions and/or any Attachment to the EERE award;
3. Potential or actual violations of federal, state, and municipal laws arising out of or relating to work under the award;
4. Any improper claims or excess payments arising out of or relating to work under the award;



5. Potential or actual violations of the cost share requirements under the award;
6. Potential or actual noncompliance with EERE or DOE reporting requirements under the award;
7. Potential or actual violations of the lobbying restrictions in the award;
8. Potential or actual bankruptcy/insolvency of the prime recipient or subrecipient;
9. Potential or actual violation of U.S. export control laws and regulations arising out of or relating to the work under the award;
10. Any fatality or injuries requiring hospitalization arising out of or relating to work under the award;
11. Potential or actual violations of environmental, health, or safety laws and regulations, any significant environmental permit violation, and any incident which causes a significant process or hazard control system failure;
12. Any event which is anticipated to cause a significant schedule slippage or cost increase;
13. Any damage to Government-owned equipment in excess of \$50,000;
14. Developments that have a significant favorable impact on the project; and,
15. Any incident arising out of or relating to work under the award that has the potential for high visibility in the media.

**G. Continuation Application**

Submit to:	<a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>
Submission deadline:	Within five (5) calendar days after the event, or as specified

A continuation application is a non-competitive application for an additional budget period within a previously approved period of performance. The continuation application should be submitted at least ninety (90) calendar days before the end of each budget period, or as specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of the award.

## II. Award Management Reporting

### C. Demographic Reporting

Submit to:	<a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>
Submission deadline:	Within 30 days after issuance of award

#### DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTORS (WAP Quarterly Performance Report, Appendix)

Demographic data (i.e., gender, ethnicity, race, and disability status) should be provided directly by the Principal Investigator and Business Contact with the understanding that the submission of this report is mandatory for awards made after 03/01/2022. There are no adverse consequences for responding “Do not wish to provide” in any question. Principal Investigators and Business Contacts of awards made prior to 03/01/2022 are encouraged, but not required, to submit demographic reporting. Confidentiality of demographic data will be in accordance with agency’s policy and practices for complying with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

**Gender:**

- Male
- Female
- Do not wish to provide

**Ethnicity:**

- Hispanic or Latina/o
- Not-Hispanic or not-Latina/o
- Do not wish to provide

**Race (select one or more):**

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Do not wish to provide

**Disability Status:**

- Yes (check yes if any of the following apply to you)
  - Deaf or serious difficulty hearing
  - Blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses

- Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs
- Other serious disability related to a physical, mental, or emotional condition.
- No
- Do not wish to provide

This measure is designed as a binary measure; it encompasses all self-reported disabilities. Please do not use it to report the number of individuals who have different types of disabilities (e.g., hearing impairments).

Note: This construct is not designed to be used at an individual-level (i.e., it should not be used for determining accommodation needs or disability status for particular individuals associated with the project).

**E. Tangible Personal Property Report – Disposition Request/Report (SF-428 & SF-428C)**

Submit to:	<a href="#">Email to DOE Project Officer</a>
Submission deadline:	Within 5 calendar days of the event or as specified

The prime recipient must request disposition instructions for or report disposition of federally-owned property or equipment acquired with project funds, whether the property or equipment is/was in the possession of the prime recipient or subrecipient(s). Recipients may also be required to provide compensation to the awarding agency when acquired equipment is sold or retained for use on activities not sponsored by the federal government. Any equipment with an acquisition cost above \$5,000 must be included in the inventory.

If disposition occurs at any time other than award closeout (i.e., at any time throughout the life of the project or after project completion and closeout as long as the federal government retains an interest in the item), the prime recipient must complete an SF-428 and SF-428C, available at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/funding/eere-funding-application-and-management-forms>.

If disposition instructions are requested at the time of award closeout, the prime recipient must submit the SF-428 and SF-428B (see III. **Closeout Reporting**).

Only the EERE Contracting Officer has authority to approve disposition requests and issue disposition instructions.

**F. Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Financing Statements**

Submit to:	<a href="#">Email to DOE Project Officer</a>
Submission deadline:	Within five (5) calendar days after the event, or as specified.

If a for-profit recipient or subrecipient desires to purchase a piece of equipment for their project, and the per-unit dollar value of said equipment is \$5,000 or more, and the federal share of the financial assistance agreement is more than \$1M, the recipient or subrecipient must file a UCC financing statement.

A UCC financing statement provides public notice that the federal government has an undivided reversionary interest in the equipment, and as such the equipment cannot be sold or used as collateral for a loan (encumbered).

The for-profit recipient or subrecipient must file the UCC financing statement(s) with the Secretary of State where the equipment will be physically located and must pay any associated costs for such filings.

The initial UCC financing statement may also be referred to as a UCC1. For additional pieces of equipment not specified in the award budget, TBD equipment, or equipment needed in future budget periods, the recipient can file an amendment to the original UCC1 financing statement, by submitting the UCC3 financing statement amendment.

Each UCC financing statement or amendment is to be filed with the appropriate Secretary of State office, where the equipment will be physically located.

Note: All costs associated with filing UCC financing statements, UCC financing statement amendments, and UCC financing statement terminations, are allowable and allocable costs which can be charged to the federal award.

At a minimum, the recipient must have stated in their UCC financing statement in block 4. (collateral) the following:

- "Title to all equipment (not real property) purchased with federal funds under this financial assistance agreement is conditional pursuant to the terms of 2 CFR 910.360, and the federal government retains an undivided reversionary interest in the equipment at the federal cost-share proportion specified in the award terms and conditions."
- Federal Award Identification Number (e.g., DE-EE000XXXX)

### G. Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS)

Submit to:	<a href="https://www.fsrs.gov/">https://www.fsrs.gov/</a>
Submission deadline:	The prime recipient is required to file a FFATA sub-award report by the end of the month following the month in which the prime recipient awards any sub-grant greater than or equal to \$25,000.

The Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) is the reporting tool prime recipients use to capture and report subaward and executive compensation data regarding their first-tier subrecipients to meet the FFATA reporting requirements. Prime recipients will report against subrecipients' awards. The subrecipient information entered in FSRS will then be displayed on [USASpending.gov](https://USASpending.gov) associated with the prime recipient's award furthering federal spending transparency.

The prime recipient is required to file a FFATA sub-award report by the end of the month following the month in which the prime recipient awards any sub-award greater than or equal to \$25,000.

### H. Annual Incurred Cost Proposals

Submit to:	<p>If DOE is the Cognizant Federal Agency, send the Annual Incurred Cost Proposal to one of the following offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:CostPrice@ee.doe.gov">CostPrice@ee.doe.gov</a> (if the Golden Field Office is Cognizant);</li> <li>OR</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:PricingGroup@netl.doe.gov">PricingGroup@netl.doe.gov</a> (if NETL is Cognizant)</li> </ul> <p>Otherwise, submit the proposal to the Recipient's appropriate Cognizant Federal Agency office.</p>
Submission deadline:	Within 180 calendar days after the close of the recipient's fiscal year

Prime recipients must submit a certified annual Incurred Cost Proposal (ICP), reconciled to its financial records, in order to finalize and reconcile billing rates incurred and billed to the Government.

An ICP submission is required unless one of the following conditions apply to the DOE award:

- Recipient elected to apply the 10% de minimis rate as allowed under 2 CFR 200.414(f); or
- Recipient has a pre-determined Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA).

**J. Single Audit: States, Local Government, Tribal Governments, Institution of Higher Education (IHE), or Non-Profit Organization**

Submit to:	Federal Audit Clearinghouse - <a href="https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/Default.aspx">https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/Default.aspx</a>
Submission deadline:	Within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or 9 months after the end of the audit period (recipient's fiscal year-end)

As required by 2 CFR 200 Subpart F, non-federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more during the non-federal entity's fiscal year in federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted. The single audit must be conducted in accordance with §200.514 Scope of audit, except when it elects to have a program-specific audit conducted.

For most single audits, the requirement is for annual single audits. However, there are occasions where a single audit is not required annually. Per 2 CFR 200.504 - Frequency of audits, a state, local government, or Indian tribe that is required by constitution or statute to undergo its audits less frequently than annually, is permitted to undergo its audits biennially. Also, any nonprofit organization that had biennial audits for all biennial periods ending between July 1, 1992, and January 1, 1995, is permitted to undergo its single audits biennially.

For a program-specific audit, when a recipient expends federal award funds under only one federal program (excluding R&D) and the federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the federal award do not require a financial statement audit of the auditee, the auditee may elect to have a program-specific audit conducted. A program-specific audit may not be elected for R&D unless all of the federal awards expended were received from the same federal agency, or the same federal agency and the same pass-through entity, and that federal agency, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient, approves in advance a program-specific audit.

The single audit report shall include audited financial statements.

**K. Other (see Special Instructions)**

Submit to:	<a href="https://www.page.energy.gov">https://www.page.energy.gov</a>
Submission deadline:	As specified and described in Box 5 EERE Special Instructions.

### III. Closeout Reporting

#### C. Tangible Personal Property Report – Final Report (SF-428 & SF-428B)

Submit to:	Email to DOE Project Officer
Submission deadline:	Within 120 calendar days after expiration or termination of the award

The prime recipient must submit a final inventory of and request disposition instructions for any federally-owned property and/or property or equipment acquired with project funds with an acquisition cost above \$5,000, whether the property is/was in the possession of the prime recipient or subrecipients.

The prime recipient must complete an SF-428 and SF-428B, available at <http://energy.gov/eere/funding/eere-funding-application-and-management-forms>.

If disposition occurs at any time other than award closeout, the prime recipient must complete an SF-428 and SF-428C (see IV. Other Reporting H. Property Disposition Request/Report).

Only the EERE Contracting Officer has authority to approve disposition requests and issue disposition instructions.

## **Appendix A: Notice To Recipients (Prime Recipients And Subrecipients) Regarding Protected Data, Limited Rights Data And Protected Personally Identifiable Information**

### **I. PROTECTED DATA AND LIMITED RIGHTS DATA**

The recipient is required to mark protected data and limited rights data in accordance with the IP clause set of the award agreement. Failure to properly mark data may result in its public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552) or otherwise.

#### **A. Protected Data - Technical Data or Commercial or Financial Data First Produced in the Performance of the Award**

The U.S. Government normally retains unlimited rights in any technical data or commercial or financial data produced in performance of Government financial assistance awards, including the right to distribute to the public.

However, under certain EERE awards, the recipient may mark certain categories of data produced under the award as protected from public disclosure for up to five years after the data is produced ("Protected Data"). If the award agreement provides for protected data and the recipient wants the data to be protected, the recipient must properly mark any documents containing Protected Data as set forth in the IP clause set of the award agreement.

#### **B. Limited Rights Data - Data Produced Outside of the Award at Private Expense**

Limited Rights Data is data (other than computer software) developed at private expense outside any Government financial assistance award or contract that embody trade secrets or are commercial or financial and confidential or privileged. Prior to including any Limited Rights Data in any documents to EERE, the recipient should review the award agreement. In most EERE awards, the recipient should not deliver any limited rights data to EERE if the recipient wants to protect the Limited Rights Data. If the EERE award does allow and require the delivery of limited rights data, then the recipient must properly mark any documents containing Limited Rights Data as set forth in the IP clause of the award agreement.



## II. PROTECTED PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

The recipient should not include any Protected Personally Identifiable Information (Protected PII) in their submissions to EERE. Protected PII is defined as any data that, if compromised, could cause harm to an individual such as identify theft. Protected PII includes, but is not limited to:

- Social Security Numbers in any form;
- Place of Birth associated with an individual;
- Date of Birth associated with an individual;
- Mother's maiden name associated with an individual;
- Biometric record associated with an individual;
- Fingerprint;
- Iris Scan;
- DNA;
- Medical history information associated with an individual;
- Medical conditions, including history of disease;
- Metric information, e.g., weight, height, blood pressure;
- Criminal history associated with an individual;
- Ratings;
- Disciplinary actions;
- Passport number;
- Educational transcripts;
- Financial information associated with an individual;
- Credit card numbers; and
- Security clearance history or related information (not including actual clearances held).

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



**RECIPIENT:** Weatherization Assistance Program Grantees with a Historical Preservation Programmatic Agreement\*

**STATE:** Mult

**PROJECT TITLE:** Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Fiscal Year 2022 Formula Awards

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
WAP-ALRD-2022	WAP-ALRD-2022A	GFO-WAP-2022A	

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

- A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)
- A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.
- B1.16 Asbestos removal** Removal of asbestos-containing materials from buildings in accordance with applicable requirements (such as 40 CFR part 61, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants"; 40 CFR part 763, "Asbestos"; 29 CFR part 1910, subpart I, "Personal Protective Equipment"; and 29 CFR part 1926, "Safety and Health Regulations for Construction"; and appropriate state and local requirements, including certification of removal contractors and technicians).
- B1.34 Lead-based paint containment, removal, and disposal** Containment, removal, and disposal of lead-based paint in accordance with applicable requirements (such as provisions relating to the certification of removal contractors and technicians at 40 CFR part 745, "Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention In Certain Residential Structures").
- B2.2 Building and equipment instrumentation** Installation of, or improvements to, building and equipment instrumentation (including, but not limited to, remote control panels, remote monitoring capability, alarm and surveillance systems, control systems to provide automatic shutdown, fire detection and protection systems, water consumption monitors and flow control systems, announcement and emergency warning systems, criticality and radiation monitors and alarms, and safeguards and security equipment).
- B3.1 Site characterization and environmental monitoring** Site characterization and environmental monitoring (including, but not limited to, siting, construction, modification, operation, and dismantlement and removal or otherwise proper closure (such as of a well) of characterization and monitoring devices, and siting, construction, and associated operation of a small-scale laboratory building or renovation of a room in an existing building for sample analysis). Such activities would be designed in conformance with applicable requirements and use best management practices to limit the potential effects of any resultant ground disturbance. Covered activities include, but are not limited to, site characterization and environmental monitoring under CERCLA and RCRA. (This class of actions excludes activities in aquatic environments. See B3.16 of this appendix for such activities.) Specific activities include, but are not limited to: (a) Geological, geophysical (such as gravity, magnetic, electrical, seismic, radar, and temperature gradient), geochemical, and engineering surveys and mapping, and the establishment of survey marks. Seismic techniques would not include large-scale reflection or refraction testing; (b) Installation and operation of field instruments (such as stream-gauging stations or flow-measuring devices, telemetry systems, geochemical monitoring tools, and geophysical exploration tools); (c) Drilling of wells for sampling or monitoring of groundwater or the vadose (unsaturated) zone, well logging, and installation of water-level recording devices in wells; (d) Aquifer and underground reservoir response testing; (e) Installation and operation of ambient air monitoring equipment; (f) Sampling and characterization of water, soil, rock, or contaminants (such as drilling using truck- or mobile-scale equipment, and modification, use, and plugging of boreholes); (g) Sampling and characterization of water effluents, air emissions, or solid waste streams; (h) Installation and operation of meteorological towers and associated activities (such as assessment of potential wind energy resources); (i) Sampling of flora or fauna; and (j) Archeological, historic, and cultural resource identification in compliance with 36 CFR part 800 and 43 CFR part 7.

**B5.1 Actions to conserve energy or water** (a) Actions to conserve energy or water, demonstrate potential energy or water conservation, and promote energy efficiency that would not have the potential to cause significant changes in the indoor or outdoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, manufacturers, and designers), organizations (such as utilities), and governments (such as state, local, and tribal). Covered actions include, but are not limited to weatherization (such as insulation and replacing windows and doors); programmed lowering of thermostat settings; placement of timers on hot water heaters; installation or replacement of energy efficient lighting, low-flow plumbing fixtures (such as faucets, toilets, and showerheads), heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, and appliances; installation of drip-irrigation systems; improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings; efficiency improvements for vehicles and transportation (such as fleet changeout); power storage (such as flywheels and batteries, generally less than 10 megawatt equivalent); transportation management systems (such as traffic signal control systems, car navigation, speed cameras, and automatic plate number recognition); development of energy-efficient manufacturing, industrial, or building practices; and small-scale energy efficiency and conservation research and development and small-scale pilot projects. Covered actions include building renovations or new structures, provided that they occur in a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions could involve commercial, residential, agricultural, academic, institutional, or industrial sectors. Covered actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation, except for those actions listed in B5.1(b) of this appendix. (b) Covered actions include rulemakings that establish energy conservation standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, provided that the actions would not: (1) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure (such as construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance); (2) involve significant unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (such as rare or limited raw materials); (3) have the potential to result in a significant increase in the disposal of materials posing significant risks to human health and the environment (such as RCRA hazardous wastes); or (4) have the potential to cause a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region.

**B5.16 Solar photovoltaic systems** The installation, modification, operation, and removal of commercially available solar photovoltaic systems located on a building or other structure (such as rooftop, parking lot or facility, and mounted to signage, lighting, gates, or fences), or if located on land, generally comprising less than 10 acres within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

**B5.17 Solar thermal systems** The installation, modification, operation, and removal of commercially available smallscale solar thermal systems (including, but not limited to, solar hot water systems) located on or contiguous to a building, and if located on land, generally comprising less than 10 acres within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

#### Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) administers the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) as authorized by Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended. The goal of WAP is to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential expenditures, and improve their health and safety. Each home weatherized under WAP would receive approximately \$8,009 as determined by site-specific outcomes of the energy audit process. Many Recipients supplement DOE funds with other federal and non-federal resources for the activities listed below.

This NEPA determination is specific to the 55 WAP Recipients\* with a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement for activities that are funded by the WAP Program Year 2022 Formula Grants Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (WAP ALRD 2022) and WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects Memorandum dated 12/15/2021, as applicable. Some WAP Recipients will also be awarded funds under a separately competed process for WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects. Approved activities funded under WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects are included in this NEPA determination. WAP Recipients without a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement have a separate NEPA determination: GFO-WAP-ALRD 2022B.

DOE has determined the following Bounded Categories of activities that are funded by the WAP Program Year 2022 Formula Grants Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (WAP ALRD 2022) and WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects, as applicable, are categorically excluded from further NEPA review, absent extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts, or connected actions that may lead to significant impacts on the environment, or any inconsistency with "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to a specific activity:

#### Bounded Categories:

1. Administrative activities associated with management of the designated Weatherization Office and management of programs and strategies in support of weatherization activities.

2. Development and implementation of training programs and strategies for weatherization effort, including initial home energy audits, final inspections, and client education.

3. Purchase of vehicles and equipment needed for administrative activities, weatherization energy audits, installation of measures indicated below, and quality control inspections.

4. Weatherization activities provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in existing buildings, are appropriately sized, are covered by Appendix A of 10 CFR 440, and/or approved as part of the energy audit approval procedures and material approvals process, and limited to:

a. Building Shell Measures:

- i. Install insulation where needed
- ii. Perform air sealing
- iii. Repair and replace windows, install window film, awnings, and solar screens

b. Mechanical Measures

- i. Clean, tune, repair, or replace heating and/or cooling systems
- ii. Install duct and heating pipe insulation
- iii. Repair leaks in heating/cooling ducts
- iv. Install programmable thermostats
- v. Repair/replace domestic water heaters
- vi. Install domestic hot water heater tank insulation

c. Electric and Water Measures

- i. Install efficient light sources
- ii. Install low-flow showerheads
- iii. Replace inefficient refrigerators with energy-efficient models

5. Energy-related health and safety measures (per Weatherization Program Notice 22-7) provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in existing buildings, and are limited to:

a. Combustion appliance safety inspections

b. Air quality assessment and limited removal of formaldehyde, volatile organic compounds, flammable liquids, and other air pollutants

c. Gas and bulk fuel leak inspections

d. Limited testing and/or containment, removal or disposal of lead, asbestos, refrigerant, and mercury, and other materials generated during the course of WAP activities

e. Cleaning of mold limited to surface preparation for WAP activities

f. Conduct radon testing and precautionary measures, including but not limited to, sump pump covers, covering exposed dirt floors with polyethylene sheeting which contains a rating of no more than 0.1 perm, which is sealed and attached at all seams, walls, and foundation penetrations

g. Inspect and install carbon monoxide and smoke alarms

h. Install ventilation as required by the American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) 62.2-2016 standard, including blower door testing addressing infiltration, ventilation, and exhaust

6. Incidental and necessary energy-related repairs and replacements, provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in existing buildings, and are limited to:

a. Repair/replace damaged windows and doors

b. Minor electrical and plumbing repairs

7. Development, implementation, and installation of onsite renewable energy technology from renewable resources, provided that activities adhere to the requirements of the respective Recipients' DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in or on an existing structure or within the boundaries of a facility (defined as an already disturbed area due to regular ground maintenance), do not require structural reinforcement, no trees are removed, are appropriately sized, and are limited to::

a. PV systems not to exceed 60 kW

b. Solar Thermal (including solar thermal hot water and solar thermal air panels) not to exceed 200,000 BTU/HR

c. Battery storage, if applicable, would be attached to a structure (e.g. inside a garage), or within the boundaries of a facility. Either location would not be visible from the public right of way.

Recipients shall adhere to the restrictions of their DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement.

All incidental measures relating to hazardous materials identified during the WAP activities would be managed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

All activities must be documented (e.g., a NEPA log) to ensure compliance with the restrictions of the Bounded Categories. The documentation must be available for DOE review upon request. Recipients are required to participate in DOE led training on NEPA and Historic Preservation which would include the additional reporting requirements for the above activities prior to commencing work on the above activities. The training is anticipated to be available in the Spring of 2022 at [www.energy.gov/node/4816816](http://www.energy.gov/node/4816816). Recipients are responsible for contacting NEPA with any NEPA or historic preservation questions at [GONEPA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:GONEPA@ee.doe.gov).

The Recipient is responsible for identifying and promptly notifying DOE of extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts, or connected actions that may lead to significant impacts on the environment, or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) relating to any proposed activities. Additionally, the Recipient must demonstrate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and inform DOE of activities in the 100-year floodplain.

Recipients shall adhere to the restrictions of their DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement. DOE executed historic preservation programmatic agreements are available on the Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs website: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/wipo/historic-preservation-executed-programmatic-agreements>

DOE is required to consider floodplain management and wetland protection as part of its environmental review process (10 CFR 1022). As part of this required review, DOE determined requirements set forth in Subpart B of 10 CFR 1022 are not applicable to the activities described in Bounded Categories 1-6b above that would occur in the 100-year floodplain (hereinafter "floodplain") or wetland because the activities would not have short-term or long-term adverse impacts to the floodplain or wetland. These activities are administrative or minor modifications of existing facilities to improve environmental conditions. All other integral elements and environmental review requirements are still applicable. All activities (except those under Bounded Categories 1-6b) must document those activities do not occur in the floodplain or wetland. Activities occurring in the floodplain or wetland (except those under Bounded Categories 1-6b) are subject to additional NEPA review and approval by DOE.

For activities requiring additional NEPA review, Recipients must complete the environmental questionnaire (found at <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/NEPA.aspx>) for review by DOE.

Most activities listed under "Bounded Categories" are more restrictive than the Categorical Exclusion. The restrictions must be followed for the Bounded Category to be applicable.

\* WAP Recipients with a historic preservation programmatic agreement: AL, AK, AS, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MP, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, and VI.

## NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination.

The NEPA Determination applies to the following Topic Areas, Budget Periods, and/or tasks:

This NEPA Determination only applies to activities funded by the WAP Program Year 2022 Formula Grants Administrative and Legal Requirements Document and WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects, as applicable. All activities must be documented (e.g., a NEPA log) to ensure compliance with the restrictions of the Bounded Categories. Recipients must have a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement.

The NEPA Determination does not apply to the following Topic Area, Budget Periods, and/or tasks:

This NEPA Determination does NOT apply to activities funded by sources other than the WAP Program Year 2022 Formula Grants Administrative and Legal Requirements Document or WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects, activities that do not fit within the restrictions of the Bounded Categories listed above, or to Recipients that do not have a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement.

Include the following condition in the financial assistance agreement:

1. This NEPA Determination only applies to activities funded by the WAP Program Year 2022 Formula Grants Administrative and Legal Requirements Document and WAP Community Scale Pilot Projects, as applicable.
2. All activities must be documented (e.g., a NEPA log) to ensure compliance with the restrictions of the Bounded Categories. The documentation must be available for DOE review upon request.
3. Activities not listed under "Bounded Categories" including ground disturbing activities outside the boundaries of a facility (defined as an already disturbed area due to regular ground maintenance), structural improvements to facilities, and tree removal, are subject to additional NEPA review and approval by DOE. For activities requiring additional NEPA review, Recipients must complete the environmental questionnaire found at <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/NEPA.aspx> and receive notification from DOE that the NEPA review has been completed and approved by the Contracting Officer prior to initiating the project or activities.
4. This authorization does not include activities where the following elements exist: extraordinary circumstances; cumulative impacts or connected actions that may lead to significant effects on the human environment; or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to a particular project.
5. The Recipient must identify and promptly notify DOE of extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts or connected actions that may lead to significant effects on the human environment, or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to project activities.
6. Recipients must have a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement and adhere to the terms and restrictions of its DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement. DOE executed historic preservation programmatic agreements are available on the Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs website: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/wipo/historic-preservation-executed-programmatic-agreements>.
7. Most activities listed under "Bounded Categories" are more restrictive than the Categorical Exclusion. The restrictions listed in the "Bounded Categories" must be followed.
8. Recipients are responsible for completing the online NEPA and Historic preservation training at [www.energy.gov/node/4816816](http://www.energy.gov/node/4816816) (anticipated to be available Spring 2022) and contacting NEPA with any questions at [GONEPA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:GONEPA@ee.doe.gov).
9. This authorization excludes any activities that are otherwise subject to a restriction set forth elsewhere in the Award.

Notes:

Weatherization & Intergovernmental Programs Office - WAP  
This NEPA Determination requires legal review of the tailored NEPA provision.  
NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder, 02/25/22

#### **FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

A portion of the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review. The NEPA Provision identifies Topic Areas, Budget Periods, tasks, and/or subtasks that are subject to additional NEPA review.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  Casey Strickland Date: 2/25/2022  
NEPA Compliance Officer

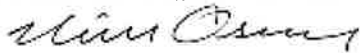
**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

- Field Office Manager review not required
- Field Office Manager review required

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Office Manager

**ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

1. Award No. E-EE0009886		2. Modification No.	3. Effective Date 04/01/2022	4. CFDA No. 81.042
5. Awarded To ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION Attn: Christie Wilcheck P.O. BOX 101020 ANCHORAGE AK 995101020		6. Sponsoring Office Energy Efficcy & Renewable Energy EE-1 U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington DC 20585		7. Period of Performance 04/01/2022 through 03/31/2023
8. Type of Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other	9. Authority Public Law 109-58, Energy Policy Act (20005)		10. Purchase Request or Funding Document No. 22EE001082	
11. Remittance Address ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION Attn: Christie Wilcheck P.O. BOX 101020 ANCHORAGE AK 995101020		12. Total Amount Govt. Share: \$2,177,695.00  Cost Share : \$0.00  Total : \$2,177,695.00		13. Funds Obligated This action: \$413,762.00  Total : \$413,762.00
14. Principal Investigator		15. Program Manager Jonny M. Muckey Phone: 202-287-1809		16. Administrator Golden Field Office U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office 15013 Denver West Parkway Golden CO 80401
17. Submit Payment Requests To Payment - Direct Payment From U.S. Dept of Treasury		18. Paying Office Payment - Direct Payment from U.S. Dept of Treasury		19. Submit Reports To See Reporting Checklist
20. Accounting and Appropriation Data 5450-2022-31-200835-41020-1004759-0000000-0000000-0000000				
21. Research Title and/or Description of Project WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - Alaska				
22. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign		25. Signature of Grants/Agreements Officer 		
23. Name and Title		24. Date Signed	26. Name of Officer Nicholas C. Oscarsson	27. Date Signed 03/16/2022



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ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	<p>DUNS Number: 010192953</p> <p>In addition to this Assistance Agreement, this award consists of the items listed on the Cover Page of the Special Terms and Conditions.</p> <p>Current Budget Period: 04/01/2022 to 03/31/2023</p> <p>Project Period: 04/01/2022 to 03/31/2025</p> <p>In Block 7 of the Assistance Agreement, the Period of Performance reflects the beginning of the Project Period through the end of the current Budget Period.</p> <p>The purpose of this action is to obligate Program Year 2022 funds and to authorize performance of Program Year 2022 activities.</p> <p>Funding for all awards and future budget periods is contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this program and the availability of future-year budget authority.</p> <p>DOE Award Administrator: Jon Krieger E-mail: jon.krieger@ee.doe.gov Phone: 240-562-1626</p> <p>DOE Project Officer: Jon Muckey E-mail: jon.muckey@ee.doe.gov Phone: 202-287-1809</p> <p>Recipient Business Officer: Jimmy Ord E-mail: jord@ahfc.us Phone: 907-330-8446</p> <p>Recipient Principal Investigator: Mimi Burbage E-mail: mburbage@ahfc.us Phone: 907-330-8192</p> <p>"Electronic signature or signatures as used in this document means a method of signing an electronic message that-- (A) Identifies and authenticates a particular person as the source of the electronic message; (B) Indicates such person's approval of the information contained in the electronic message; and, (C) Submission via FedConnect constitutes electronically signed documents." ASAP: YES Extent Competed: NOT COMPETED</p> <p>Continued ...</p>				

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ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	Davis-Bacon Act: NO PI: Burbage, Mimi Fund: 05450 Appr Year: 2022 Allottee: 31 Report Entity: 200835 Object Class: 41020 Program: 1004759 Project: 0000000 WFO: 0000000 Local Use: 0000000				

**Intellectual Property Provisions (NRD-115)  
Nonresearch and Development**

For any Institution of Higher Education or nonprofit organization conducting work under the award, intellectual property is subject to 2 CFR 200.315. For any foreign entity or for-profit entity conducting work under the award, intellectual property is subject to 2 CFR 910.362.

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

1. Program/Project Identification No. EE0009886		2. Program/Project Title Weatherization Assistance Program	
3. Name and Address Alaska Housing Finance Corp P.O. Box 101020 Anchorage, AK 995101020		4. Program/Project Start Date 04/01/2022	5. Completion Date 03/31/2023

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Federal Catalog No. (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. PY 2022 APPLICATION BUDGET	81.042	\$ 0.00		\$ 2,177,695.00		\$ 2,177,695.00
2. STATE			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,177,695.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,177,695.00

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) GRANTEE ADMINISTRATION	(2) SUBGRANTEE ADMINISTRATION	(3) GRANTEE T&TA	(4) SUBGRANTEE T&TA	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,500.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,840.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,840.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 0.00	\$ 326,654.00	\$ 60,489.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 2,093,355.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 326,654.00	\$ 144,829.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 2,177,695.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 0.00	\$ 326,654.00	\$ 144,829.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 2,177,695.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

1. Program/Project Identification No. EE0009886		2. Program/Project Title Weatherization Assistance Program	
3. Name and Address Alaska Housing Finance Corp P.O. Box 101020 Anchorage, AK 995101020		4. Program/Project Start Date 04/01/2022	5. Completion Date 03/31/2023

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY						
Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Federal Catalog No. (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,177,695.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,177,695.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES					
6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) HEALTH AND SAFETY	(2) PROGRAM OPERATIONS	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 34,500.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 24,840.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 25,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 289,242.00	\$ 1,156,970.00			\$ 2,093,355.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 289,242.00	\$ 1,156,970.00			\$ 2,177,695.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 289,242.00	\$ 1,156,970.00			\$ 2,177,695.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00

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**(Grant Number: EE0009886, State: AK, Program Year: 2022)**

**IV.1 Subgrantees**

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units
Alaska Community Development Corp (Palmer)	\$690,711.00 49
Interior Weatherization (Fairbanks)	\$660,711.00 49
Rural Community Action Program (Anchorage)	\$681,444.00 49
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,032,866.00 147</b>

**IV.2 WAP Production Schedule**

Planned units by quarter or category are no longer required, no information required for persons.

Weatherization Plans	Units
Total Units (excluding reweatherized)	122
Reweatherized Units	25

Average Unit Costs, Units subject to DOE Project Rules

**VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT AVERAGE COST PER DWELLING UNIT (DOE RULES)**

A Total Vehicles & Equipment (\$5,000 or more) Budget	\$0.00
B Total Units Weatherized	122
C Total Units Reweatherized	25
D Total Dwelling Units to be Weatherized and Reweatherized (B + C)	147
E Average Vehicles & Equipment Acquisition Cost per Unit (A divided by D)	\$0.00

**AVERAGE COST PER DWELLING UNIT (DOE RULES)**

F Total Funds for Program Operations	\$1,156,970.00
G Total Dwelling Units to be Weatherized and Reweatherized (from line D)	147
H Average Program Operations Costs per Unit (F divided by G)	\$7,870.54
I Average Vehicles & Equipment Acquisition Cost per Unit (from line E)	\$0.00
J Total Average Cost per Dwelling (H plus I)	\$7,870.54

**IV.3 Energy Savings**

Method used to calculate savings:  WAP algorithm  Other (describe below)

	Units	Savings Calculator (MBtus)	Energy Savings
This Year Estimate	147	29.3	4307
Prior Year Estimate	174	29.3	5098
Prior Year Actual	8	29.3	234

Method used to calculate savings description:

**IV.4 DOE-Funded Leveraging Activities**

N/A

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**IV.5 Policy Advisory Council Members**

Check if an existing state council or commission serves in this category and add name below

Anesha Wallace	Type of organization: Non-profit (not a financial institution) Contact Name: Anesha Wallace Phone: 9077297262 Email: <a href="mailto:awallace@southcentralfoundation.com">awallace@southcentralfoundation.com</a>
Kimberly Carlo	Type of organization: Contact Name: Phone: 9043475439 Email: <a href="mailto:kimberlycarlo@yahoo.com">kimberlycarlo@yahoo.com</a>
Marquam George	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: Trainer and Consultant-retired UAS.. Phone: 9072094444 Email: <a href="mailto:marquam.george@gmail.com">marquam.george@gmail.com</a>
Matthew Stangley	Type of organization: Unit of State Government Contact Name: Matthew Stangley Phone: 9074655835 Email: <a href="mailto:matthew.stangley@alaska.gov">matthew.stangley@alaska.gov</a>
Mr. Todd Hoener	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: Consultant on Home Performance and Baseload Phone: 9073889960 Email: <a href="mailto:tmhoener@gmail.com">tmhoener@gmail.com</a>
Phil Kaluza	Type of organization: Contact Name: Energy Professionals and At Large Phone: (907)360-6337 Email: <a href="mailto:pkaluza@g-mail.com">pkaluza@g-mail.com</a>
Richard Green	Type of organization: Contact Name: Building Supplier Rep and Homebuilders Association Phone: 9074525050 Email: <a href="mailto:rgreen@sbsalaska.com">rgreen@sbsalaska.com</a>
Toy Owen	Type of organization: Contact Name: WX network rep. Phone: (907)694-4413 Email: <a href="mailto:tovir@gci.net">tovir@gci.net</a>

**IV.6 State Plan Hearings (Note: attach notes and transcripts to the SF-424)**

Date Held Newspapers that publicized the hearings and the dates the notice ran

01/19/2022 The Public hearing was advertised in compliance with procedure. Changes to the Plan were read into the record which was professionally transcribed. Testimony was recorded by the transcriber. Subgrantee agency representatives attended the Public Hearing by teleconference. The plan was approved in a vote taken following the public hearing. The plan was advertised in the statewide Anchorage Daily News January 5-18, 2022 and was available on the on the AHFC website for the same period of time.

**IV.7 Miscellaneous**

2022 BUDGET: DOE has also identified funds for innovative or pilot projects separately from the 2022 allocation. AHFC may choose to apply for those funds working directly or in conjunction with subgrantee agencies and submit eligible project/s for consideration. No further public hearing will be needed. If a vote of the PAC is required it will be conducted electronically through email.

The budget for 2022 is based on the allocation for 2021 and will be updated when the 2022 allocation is released with no further approval from the PAC needed.

Compliance with network and PAC review of the state plan. Prior to writing the plan, the Program Manager discusses specifics with each of the agency directors to collect their concerns and suggestions. On 12-09-2021 a teleconference was held with all the agencies to outline the 2022 process for writing the state plan. Once a draft is written, it is distributed to the PAC and the network by early January for their review. The State plan is then made public at least 10 working days prior to the Public Hearing. In this case the plan was released on January 5, 2022. The Public Hearing was held on January 19, 2022. The final plan is submitted to DOE and distributed to both the PAC and the network by early February.

The Alaska Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM) can be accessed at <https://www.ahfc.us/efficiency/research-information-center/manuals-forms-and->

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[workbooks/weatherization-operations-manual](#). The existing WOM is the **2021** version. Changes to the WOM will be completed prior to April 1st and a network meeting will be held to discuss in detail any changes that are added.

**CHANGES TO THE PLAN:** If further directives are issued from DOE regarding new requirements that must be included to receive a grant from DOE, and unless the change is so substantive that implementation would really differ from the what is proposed, then these changes will be adopted without further public hearing or PAC approval. AHFC is also in progress on many compliance and technical issues within the Standards and the WOM and final outcomes will be ready at the time of the release of grants on April 1, 2022. No further public hearings shall be convened to approve any of these changes, unless there is a major change that significantly impacts the program, all documents will be finalized prior to the start of the program year.

If funding changes prior to or during the course of the PY, adjustments to the budget distribution will be made without further public hearing. Due to the relatively small number of units estimated, units have been distributed more or less evenly to the subgrantees in this plan. In reality the DOE units may be distributed to areas where the need is greater or the presence of qualifying families is larger. AHFC reserves the right to distribute DOE funds as is most effective for the operation of the program. Funding to all areas follows the historical distribution based on a number of factors including climate data, household need, population, etc.

Notable Changes for 2022:

1. Covid 19 is continuing to affect timelines and deliverables, such as job completions and QCI monitoring.
2. Field Guide and AkWarm Approval are both updated, approved and aligned.
4. Updated WOM 2022 to be provided on website.
5. Review and update of Chapter 5 of the WOM will occur to align with the Field Guide in some areas and to make sure there are no conflicts between documents.
6. Addressing fuel switch on both an individual basis and a Grantee administered process. See Master File Energy Audit Procedures and the Health and Safety Plan.
7. Addressing the allowance of water heaters as a H&S or ECM improvement in both the Master File and the H&S plan.

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**DEFINITIONS:**

1. SWS- Standard Work Specifications-Standard created by NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory) to guide all measures undertaken with federal weatherization dollars.
2. QCI- Quality Control Inspectors-The Certification required of all inspectors who inspect DOE completed units, both from the agencies and from the state.
3. WOM- Weatherization Operations Manual from the State of Alaska.
4. EOW- Energy OutWest. EOW western region peer exchange network. EOW operates independently as a non-profit and is focused on training and technical issues in the delivery of weatherization services.
5. HPC- Home Performance Coalition, now known as BPA
6. Building Performance Association
7. BPC- Building Performance Center Bellingham
8. COVID- referencing pandemic virus needing protocols specifically to protect workers and clients

**ATTACHMENTS TO SF424:** The WOM is available in entirety on the AHFC website but there have been some minor changes made to these three chapters for the current update that might be relevant to DOE. Section 1 is overall operations using both state and DOE funds, Chapter 5 are our technical standards, and Chapter 9 is the DOE rules and regulations. On April 1, 2022 the WOM 2022 will be available on the AHFC website.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** The updated Health and Safety Plan (H&SP) is attached this document. We are requesting 25% for H&S. Added protocols are being developed currently to help with prevention of COVID spread to workers and clients. Also added Section 7.25 Allowable Fuel Switch to the Health and Safety Plan and also water heaters.

**COMPETITIVE BID EVALUATION PROCESS FOR SUBGRANTEES:** In the summer of 2020 we issued a Solicitation of Qualification (SOQ) that was



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used to identify qualified agencies that will be eligible to receive funding in the 2021 Program Year though the 2026 Program Year. This SOQ will be used for selecting qualified agencies to receive all funds that are dedicated to weatherization and residential rehabilitation.

QCI -Every three years we will provide training to to grantee and agency staff, to ensure that assessors and inspectors will be in line with QCI expectations and to provide backup in the event of turnover. This will focus on Energy Auditor and QCI inspector classes and certification. Training for CEU's will continue in state or with BPC Bellingham, Minnesota, CHP or other sanctioned training center or for existing QCI inspectors. QCI inspectors will be utilized for large multifamily inspections and as training programs become available for QCI multifamily inspections we will incorporate them into our continuing training for QCI inspectors.

ALASKA FIELD GUIDE-We have an approved Alaska Field Guide for actual use in the field and with the crews. The guide continues to be a work in progress as we streamline formatting and will continue to make improvements to the individual specification pages, updating photos, and adding new ones when needed. Training is ongoing for the agencies in the specifics and the use of the field guide. All agencies have participated in review of the Field Guide during development so there is a collaboration of effort that will ensure adoption and application in the field. The Field Guide was approved in 2021 and is aligned with the AkWarm approval.

WEATHERIZATION OPERATIONS MANUAL (WOM): The WOM could not be attached due to its size. It failed to load on the SF-424. The WOM is updated annual and reviewed by all agencies and released on April 1st each year. No changes will be issued during the course of the Program Year which coincides with the DOE Program Year. To access the WOM please go to the following"

[www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us)

Click on "For Partners"

Search "manuals"

Go down the list for the WOM-(2022 version April 1, 2022)

<https://www.ahfc.us/efficiency/research-information-center/manuals-forms-and-workbooks/weatherization-operations-manual>

**SUBGRANTEE RESPONSIBILITY:** All DOE subgrantees shall comply with the requirements outlined within this plan as well as all Federal rules, regulations and guidance governing the DOE Weatherization Program. The technical requirements, including the Alaska Standards and the Alaska SWS document, will be included in any grants to the sub-grantee agencies. There are representatives from each of the agencies on the Alaska team that will be continuing to work on the Field Guide and SWS. The acceptance of the grant by the Subgrantee will indicate acceptance of all requirements, including the one to pass the technical standards onto the subcontractors.

Subgrantee agencies and vendors must comply and pass through to other contractors the approved energy audit procedures, the 10CFR 440 Appendix A, the Alaska Field Guide and WOM Standards in all the work that they do utilizing DOE funds.

**AVERAGE COST PER UNIT:** The average cost per unit is \$8009 according to DOE guidance. If the average cost per unit is changed during the course of the period of performance or at the start of the program year, Subgrantee funding may be recalculated to allow for a different average cost per unit and the number of completions required modified if necessary. No further public hearing will be required to change the average cost per unit. Subgrantees will be notified in writing of any change.

**RENEWABLES:** The renewable adjusted average (\$3815) is part of the total allowable average cost per unit. AHFC will allow expenditures on renewable within the guidelines established by DOE. Renewables are not a part of the current Alaska plan. Permission from the State Program Manager must be in place before proceeding with any projects involving renewables. No further public hearing will be required to change the average cost per unit for renewables. Subgrantees will be notified in writing of any change.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** the Public Hearing for weatherization is always held in January, allowing to be plan to be finalized and submitted in February. Everyone participating including the PAC members and the Executive Management by all Subgrantee agencies were notified that the plan depended on funding distribution to begin April 1, 2022. All members agreed that the Plan was approved without further need for public hearing. If a major problem is found by DOE in the final state plan submitted, it will be changed or adjusted by the AHFC Program Manager and if needed reviewed by the PAC either through e-mail or teleconference for final approval. If suggestions are made to the method of implementation, allocation, training, the budget, and/or logistics by DOE that are necessary to comply with Federal regulation, these changes will be instituted by the program manager without further public hearing. If for some reason, a second public hearing was absolutely necessary for final approval of the plan, the PAC would be contacted by teleconference or electronically for the final approval, if meeting in person as a group proved difficult. Many of our PAC members and agency directors have to travel significantly to attend meetings in Anchorage.

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The PAC sometimes will meet twice a year, once in January to approve the state plan and possibly once in spring (February to May) in Juneau to focus on planning, collaboration, education and funding for the continuation of the program. The January meeting is mandatory for approval of the state plan and members will be allowed to travel to the meeting or participate by Webinar. The PAC includes:

1. Matthew Stangle(LIHEAP) is the director of the LIHEAP program for the state. He coordinates with agencies to serve those LIHEAP clients that are in the system. His office also works separately with many tribal groups statewide and has helped to coordinate those groups with the Wx. providers.
2. Marquam George (TRAINING) is recently retired from the University but still provides training and educational consultation with Southeast agencies,

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especially the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Corp. He has designed and implemented successful programs under the weatherization umbrella for crew training and apprenticeships in our Southeast Native villages.

3. Richard Green (SUPPLIER) represents Spenard Builders, a major weatherization supplier, that serves both urban and rural Alaska villages. He is instrumental in helping to bring in the most current new products and to assist the agencies in improving technical application.

4. Todd Hoener (UTILITIES). He is a widely known trainer in lighting and baseload applications and has worked continuously for the last thirty years on projects in our Native Communities and on the remote road connected systems. He brings an expertise in the renewable industry while having a hands on knowledge of weatherization (former manager of the weatherization program for Tanana Chiefs Conference). He continues to work in the energy efficiency in residential housing field.

5. Phil Kaluza (RENEWABLES AND HEALTHY HOMES). He has worked with many native villages and Housing Authorities to improve ventilation options where the use of ventilation system is a challenge due to high electrical costs (up to \$.90/kwh real cost) and where the need for innovative client education is needed. Phil also has helped to design monitoring systems to assist us in measuring the effectiveness of our work in the homes.

6. Anesha Wallace (HEALTH CORPORATION). She has worked for Southcentral Foundation which is the primary health organization that oversees public health concerns in all the remote communities as well as the cities, including the Alaska Native Medical Center (Anchorage hospital). Anesha grew up in Tanana, AK. and worked with the weatherization program at AHFC in the past so she is very familiar with the program.

7. Toy Owen (Retired State Program Manager/Agency Program Director). Toy spent many years involved in the establishment and implementation of the weatherization program. He has spent most of his life in Alaska and understands the unique conditions that are presented in working towards exemplary outcomes in weatherization and rehab.

8. Kimberly Carlo. Kimberly Carlo (consultant) just finished working at Interior Regional Housing Authority for over ten years in charge of all housing programs including weatherization for Interior Villages. She lives in Fairbanks and she has family in Fort Yukon which is one of the largest villages so she is very able to represent native and low income people in both areas of the state. Kimberly is very knowledgeable about housing needs throughout the state as well as barriers to efficiency and what works and what does not.

RESOURCES: DOE rules and guidance are found on line at [www.waptac.org](http://www.waptac.org) and are part of the compliance with any grant that AHFC issues containing DOE funds. DOE funds are subject to compliance with all applicable DOE and Federal rules. DOE is maintaining the website for all guidance and updates at <http://energy.gov/eere/wipo/weatherization-program-guidance>.

SHPO: The SHPO agreement was renewed by amendment until 2030. We have two agreements currently. One is for DOE funds and the other is for State funds. There is very little difference but we will negotiate both once the approved agreement is issued by DOE.

TECHNICAL DIAGNOSTIC TESTING REQUIREMENTS: For all DOE homes, we will be running the required diagnostic testing as defined by the Quality Control Inspection (QCI) process) with the exception of the duct pressurization testing. This test will not be required by the state of Alaska but is allowed if an agency wants to conduct one. For the most part the duct systems are either inside the building envelope or will be brought in side during the weatherization work. Duct sealing is considered a priority where needed and pressure pan testing remains a requirement.

All diagnostic testing, assessments, and inspections will be covered by DOE funds. For a full review of diagnostic testing, protocols will be found in the WOM- Section 5. If there is a need to add or exempt certain tests to stay in compliance or to make the program more effective, we reserve the right to make changes to the plan, through the Alaska Standards-Chapter 5.

ACSI (American Consumer Satisfaction Index)-Alaska ranked very well in almost every category of the ACSI the study. AHFC distributed the study to all Subgrantee agencies as soon as it was released. AHFC will be meeting with the Subgrantee agencies for a half day following the Public Hearing and a discussion of ACSI will be included in that meeting. All Subgrantee agencies will be questioned as to how further improvements can be made. We regularly conclude all of our Subgrantee meetings in all critical discussions regarding the development of technical documents and policies, distribution of funds, guidance and program changes, administrative updates and changes, etc. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the fall to continue this.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Below is a copy of the ~~2022-2023~~ PY attachment to the grants that specifies insurance. We do not choose to track insurance and audit costs separately. This is reviewed annually by Risk Management and updated as needed and attached to the grant agreements.

ARTICLE 7. INSURANCE The apparently successful Grantee must provide the required insurance certificates as described below within ten (10) working days of Notice of Intent to Award. AHFC will not sign a grant agreement or contract, issue a notice to proceed, or make any payment absent the required insurance certificates. Without limiting Grantee's indemnification, it is agreed that Grantee will purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this Grant, the following policies of insurance.

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AHFC Risk Management reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and revise any of the following insurance requirements, based on insurance market conditions which may affect the availability or affordability of coverage; or based on changes in the scope of work or specifications that apply to this Grant. In addition, AHFC Risk Management reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurance policies failing to either meet the necessary criteria or that have been provided by an insurer in poor financial condition or legal status.

The requirements contained herein, as well as AHFC Risk Management review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Grantee is not intended to, and shall not in any manner, limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by Grantee under this Grant.

Insurance policies required to be maintained by Grantee will name AHFC as additional insured for all coverage except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability/E&O insurance.

The Grantee and its subcontractors/subgrantees agree to obtain a waiver, where applicable, of all subrogation rights against AHFC, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Grantee and its subcontractors/subgrantees for AHFC. However, this waiver shall be inoperative if its effect is to invalidate in any way the insurance coverage of either party.

Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they will be the minimum acceptable limits. If the Grantee's policy contains higher limits, AHFC will be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. The coverages and/or limits required are intended to protect the primary interests of AHFC, and the Grantee agrees that in no way will the required coverages and/or limits be relied upon as a reflection of the appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect Grantee against any loss exposure whether a result of this Grant or otherwise.

Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of any required insurance policy is a material breach and grounds for termination of the Grant.

**A. Workers' Compensation Insurance:** The Grantee will provide and maintain, for all employees of the Grantee engaged in work under the Grant, Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by AS 23.30.045. The Grantee shall be responsible for ensuring that any subcontractor/Subgrantee that directly or indirectly provides services under this Grant has Workers' Compensation Insurance for its employees. This coverage must include statutory coverage for all States in which employees are engaging in work and employer's liability protection for not less than \$100,000 per occurrence. Where applicable, coverage for all federal acts (i.e., USL & H and Jones Acts) must also be included.

**B. Commercial General Liability Insurance:** The Grantee will provide and maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance with not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit, and will include premises-operation, products/completed operation, broad form property damage, blanket contractual and personal injury coverage. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding or limiting contractual liability nor providing for cross liability.

**C. Automobile Liability Insurance:** The Grantee will provide and maintain Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with coverage limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence bodily injury and property damages. In the event Grantee does not own automobiles, Grantee agrees to maintain coverage for hired and non-owned liability which may be satisfied by endorsement to the CGL policy or by separate Business Auto Liability policy.

**D. Umbrella or Excess Liability:** Grantee may satisfy the minimum liability limits required above for CGL and Business Auto under an umbrella or excess Liability policy. There is no minimum per occurrence limit under the umbrella or excess policy; however, the annual aggregate limit shall not be less than the highest per occurrence limit stated above. Grantee agrees to endorse AHFC as an additional insured on the umbrella or excess policy unless the certificate of insurance states that the umbrella or excess policy provides coverage on a pure "true follow form" basis above the CGL and Business Auto policy.

**E. Professional Liability Insurance:** The Grantee will provide and maintain Professional Liability Insurance covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Grantee, its subcontractors/sub grantees, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, made in the performance of this Grant which results in financial loss to the State. Limits required are \$1,000,000.

**F. Contractors' Pollution Legal Liability (or equivalent) Insurance:** The Grantee will provide and maintain Contractors' Pollution Legal Liability Insurance covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Grantee, its contractors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, made in the performance of this Agreement. Limits required are not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

**G. Certificates of Insurance:** Grantee agrees to provide AHFC with certificates of insurance evidencing that all coverages, limits and endorsements as described above are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect as required by this Grant. Certificates shall include a minimum thirty (30) day notice to AHFC of cancellation or non-renewal.

**H. Information for Insurance Agents/Brokers.** The Grantee is strongly encouraged to provide its insurance agent/broker with a copy of the insurance provisions of this Grant in order that the Grantee may timely obtain and maintain the required insurance and/or bonding.

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This worksheet should be completed as specified in Section III of the Weatherization Assistance Program Application Package.

**V.1 Eligibility**

**V.1.1 Approach to Determining Client Eligibility**

Provide a description of the definition of income used to determine eligibility

AHFC can determine each program year whether to base household eligibility on median income as determined by the Low Income Heating Assistance Program or the Department of Energy Percent of Poverty or other DOE approved methodology. This Program Year, AHFC will base income on 200% of Poverty unless a new methodology or percent of poverty is released allowing higher income clients. We find that many high priority clients are somewhat over-income and cannot qualify, but, they also cannot afford to implement energy savings and health and safety measures on their homes. This category will include a large percentage of the working poor who have been negatively affected by Covid 19 and are in need of assistance. We will chose whatever method allows us to include the largest number of clients.

Eligibility is determined by subgrantees when a client applies to the program. Clients are assisted in the application process. Calculating income and considering proof of income for DOE eligible clients meets 10 CFR 440 requirements and is detailed further in the Alaska WOM. DOE eligibility process are noted in Chapter 9. The system of priorities that is required by DOE comprises the first three levels of the state program so those that are the highest priority with the lowest of income are served first. AHFC through the Alaska Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM) includes a detailed set of instructions and many template forms for determining income and eligibility, for verifying ownership and income, and, for verifying number of household residents.

The Alaska Program also works with the Department of Health and Social Services to obtain the list of eligible LIHEAP clients to help identify those that are automatically eligible, to streamline their application process, but to also verify that they are recipients of either of those programs.

WPN 22-5 extended categorical income eligibility to HUD means-tested programs. WAP Grantees and Subgrantees may certify that applicants have met the income requirements of HUD means-tested programs through mechanisms including, but not limited to, applicant documentation, interagency lists of recipients, shared system databases, etc. Method of verification of eligibility must be included in the client file.

Describe what household eligibility basis will be used in the Program

Income determination methods are documented thoroughly in the Alaska WOM (Sec. 1)  
Alaska uses the DOE definitions and priorities for its top tier clients.

1. The household includes a resident who is elderly, disabled, or a child under 6 years old, and the total household unit income is less than or equal to the income limits published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.
2. The household includes a child who is 6-18 years old, and the total household unit income is less than or equal to the income limits published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.
3. Other households with total household unit income that is less than or equal to the income limits published by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that are current as of April 1st of the program year.

High energy user and high energy burden. Although these categories have become a priority for some programs from DOE, we decline to include them at this time. First of all, it is very difficult to get confirmed household usage records from many of the utilities. in most of hte bush this information is not tracked and fmailies often buy fuel one 5-20 gallon container at a time. Even delivered fuels are not really tracked to the homes. Also, those clients that have tried to implement energy savings practices before we even get to the home would be penalized under such a system. Those clients are the ones that are most likely to value and maintain the weatherizaiton work that goes into the home. Because of the lack of good hard utility data, we do not track this in our systems right now. My personal feeling is that due to the high prices of fuel throughout Alaska, everyone faces a high energy burden. Our current priorities really serve the most disadvantaged first as it is so I feel that we are achieving the same goal.

The eligibility process follows the DOE regulations and is outlined in great detail in the WOM (Sec. 1)

Describe the process for ensuring qualified aliens are eligible for weatherization benefits

Grantees are directed to review guidance provided by Health and Human Services (HHS) under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

**V.1.2 Approach to Determining Building Eligibility**

Procedures to determine that units weatherized have eligibility documentation

Currently, a dwelling unit is eligible for DOE funds if it has never been weatherized, or, if it the previous weatherization date was more than 15 years ago. Households with elderly,

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handicapped, and children under six years will be given priority. Funding for reweatherization shall not exceed the allowed number of units of the total grant allocation noted in the Annual File. Subgrantees have the option of adopting a policy for further priority ranking, subject to approval, in writing, by AHFC. WOM Section 1.

Eligible buildings must comply with 10 CFR 440. Must be a residential unit (owned or rented) that is currently lived in; and, the household must comply by income or be automatically eligible with LIHEAP or SSI. Multifamily buildings of any size must follow the requirements for owner authorization and contributions (if any). May be a shelter and comply with 10 CFR 440.

If a building incorporates mixed use (i.e. commercial and residential), no DOE funds will be used to address issues in common areas or commercial areas. To consider a mixed use building for eligibility under state weatherization, the building must comply as described in the WOM Section 1-page 33.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION:** The Programmatic Agreement (PA) between DOE, AHFC and SHPO specifies exempt activities and structures from having to meet the requirements of the Historic Preservation office prior to commencing work. The SHPO PA will be attached to the WOM. All homes outside of those exempted must meet SHPO requirements. WOM Section 4.

**Describe Reweatherization compliance**

No unit can receive DOE weatherization funding if it was previously weatherized less than fifteen years ago. Annually a (not to exceed) percentage of units are selected that could be completed as re-weatherized units. AHFC allocates a percentage of the budget to re-weatherization due to the fact that the severe climate and the condition of the housing stock for low income high priority clients often needs to be reconsidered if work was done over 15 years ago. These are some of the oldest housing stock and have experienced severe deterioration as well as are in great need of current advanced energy savings retrofit measures. Often the poorest clients reside in these units. The technology utilized in the assessment, installation and inspection processes has dramatically changed over the past two decades which really helps to target high priority areas of heat loss and health and safety.

Dwelling units weatherized (including dwelling units partially weatherized) under this part, or under other Federal programs (in this paragraph referred to as 'previous weatherization'), may not receive further financial assistance for weatherization under this part until the date that is 15 years after the date such previous weatherization was completed. This paragraph does not preclude dwelling units that have received previous weatherization from receiving assistance and services (including the provision of information and education to assist with energy management and evaluation of the effectiveness of installed weatherization materials) other than weatherization under this part or under other Federal programs, or from receiving non-Federal assistance for weatherization. The inclusion of "other Federal programs" includes all Federal funds including LIHEAP, HUD, or USDA "weatherization" activities.

The Weatherization Program by definition is a highly complex and detailed technical approach to identifying measures designed to save energy and eliminate H&S problems in the home. It begins with a comprehensive assessment of the home that includes building diagnostics, energy modeling, in depth client interviews and assessments of behavior, HVAC diagnostics, a visual inspection of all insulated areas that can be accessed, foundation and other structural inspections, ventilation compliance with ASHRAE, etc. All possible eligible measures are entered into a computer model which will list each one in order of cost effectiveness. Only those meeting a SIR of one or above are allowed to be considered for installation. Weatherization is not an emergency program or a home repair program. The primary measures completed under weatherization include air leakage reduction, insulation, ventilation, HVAC repair and replacement, duct sealing, Ground Vapor Barriers, CO detectors and smoke detectors. No other program in Alaska has this focus or has the diagnostics to effectively and safely complete the measures recommended. Other programs often focus on accessibility measures for handicap compliance, structural measures, water and septic, among other things. No one requires the diagnostics that we do for weatherization.

The AHFC database and data collection system for weatherization and our Energy Rebate Program contains information back to over 30 years ago in terms of homes completed. We also have the energy modeling system called AkWarm collected for most of those units. The information on the homes that were completed long ago is minimal and in some cases non-existent but we do know what homes and when they were done. The information collected in the last fifteen years is much more thorough. Despite the retention period for DOE funds being three years, we have kept this data base to give us good information about the homes that have been worked on and also knowing that it would help in tracking re-weatherization. Most all Federal agencies follow the same retention period of three years and for legal reasons most agencies do destroy files after that period of time. Currently there is no statewide data base of all homes that have been worked on for any reason by any Federal agency. I think it would be next to impossible to compile such a data base given all the interagency confidentiality rules, lack of information over three years old, etc.

AHFC will add language to the WOM that the Subgrantee must examine all submitted paperwork by the clients to determine if they have received weatherization services in the past and they must cross check the Wx.Online database. A question must be added to the application that asks the client if they have received weatherization work in the past 15 years by any agency. If so, the Subgrantee can determine if the work falls under the definition of weatherization or not. If the client did receive weatherization services during that time frame, then they must be denied and told to reapply after the fifteen year waiting period from the time they received services. Otherwise they will be allowed to continue through the application process.

**Describe what structures are eligible for weatherization**

The WOM and the 10 CFR 440 detail eligible dwelling units but they include single family rentals and owner occupied, mobile homes, large and small multifamily buildings, and shelters. WOM Section1.

**Describe how Rental Units/Multifamily Buildings will be addressed**

The extensive policy on Rental Units in the WOM is covered in Section 1. AHFC has detailed Landlord Tenant Agreements that can be found in Section 2 Administrative and Eligibility Forms. Any changes to DOE compliance with rental policies will be incorporated without further public hearing.

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**Describe the deferral Process**

If a unit is declared to be unsafe for work, it will be deferred for a specific period of time until the appropriate improvements to health and safety hazards can be completed by the owner or other funding. Once that is done, the unit can then be reconsidered for work. WOM Section 1. If improvements take longer then the client will have to reapply and update their information prior to being served.

Referral: Although we are very aware of all the other funding sources that might be used on a home and our agencies do their best to interface with RD-USDA funds, HUD funds, etc. we are often the program of last resort. Our agencies also work with churches and other non profits such as Access Alaska, Native Corporations, Tribal Groups etc. to find funds to deal with situations that might cause a deferral. AHFC and the subgrantees will do our best to refer clients to other services.

All deferrals will be tracked separately this program year using the DOE tracker or equivalent.

**V.1.3 Definition of Children**

Definition of children (below age): **6**

**V.1.4 Approach to Tribal Organizations**

Recommend tribal organization(s) be treated as local applicant?

If YES, Recommendation. If NO, Statement that assistance to low-income tribe members and other low-income persons is equal.

Historically the State of Alaska has exceeded service to Native Americans on a population basis

The State of Alaska selects service grantees based on a competitive process and to date no tribes have applied. This current year DOE funds equal less than 20% percent of overall funds allocated to weatherization services. Other funds (with more flexibility) are distributed to the DOE grantees and to other agencies most of which are Native Regional Housing Authorities serving in their designated areas. Other funds are issued to agencies on April 1st at the start of the construction season and most of the rural projects are winding down by fall.

The situation is very different in Alaska from the reservation status that most tribes have in the rest of the states. The Native population in rural Alaska is concentrated in 200+ very small remote communities and then a large share of the Native population has migrated to the urban centers, particularly Anchorage, where they are served equally by the appropriate agencies.

All low income people in Alaska are equally eligible for weatherization services. Four of the regions served comprise all of the area not connected by road and are primarily populated by Native American people. Remote communities are served one or two at a time per region to provide cost effective services in those areas. The weatherization services will be made available to all residents of a targeted community and priority clients will be served first. All eligible residents of a targeted community, who apply and are qualified at the time of the initial intake, must be served before moving on to another community.

Under the state program, some regional native housing authorities receive weatherization grants to work in their areas. They are required to serve all eligible applicants in their areas regardless of race or tribal affiliation by date of application and priority status. All were vetted through a competitive five-year process, the weatherization SOQ process. If a client is not a high priority, he/she may eventually be served but only after other higher priority clients. Subgrantee agencies differ slightly with their individual policies but all follow the overall State land Federal guidelines. Grantees with DOE funds must follow Section 9 of the WOM which is DOE only rules.

**V.2 Selection of Areas to Be Served**

**SERVICE AREAS:** Three agencies with long histories of service to the DOE weatherization program will be allocated funds to serve in those areas where they are working with AHFC state funds. This includes some if not all of the road connected areas of the state including Fairbanks, Anchorage, Matanuska Valley, Richardson Highway, Cordova, Valdez, rotating communities in Southeast Alaska, and possible units in Northern, Western, and Bristol Bay where logistics have those grantees serving at this time. Funds will be allocated to areas where they can best be expended within the allowable time frame and with the best use of the funds in mind. All units must meet the standards of the Alaska Field Guide and the WOM Standards.

**REGIONS TO BE SERVED** a) The WAP (Alaska uses this to reference the road connected program) which serves five designated regions which compose 88 percent of the population and 90 percent of the dwelling units in the state. The Enhanced Weatherization program serves four other regions comprising 12 percent of the population and 10 percent of the dwelling units, in an area over 400,000 square miles in size. The regions are:

**ROAD CONNECTED REGIONS WAP:**  
Fairbanks North Star Borough and adjoining road system;

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Southcentral Alaska  
Municipality of Anchorage  
Southeast Alaska  
Juneau

**ENHANCED WEATHERIZATION (EWX) PROGRAM REGIONS (This is the rural remote program)**

Northern  
Western  
Interior  
Bristol Bay/Aleutians)

The state uses an allocation formula that establishes the basic funding per region based on a variety of factors and updated with census information renewal. The State reserves the right to reallocate the funds in this plan or any new funds or reductions in funds based on the following criteria:

1. demonstrated need in a planned service area,
2. ability of the subgrantee to perform under the terms of the grant; or
3. other extenuating circumstances (i.e. natural disaster or other delaying work in an area)

With written approval of the Program Manger, a given area of the state maybe served on a one time basis ( for a specific number of units) by an AHFC DOE weatherization subgrantee, working outside of their service district area without further public process:

**V.3 Priorities**

Priority one clients include elderly, disabled, and families with children under six. Priority 2 clients should include families with children from the age of six and not exceeding eighteen years of age. Priority 3 are all other eligible by income clients. WOM Section 1. This process is reviewed at the time of Annual Program Monitoring.

AHFC and weatherization subgrantees and contractors do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, clients, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

**V.4 Climatic Conditions**

**CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN ALASKA**

The state of Alaska is so huge geographically that there exist many microclimates each with its own set of challenges for weatherization.

The primary driving forces are temperature, Heating Degree Days (HDD), precipitation and wind. In the regions served by the WAP, the average annual heating degree days range from 7,000 to 15,381. The temperatures by communities range from +104 to -80 degrees Fahrenheit. Cooling degree days are not a consideration in the WAP. In the regions to be served by the Enhanced Weatherization EWX (remote rural), the average annual heating degree days range up to 20,297 and the lowest recorded temperature is -72 degrees Fahrenheit. Some areas in the state experience hurricane strength winds regularly (including parts of Anchorage.)

Rain and Snow. The Gulf of Alaska has heavy rains with some areas having over 100 inches a year. Snow accumulation can be ten feet or more in colder parts of the Gulf. Most of coastal Alaska has heavy winds and blowing snow in the winter. Interior and western Alaska have from 10 to 20 inches of rain per year. They may have up to 10 or more feet of snowfall per year.

Delivering weatherization services to rural Alaska remote villages is on a timing cycle that starts the year prior. Assessments must be done in the winter, materials consolidated and ordered by early spring, shipment by barge from Seattle to the remote villages begins in late spring and goes until August. Once the materials are in place, the work starts in a very intense and concentrated manner in an effort to complete the village over several months before the hardest weather conditions set in.

Urban/road connected areas are served over a longer period but there are areas which cannot be worked in from about November until April because of the climate conditions. These areas include the Richardson and Parks Highway, road connected areas out of Fairbanks, and parts of the Kenai Peninsula will be inaccessible due to snow and ice. The Anchorage and outlying area is served almost year around, but Fairbanks itself shut down for close to six weeks last year due to bitterly

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cold temperatures.

**V.5 Type of Weatherization Work to Be Done**

**V.5.1 Technical Guides and Materials**

**STANDARDS OF WORK SPECIFICATIONS (SWS):** The Field Guide and the Alaska SWS are a work in progress and we will be updating according to requirement. The Field Guide was approved this year and is good until May 3, 2026.

Chapter 5 of the Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM) is a detailed set of standards governing all measures to be implemented regardless of the funding used. All DOE work will first reference the Alaska Field Guide that illustrates the appropriate SWS. We are now working on a cross walk between the SWS, Field Guide and Chapter 5 for consistency to provide further consistency.

The Weatherization Operations Manual 2022 (WOM) will be available at the AHFC website for subgrantee agencies April 1, 2022. The current Alaska Field Guide is also available on the AHFC website as well.

To access both the WOM and the Alaska field Guide go to [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us).  
Search "Manuals"  
Scroll down to see the current WOM and the Field Guide, for 2022.

We will continue to provide any helpful publications, forms and charts to the QCI inspectors and either offer specific training for credit under contract or allow travel and registration to eligible training in Bellingham at the BPC or other accredited training center.

**DOE APPROVED MEASURES:** DOE funds must be expended on energy conservation measures that meet or exceed an SIR of one or above as determined by AkWarm and adhered to Appendix A. At least one ECM (Energy Conservation Measure) must be installed prior to expending on H&S items when using DOE funds. We continue to work with providing technical assistance manuals and training in the technical side of measure determination, AkWarm use, and the use of audit and inspection tools. The WAP uses an Alaska specific home energy assessment (AkWarm) as the audit tool. AkWarm determines those measures which will be implemented to specifically save energy. AKWarm is required to be used on all dwellings weatherized. Section 5 of the Ak. WOM details the state standards for implementation of measures. The Ak Field Guide is the reference needed for the implementation of measures using DOE funds in the field. Each DOE job must have at least one Energy conservation measure with an SIR of one or above.

**APPENDIX A MATERIALS:** Appendix A is a part of the DOE requirements. It lists all of the approved materials that are allowed to be implemented under DOE weatherization. Appendix A is included in the Alaska WOM that all subgrantees use as guidance in implementation of the program.

**APPROVED WEATHERIZATION MATERIALS NOT LISTED IN APPENDIX A (WPN 16-7):**

\* Eligible for other funds.\*\* Eligible for other H&S funds.

\* **Fluorescent Lamps and Fixtures** (approved 7/29/1994, WPN 94-5)

Compact fluorescent lamps UL 542, Edition 9 (2005);

UL 1993, Edition 4 (2012);

Energy Star criteria for CFLs – Lifetime Requirement.

Fluorescent lighting fixtures UL 1598, Edition 3 (2008) (R2012);

NFPA 70-2014;

Energy Star criteria for Light Fixtures – Lifetime Requirement.

Currently allowed in AkWarm

\* **LED Lamps and Fixtures** (first approved for OR 5/14/2014)

Portable Electric Luminaires UL 153, Edition 13 (3/3/2014)

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Equipment for Use in Lighting Products

UL 8750, Edition 1 (R3/3/2014)

Lamp holders UL 496, Edition 13 (R 11/25/2013)

Currently allowed in AkWarm



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**Refrigerators**

Refrigerator/freezers (does not include freezer-only units) AHAM HRF-1-2008; UL 250-993(R2013).

Replaced units must be disposed of properly per Section 8, Clean Air Act 1990, as amended.

**\*\* Replacement Electric Water Heaters** (approved 10/6/2000, WPN 00-5)

Electric (resistance) storage tank water heaters UL 174, 11th Edition (2004)(R2015)

Requesting waiver for use of DOE funds

**Replacement Water Heaters** (approved 4-11-2001, WPN 01-11)

Heat pump water heaters 10 CFR 430, Appendix E to Subpart B;

UL 1995, Edition 4 (2014).

Gas fueled water heaters:

Rated = 75 kBtu/hr ANSI Z21.10.1-2014/CSA 4.1-2014;

10 CFR 430, Appendix E to Subpart B.

Rated > 75 kBtu/hr ANSI Z21.10.1-2014/CSA 4.3-2014;

10 CFR 430, Appendix E to Subpart B.

Oil fueled water heaters UL 732, Edition 5 (1995) (R2013)

Have added to the H&S plan 2022 and are requesting as an ECM with calculation procedures.

**Acronyms:**

AHAM – Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

ANSI – American National Standards Institute

ASTM – ASTM International (formerly American Society for Testing and Materials)

IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

SRCC – Solar Rating and Certification Corporation

UL – UL (formerly Underwriters Laboratories)

The following is the status of our current efforts for baseload analysis in AkWarm:

*Current Lighting Analysis:* AkWarm has the capacity to allow users to identify electrical components for replacement assessment; currently, if users choose to calculate miscellaneous baseload measures they must itemize all electrical loads in the dwelling to calculate an accurate energy reduction level, savings to investment ratio, and breakeven costs. As a result of decreased purchase cost for LED bulbs, replacement of existing incandescent bulbs has been determined cost effective in nearly all scenarios; historically, lighting upgrades have been focused on primary use fixtures and areas identified as potential hazards due to poor lighting, from both a dwelling and occupant perspective. LED replacement lights for both incandescent and end of life CFL are allowed without calculating SIR.

*Current Refrigerator Analysis:* AkWarm has the capacity to allow users to identify electrical components for replacement assessment; currently, users must itemize all electrical loads in the dwelling to calculate an accurate energy reduction level, savings to investment ratio, and breakeven costs. As this practice can be labor intensive, an external analysis tool has been used to determine replacement eligibility outside of the AkWarm Home Energy Rating calculation; the tool is available at <http://www.energytools.com>.

*Analysis of Electrical Loads:* AHFC's contractor for the AkWarm software completed an enhancement project to allow the software to accept partial electrical load itemization. Based on these entered loads and basic information concerning proportion, overall usage level, and occupancy load, the software will be upgraded to allow a user to enter only the loads that are to be included in the energy reduction analysis. Data from concerning average usage in varying communities is intended to be incorporated to account for geographic disparities. This allows for calculation of electrical retrofits to align with the current methodology for shell and mechanical system retrofit; loads identified for retrofit will be included in the Improvement Options Report, showing all data currently included for other proposed improvements. This feature is especially important for commercial audits and may be

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used for residential as well.

**Acronyms:**

AHAM – Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
ANSI – American National Standards Institute  
ASTM – ASTM International (formerly American Society for Testing and Materials)  
IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
NFPA – National Fire Protection Association  
SRCC – Solar Rating and Certification Corporation  
UL – UL (formerly Underwriters Laboratories)

**DOE REQUIREMENTS AND PASS THROUGH:** For specific measures see the State of Alaska Weatherization Operations Manual at [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us) and the Alaska Field Guide. Common measures include air sealing, attic insulation, floor insulation, heating system clean and tunes and replacements, moisture control and ventilation, and energy efficient lighting. There are literally hundreds of details in the WOM Section 5 and the Field Guide about these measures and others. The actual grants that are signed by the agencies have all required materials for DOE compliance referenced or attached. Agencies must pass these onto their subcontractors and maintain verification that each subcontractor has received and is implementing the Standards and the Field Guide. All subgrantee agreements and vendor contracts will contain language which clearly documents the SWS specifications for work quality. Field and file monitoring by AHFC will check to see that the language is included in subcontractor agreements and that they are being used. The weatherization grants list these documents and their location in the attachments for access by the subgrantees which are signed by the authorized signatories for each agency.

All subgrantees are required to use blower doors, heating system analyzers during the analysis of each home, whenever applicable; and are encouraged to use infrared cameras, monoxers, Duct Blasters and other testing equipment where applicable, while performing home energy assessments. The QCI protocols must be followed for interim and final inspections. Heating system diagnostic test procedures and improvements are performed as outlined in the WOM Sec. 5.

The average cost per dwelling unit for materials and program support expenditures will not exceed the prescribed average cost per home when utilizing Department of Energy weatherization program funds. Subgrantees will determine the amount of money spent per unit using AHFC resources (remaining within the average established by AHFC), after determining a cost effective weatherization plan for each home. (This average cost is determined statewide. The number of required units for each subgrantee is determined by the Program Manager based on the average cost per unit.)

All homes declared as complete under the DOE WAP program need to receive a minimum investment of at least one major measure (with an SIR of 1 or more). Justification must be provided in the file if this is not achieved. The AHFC Program Manager determines if justification is allowable and how it needs to be documented.

Costs of providing manuals and reference materials for all of the following (plus other related skill and certification programs and licensing will be allowed under the DOE weatherization program.

**CERTIFICATION:** The following requires certification:

QCI-(Quality Control Inspectors)-for final inspection of all DOE funded units

Energy Auditor for QCI inspectors compliance at renewal

RRP (Renovation Repair and Painting)-All workers on site or at least one supervisor where part time crews are hired. Checked on site inspections and at annual file review.

Lead Firm-Required for all subgrantees. Checked at time of Annual Program Monitoring and on-site monitoring.

OSHA 10 and 30-for appropriate crew and field supervisors.

Asbestos informational

Mold informational

**INFORMATIONAL AND AWARENESS:** (AHFC is constantly updating access to informational materials concerning the following (not limited to):

**ASHRAE 62.2 2016**

Mold and Asbestos Awareness: All workers within 6 months of hire. On-line or taught in house.

Radon-A Citizens Guide to Radon

Healthy Homes

OSHA 10-for all permanent crew.-recommended

OSHA HCP-all requirements on SDS

OSHA Hazardous Communication Standard-required

OSHA Confined Space

OSHA Lockout Tagout

Other relevant OSHA

**CERTIFICATION OF USE OF AK WOM AND THE AK FIELD GUIDE.** The signed grant with the subgrantee agencies is certification that they will utilize these references and other pertinent DOE and state documents and that they will be passed to the subcontractors as well. The WOM and the field guide are distributed by email and accessible on line to be downloaded by the subgrantees. During the annual Program Monitoring, we check to see that the current WOM is in the office and that the agencies are utilizing the current rules and regulations in the operations of their programs. We also check to see that the subgrantee contracts have included the pass through language concerning the use of the AK Field Guide and the WOM. In the field we check to see that the Field Guide is being referenced. We bring the Field Guide with us for reference during the inspections as well.

**PASSTHROUGH LANGUAGE CURRENTLY IN GRANTS:**

Attachment A Article 7: Each party to this grant Agreement is subject to the standard provisions governing third party relationships as described in 15AAC 154.745. Grantees using weatherization funding may contract for services without prior AHFC approval. All State of Alaska technical and program requirements must be accepted and agreed upon by third party contractors.

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Attachment D-details the State Plan, the AK Field Guide, DOE rule and all the overriding CFR.

Attachment D-Article 2 Certifying Statement: The agency \_\_\_\_\_ has copies of and has read the above referenced materials and will conduct the Weatherization Assistance Program in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations and laws pertained therein. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**Field guide types approval dates**

Single-Family: 5/3/2021  
Manufactured Housing: 5/3/2021  
Multi-Family:

**V.5.2 Energy Audit Procedures**

**Audit Procedures and Dates Most Recently Approved by DOE**

Audit Procedure: Single-Family  
Audit Name: AKWarm (Alaska)  
Approval Date: 8/20/2020

Audit Procedure: Manufactured Housing  
Audit Name: AKWarm (Alaska)  
Approval Date: 8/20/2020

Audit Procedure: Multi-Family  
Audit Name: AKWarm (Alaska)  
Approval Date: 8/20/2020

**Comments**

**Computerized Energy Audit Software (AKWarm)**

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation has developed a combination Weatherization/Home Energy Rating Software known as AKWarm. The software has been reviewed by the Department of Energy in accordance with 10 CFR 440.21(g). All energy conservation measures will have a savings-to-investment ratio of one or greater, proving cost effectiveness as measured by AKWarm.

Airsealing measures could include the addition of weatherstrip and door sweep, caulks and foams used specifically, drywall applied to seal a wall or ceiling to establish a pressure boundary or encapsulate insulation, and other measures designed to reduce air leakage.

The WAP uses AkWarm as its computerized analysis tool for all residential assessments. AkWarm determines those measures which will be implemented to specifically save energy. All homes must receive an AkWarm pre and post energy analysis. All DOE units will be inspected as proscribed by DOE Rule.

AHFC developed the ARIS data base and to date there are a total of 85000 unique identifiers (housing units) in the data base. Since 2008 we have completed through energy rebates and weatherization approximately 45,000 units that we have a pre and post rating for in this data base. We also have another several thousand new units that were given a rebate if they met the 5 star plus rating.

AkWarm itself has been continually improved as a tool for housing analysis and currently is being considered for use as a marketing tool for an energy efficiency determination for homes that are being sold.

Currently every DOE job must have at least one energy conservation measure of an SIR of one or above. All energy conservation measures installed using DOE funds must meet the SIR of one or above. Eligible funds may be used to buy down the cost of the measures. See WOM, Sec 9.

DOE guidance regarding non energy benefits and H&S measures will be considered in the implementation of the Alaska weatherization program.

**FUEL SWITCH USING DOE FUNDS: (WPN 19-4 Attachment 5)**

Alaska will allow fuel switch with DOE funds, For the time being that can be done on a case by case basis when the Grantee will submit the following to the DOE Project Officer.

1. A short description of the proposed fuel switch and the reason for doing so.

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2. A complete energy audit with all the supporting documentation that either
  - a. Demonstrates that fuel switch is cost effective when interactive with other conservation measures
  - b. Properly supports the proposed switch as an H&S measure

Supporting documentaion must include the initial site assessment, photos, additional ancillary equipment necessary for the fuel switch (gas lines, electrical and the enegy audit's Input Reprot and Recommended Measures Report. The entire cost of the installaiton must be included in the cost of the ECM evaluation.

Meanwhile we are seeking approval for Grantee Administered Fuel Switching Approval

To assume responsibility for administering the fuel switching policy, Grantee mus tsubmit hte following information to it's PO.

1. Statement in stae plan supporting this request.
2. The audit libraries must contain
  - a. All utility cost information to provide accurate data for hte fuel switch decision
  - b. The escalation rate o fenergy prices used in the audit over hte life of hte meeanusr
  - c. All related charges associated with fuel switching (permits, utilities, etc.)
3. Demonstration of Capability- msut be able to analyze the infomration when presented. Submit:
  - a. One complete sample audit for switching in each situation
  - b. Supporting doumentation including utility costs and use, etc.
5. if this is not done with the energy audit approval cycle it must be attached to the master file.

**V.5.3 Final Inspection**

**STANDARD MONITORING PROCEDURES:**

All homes completed with DOE funds must receive a QCI inspection from the agency inspector. Each client file must include a form that certifies that the unit had a final inspection and that all work met the required standards. This form must be signed by the QCI inspector. The final QCI will include an assessment of the original audit and confirm that the measures called for on the work order were appropriate and in accordance with the AKWarm audit procedures and protocols approved by DOE. Missed opportunities or deviations from the original audit shall be documented in the final QCI report.

The final inspector from the agency on the job must be someone other than the job supervisor and or the assessor. The final inspector must also be QCI certified (unless extenuating circumstances allow a waiver in writing by the AHFC Program Manager). If the supervisor/crew chief and the final inspector are one and the same, a separate request must be filed with the AHFC Program Manager to allow this and increase the number of units inspected by the state. This may be the issue in remote and rural areas of Alaska where travel costs prohibit multiple people going into an area to do a separate inspections.

AHFC has provided training and certification to inspectors from each agency. AHFC will continue to monitor the credentials of QCI inspectors and track the continuing education for all the QCI inspectors. AHFC will provide the appropriate continuing education QCI classes and or authorize agencies to utilize T&TA funds to complete this task through attendance at qualified conferences and/or training.

AHFC will provide follow-up inspections and review and/or verification of diagnostic testing and submitted data on a minimum of five percent (5%) of DOE units that are inspected by a QCI agency inspector. If anomalies or problems are found, AHFC will meet with the subgrantee agency to determine a solution. Since each agency has had multiple QCI inspectors trained, there will be other options for the agencies if one inspector is found to be doing non-compliant inspections. If the QCI inspector does not meet the requirements of the SWS and QCI, AHFC will not accept any inspections from that inspector and will discuss a course of action with the subgrantee agency to ensure compliance on all inspections.

In some cases, the agency assessor may need to perform the final QCI inspection. If that scenario happens, the agency must contact AHFC to let them know that the assessor and the QCI inspector are the same person in specific service district areas of the state due to logistics, costs or other extenuating circumstances. Once approved by AHFC, the state will conduct a total of ten percent (10%) of QCI follow up inspections in this area.

Upon the final inspection, any deficiencies are reported to the subgrantee and must be addressed by the agency. If an agency continues to demonstrate problems, more site visits will be scheduled increasing the overall percentage of units inspected. The final inspection by the subgrantee also must include client education instruction on the long term maintenance of any given installed measure if it appears that the client needs further education.

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Continued training may be provided. BPC in Bellingham Washington may be providing that training and certification. They are the closest IREC certified training entity. Continued QCI certification will be provided by them as well.

No dwelling unit is reported to DOE as completed until all feasible, affordable and practical weatherization measures have been installed and the Subgrantee or any authorized representative has performed a final inspection (s) including any mechanical work performed and certified that the work has been completed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with the priority determined by the audit procedures required by 10 CFR 440.21.

**MONITORING UNDER COVID 19 CONDITIONS:** Currently we are monitoring under our standard procedures to complete the required QCI percentage of 5% units inspected. All Covid protocols per the State of Alaska, local municipality and the subgrantee agencies are being implemented. That basically means that appropriate PPE will be worn by inspectors and interactions with clients will be socially distanced. If travel is involved by plane there are many local restrictions including testing and quarantine that will be taken into consideration. Currently we are working on completing our inspections as usual but we may have to defer or present a method of remote monitoring to DOE if the infection rates do not significantly reduce in the near future. DOE jobs will be submitted as complete if the agency is able to provide a final inspection. State inspections may be deferred or at times conducted at the same time as the agency inspection. AHFC is preparing to field monitor remotely for the duration of the pandemic if QCI is not able to be completed in the field. If approved this method will be implemented without further public hearing.

**V.6 Weatherization Analysis of Effectiveness**

**ANALYSIS OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

The active subgrantees are Interior Weatherization, Alaska Community Development Corporation, and Rural CAP. Long term AHFC monitoring of each of these subgrantees shows that the weatherization work has been of high quality and has met program requirements. Alaska uses client satisfaction forms to evaluate quality of work. Client feedback is examined and used for program improvement.

**Effectiveness of subgrantee:** Site monitoring includes at least five but usually ten percent (or more) of completed homes and include a thorough client interview to determine outcomes, crew behavior, energy use reduction, overall impressions.

**Energy savings vs. productivity:** The range of climate and logistic situations in Alaska make comparisons between agencies impossible. Each agency is dealing with a set of unique circumstances. For example, the climate in Southeast is moderate marine with high outdoor humidity much of the year. The far north is extreme cold and hot (-60 degrees to plus 90 degrees) and extremely dry. Field inspectors do review to see the number and cost of measures with the inspector able to make some on site comparisons with other agencies under similar circumstances. AHFC is working also with ARIS database development to collect and compare pre and post projected savings on all homes as well as to sample with actual savings. Subgrantees may use T&TA funds to monitor energy savings, air quality, etc. on weatherization projects..

**TTA activities:** A majority of training that is provided by AHFC develops from identification of problems and issues in the field and in interviews with the crew and supervisors. Also, at an annual meeting for all the weatherization providers- training needs are discussed and a plan for the year produced from input of grantee and subgrantees.

**Grantee Continuous Improvement:** AHFC continues to be the major provider of all weatherization training in collaboration with other entities including: Alaska Works, Building Performance Center, Alaska Bulding Science Network, The Building Science Corporation, etc. AHFC is widely known for its successful implementation of energy efficiency programs that include the weatherization program serving very low income to 100% of area median to the Energy Rating Program for builders and homeowners. DOE funds constitutes a portion of the money expended over the past five years but provides a good foundation for all the programs. We are constantly exploring ways to make the program more accountable and to adopt systems that improve service delivery.

**Grantee tracking of subgrantee:** Subgrantees are subject to one Fiscal and one Program Monitoring where findings and concerns must be addressed in writing with plans of action back to AHFC. Site reviews are scheduled throughout the year so that we can monitor quality over the long term. Each agency is given a specific time period (usually 60 days) for responses to concerns found in the field and if the problem is more significant, a follow up site visit will be done. None of the current subgrantees have had any uncorrected concerns or findings over the years.

**Costing measures accurately.** The projected costs of fuel in the AKWarm program is updated contractually twice a year for all regions keeping it very current.

**Further data evaluation:** AHFC is continuing to add to data collection activities for evaluation purposes in an effort to continually provide relevant information back to the grantees and to others about the real benefit of the program.

**COVID 19 UPDATES:** Production was shut down by all agencies for a short period of time. All have now resumed but there have been delays that have slowed production significantly. There are delays in purchasing and shipping of materials. There are delays in ensuring Covid free households and worker health. The work goes on but if the cases continue rising, we will be working with these obstacles in the 2022 PY. I am concerned about the following on the AC/U and the SIR of measures: rising cost of materials and labor, added cost of Covid 19 PPE, delays in qualifying and setting up clients and then a need to defer if positive testing occurs, the time associated with testing of staff and crews when exposure is suspected, the delays in travel into more remote areas (some are in lockdown), and other things. So far we have been able to complete all units and work around supply problems but with increased funding we will have to find ways to procure supplies.

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**V.7 Health and Safety**

The Health and Safety Plan is attached and is requesting 25% for H&S expenditures in the budget. That request was approved by DOE. Because of the condition of many of the homes that are lived in by DOE eligible clients, Health and Safety improvements crucial to the implementation of energy efficiency work often exceeds 20% of the average cost per unit. The Health and Safety Plan details the eligible costs for DOE H&S expenditures. Those costs that exceed the allowable H&S amount will be covered by other funds.

All subgrantees receiving DOE funds must adhere to all DOE requirements. See attached H&S Plan. If a job is shut down for health and safety reasons, it cannot be reported or receive DOE dollars until the deficiency is corrected. WOM Chapter 5 Standards also addresses some H&S issues. All measures completed with DOE funds will show an SIR of 1 or above and be considered eligible conservation (ECM) measures. Health and Safety items will be charged to the H&S category (see eligible H&S measures listed in the H&S plan). If an item qualifies as ECM and H&S, it must first be charged to the ECM category.

ASHRAE 62.2-2016 is required for determining ventilation. Continued training on ASHRAE 62.2 2016 are always considered an eligible expense. When innovative products or measures surface regarding ventilation or ventilation related client education or H&S, AHFC will often organize an in-state training for subgrantees. All owner manuals will be provided and explained to the client for all H&S equipment installed.

TTA: Training in all aspects of Health and Safety from crews to clients is always an ongoing part of annual AHFC training. The H&S plan references specific H&S training. We allow agencies to conduct their own annual trainings in all things related to crew and client safety with local providers.

COVID RESPONSE: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation continues to work with subgrantee agencies and the weatherization national partnership through Energy Outwest and other organizations to develop protocols and educational materials to assist with a return to work in the homes while dealing with Covid 19. This type of activity will always be a part of the overall H & S strategies proposed to protect workers and clients to all potential threats. We are aggressively working through peer exchange to create and adopt the materials we will need to continue work with the highest safety standards possible.

**V.8 Program Management**

**V.8.1 Overview and Organization**

**INTRODUCTION**

a) The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) has administered the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) since July, 1992. The State of Alaska administered the program from 1977 to 1992. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is a quasi state entity that generates revenue for the State of Alaska and serves as the key entity in the state responsible for all housing issues that residents face including but not limited to: homelessness prevention programs, public housing, Section 8 Vouchers, teacher housing, Low income Housing Tax Credits, HOME rehab program, Supplemental to Native Housing Authorities, and the primary mission to underwrite mortgages. AHFC has many innovative loan programs to assist all elements of the general population, including low income assistance programs, education for first time home buyers, non conforming structure loans, etc. The agency is also in charge of the Low Income Weatherization and the Energy Rebate Programs.

b) This State Plan provides the information required by the federal regulation 10 CFR 440, Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons.

c) This Plan will continue to be administered with the use of the Weatherization Operations Manual for the WAP. This manual is updated on an as-needed basis and changes posted annually. The Alaska Field Guide has been created by AHFC and is the guide for DOE compliant implantation of measures under the weatherization program and is the implementation document for the SWS.

Find the WOM at <https://www.ahfc.us/efficiency/research-information-center/manuals-forms-and-workbooks/weatherization-operations-manual>

d) The Alaska Energy Authority administers the State Energy Program (SEP) and the Department of Health and Social Services administers the LIHEAP Program.

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Both agencies work in tandem with AHFC in the administration of these programs.

**V.8.2 Administrative Expenditure Limits**

Grants that exceed \$350,000.00 in DOE funds are restricted to a maximum of 7.5% admin in the DOE funding category. Grants that do not exceed \$350,000 in DOE funds may be allowed up to 12.5% admin on DOE funds as approved by AHFC.

**V.8.3 Monitoring Activities**

**HISTORICAL APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY UNDER NORMAL TIMES:**

**MONITORING APPROACH:** The most important function of the TTA funds is monitoring and direct training and technical assistance to the agencies regarding monitoring and compliance with DOE regulation. T&TA funds are used to provide travel money to monitor weatherization subgrantees. As the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation provides the majority of the total weatherization funding for Alaska, and the Enhanced Weatherization (Residential Rehabilitation) portion of the overall Weatherization Program provides weatherization coverage for the smallest communities scattered across the largest land mass and most sparsely populated areas of the state, T&TA funds may be used to cover monitoring expenses of these projects.

Out of our Grantee TTA budget approximately 20% is spent on direct travel costs associated with monitoring visits to the agencies. Some of our time is also allocated to this activity. State funds also pick up a portion of the monitoring travel because we are often monitoring not only DOE units but also state units. That said, many of our TA activities are devoted to Quality Control and Quality Assurance. When we have peer type training where we visit an agency and go test new diagnostic tests or a new measure in the field and we all meet on site. Some of our training in state is directly aimed at reducing callbacks on inspection. We also use some of our grantee contractual money to continue improvements on AkWarm and on Weatherization On-line where we are able to collect more and more data that allows us to look at results prior to going into the field. All of this adds to increasing the quality of our final product.

There are four types of monitoring visits that will occur throughout the year:

- 1. Agency Program Monitoring.** includes a thorough review of agency policies and practices by the Program Manager once towards the end of the program year. Areas examined include: adherence to WOM and grant attachments; personnel policies; outreach and intake; in house inspection process; rental policies and landlord contributions; walk away and deferral incidents; prioritization of clients; inventory and warehouse control; equipment and vehicles; training and technical assistance activities; certifications of people and the agency. The Program Monitoring will also verify that all requirements of the SWS and technical requirements are passed through to the subcontractors. This is scheduled between December and March to ensure that as many records as possible are available and that we have a number of completed files to review. Conducted by Mimi Burbage, Program Manager with 36 years of experience in the weatherization field. Trained in Uniform Administrative Codes and Requirements, Federal CFR, State Regulations, QCI certified, OSHA trained, RRP certified, and is a trainer as well as attends Programmatic and Management training sessions.
- 2. Client File Review.** At the program monitoring a minimum of five to ten percent of client files will be reviewed to verify that all required documentation is present, including: income verification; assessment; AkWarm files (including the Improvement Options Report); diagnostic testing; client signatures; scope of work; materials and labor costs; final inspection report; notes of anomalies on the job; required Lead certifications; and, SHPO documents. As the review is conducted diagnostic numbers are evaluated and reviewed for compliance with technical standards.
- 3. Fiscal monitoring** that is conducted by the grant's administrators scheduled once each program year. That includes a review of financial audits; procurement practices; cost allocation; billings; eligible costs; and risk evaluation. This is performed by the Audit Department and Grant Management staff from AHFC Research and Rural Development Division (R2D2). Because this monitoring covers all programs administered by the agencies, it is scheduled to coincide with completions for all programs not just weatherization. For the three DOE subgrantees it is usually between January and March. At this time the fiscal monitoring is being assumed by the Internal Audit Department for all grants and contracts. Kristian Beckner is an Audit Officer at AHFC (CIA, CRMA). He has been working closely with our department for many years to assist our subgrantees in compliance. We are working closely with Kristian to make sure that the different monitoring activities cover all the elements that we need to examine.

**Corrective Action Plan:** For the fiscal and procurement monitoring, the subgrantee should be notified in the Monitoring Review Report of Findings and Concerns within 30 days of the monitoring review. The subgrantee should be given a reasonable timeframe to respond in writing and to implement the corrective actions and recommendations. In the report AHFC recommends a Corrective Action Plan to the Finding or Concern, the subgrantee then responds with their CAP which includes the steps they perform and the timeline for completion. After the Grant Specialist receives the grantee's response letter, a determination should be made by either the Grant Specialist and/or Program Manager as to whether further action is needed. The Grant Specialist will notify the grantee in writing when all Findings and Concerns have been resolved.

- 4. Field Monitoring** is scheduled one-to-multiple times throughout the year by the Program Manager to inspect a minimum number of homes completed. QCI inspections will be performed on at least five to ten percent of the homes completed. These inspections are often scheduled to coincide with completions. QCI interim inspections will also be performed on a minimum of one or two units per subgrantee agency per year. We work closely with the agencies to do our QCI and our general state field inspections throughout the year so we can catch any problems before a large number of completions. We also choose to conduct inspections in as many different communities that the agencies are working in as possible. The purpose is to observe and inspect the work of different crews and contractors. Mimi Burbage is QCI certified and continues to participate regularly in technical training through workshops in state and regional and national conferences. She has exceed

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the required BPI credits for maintaining certification and will continue to keep current with her certification.

The QCI inspection form will be used for the field inspections this year. QCI inspections will be conducted on single family, small multifamily units and mobile homes. At the end of each field monitoring visit with a subgrantee, AHFC will brief the subgrantee on the observations and findings from the visit. Within 30 days after each visit, AHFC will prepare a written report on its findings and send a copy to the subgrantee. Corrective action necessary must be taken by the subgrantee within a designated time frame and reported back to AHFC. Subgrantees with deficiencies will be more closely monitored. Subgrantees needing more time to respond must request a waiver with justification in writing.

**Role:** To ensure the continuance of quality work and adequate financial management, AHFC will monitor each subgrantee at least once during the program year for compliance with WAP requirements. Additional site visits will be made to monitor at least 5% of all homes weatherized, making two or more visits likely to each subgrantee. Additional monitoring will include energy savings evaluation on selected homes, and monitoring for durability and effectiveness of measures installed. By the close of each year, AHFC will have completed a comprehensive review of each subgrantee including its most current audit.

**Visit:** AHFC has standard forms that they will be using for each type of monitoring visit. In fact if an agency demonstrates problems in any area of the program (fiscal, management, and/or actual field work), AHFC will increase visits to the agency to provide TTA and appropriate oversight until problems are corrected. Much of the training that is orchestrated by AHFC is in response to observations made during monitoring visits.

**Timelines for monitoring:**

1. Program Monitoring-usually conducted between January and April so that the majority of invoices and PO's are processed and completed. Most of the field jobs are completed by Nov/Dec in rural Alaska and by Feb. in the road connected areas, the work is more year round but agencies try to complete by December. We want the maximum amount of invoicing in and projects closed so that we can track selected jobs from start to finish.

2. Fiscal Monitoring: usually the auditors try to conduct this monitoring visit between January and March for much the same reasons as stated above. They are looking at multiple programs so the time frames are adjusted to accommodate that as well.

3. Client File Review: conducted on site at the time of the Program Monitoring.

4. Field Monitoring: We work closely with the subgrantee agencies to schedule an area for inspection when a number of jobs have been completed. This is difficult to chart at the beginning of the year. All rural Alaska jobs are dependent on barge and airfreight schedules. Generally speaking we travel to these area in the late summer, fall and early winter to conduct field inspections. Urban area are more year round but often work does not start until mid summer depending on the client sign up, RRP SHPO, etc. processes. Scheduling QCI has become more challenging due to the intensity and duration of the inspection. We don't always get client cooperation in cold weather for conducting the final blower door tests, etc.

The following is a very rough estimate. There are many factors that enter in to timeframes. We are in constant communication with the subgrantees on their completions:

Interior Weatherization: 5-6 inspection trips for field throughout the year starting in June or July.

RCAP-Anchorage-one day per month in Anchorage and 1-2 trips to Juneau (July, September, January).

ACDC-One trip to the Bristol Bay region, 5-6 trips in Southcentral (4 -MatSu Valley, 2 Kenai) and 2 trips to Southeast communities.

**COVID 19 EFFECTS:** As noted in previous sections, the long term impact of Covid 19 on QCI monitoring and job completion is not completely known at this time. I will continue to stay in touch with my project officer if significant delays continue in either production or in final inspection. Travel restrictions may also begin to impact final inspections in areas out side of Anchorage and the road connected South Central area. We have an approved virtual monitoring plan which we can use when we can't get all the jobs done on site.

**V.8.4 Training and Technical Assistance Approach and Activities**

**The following is training intended for the 2022 Program Year:**

1. JOHN TOOLEY: Management Systems And Performance Based Outcomes

2. HEALTHY HOMES EVALUATOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

All Weatherization personnel

Summer scheduling in Anchorage at the AHFC building (June/July)

BPC Bellingham and FSL Phoenix will provide trainers

3. GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

Usually provided in house at Subgrantee agencies



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Utilizing local OSHA trainers or Alaska Works, Wisdom and Associates, or other

Training provided when re-certifications are needed or when available

**4. BUILDING SCIENCE CORPORATION-**

Advanced concepts in building science

Water management strategies in buildings

Moisture control and ventilation

**5. QCI AND ENERGY AUDITOR TIER ONE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

Every three years for all assessors and inspectors. JTA Aligned and Tier I.

Bellingham Building Performance Center

**6. BADGES SYSTEM CREW TRAINING COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW**

Have introduced concept to agencies and will provide training in 2022 to those that can utilize the system.

We are working on implemented the Badges Certification for our crew leads, crews and supervisors. Working with CHP-Virginia and BPC Bellingham to develop a Tier 1 on-line training for our experienced crews and leads every five years or to formalize the Badges certification in the field.

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Possible uses of TTA funds to comply with new requirements and to sustain best practice:

Training will be provided in best practice associated with any of the following, especially when a deficiency is noted. Sometimes, this can be agency specific or could be statewide for all agencies:

1. Energy Efficiency (EE): Attic airsealing; attic insulation; wall insulation; floor/crawl airsealing and insulation; heating system clean and tune, repairs and replacement for efficiency only; blower door directed airsealing; and, window and door replacements for efficiency only. All DOE efficiency work must meet an SIR of one or above and is not restricted to those items listed above. Training to ensure the successful implementation of efficiency measures is an eligible TTA expense.
2. Health and Safety items include the following: ground vapor barrier, crawl space ventilation, whole house ventilation to ASHRAE requirement (including both bath and kitchen exhaust), heating system clean and tune, repair or replacement for health and safety reasons; stacks and vents for heating systems; hot water heater replacements when a health and safety condition exists; CO and smoke detectors; and lead safe work practice. Training as needed in the installation and product evaluation will be provided for H&S items and measures.
3. Alaska Field Guide. We will continue to work on adding to our Field Guide as needed. We will provide training to our crews and leads. Most of the activity on the Field Guide is done in house with one of our subgrantee agencies and AHFC staff. Appropriate time and other costs can be charged to TTA to continue that work.
4. QCI inspectors: Alaska will continue to work with the BPC in Bellingham on the training and certification of new QCI inspectors. BPC could provide this tier one training every three years. Recertification will most likely be done in partnership with the Building Performance Center in Bellingham. Most of our QCI inspectors recertified in 2020 but some will be going to Bellingham to complete the recertification process.
5. Continue technical standards development, memberships, dues fees and sponsorships for Energy OutWest (EOW), National Association of Community Service Providers (NASPCSP), North West Energy Coalition (NWECC), Northern Shelter, and other groups that work to sustain and perfect weatherization technology and trade. This would also include local supportive groups and collaborative efforts such as Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) and the Rural Energy Conference.
6. Continued special training sessions for statewide participation (building science, quality control, ventilation, lead, etc.); training organized by Alaska Works Partnership, Wisdom and Associates, BPC and Opportunity Council and other training groups as approved by AHFC and for the purpose of compliance, certification and technical advancements; data collection system development; meeting coordination and logistics; and, continued WOM updated manual, pilot projects for tracking savings; and client education materials. This also includes an array of technical training for changing crews and staff, as well as costs for compliance with requirements of the grant including OSHA-HCP, etc. Costs could include salaries and stipends for participants if deemed necessary for participation in training or in state peer exchange. All subgrantee agencies will be submitting a TTA Plan for preapproved activities in the advancement of meeting the quality control goals required by DOE.
7. Continue training operations, manual and standards updates, SHPO, new DOE directions, etc. Other things that may arise during the year falling under general admin or TTA categories that may be beneficial to the overall strength and efficiency of the AK. Weatherization Program.
8. WOM updates and changes. Labor and other costs associates with the continued updates of the WOM to align with DOE and state regulation.
9. Continue support for Energy Efficiency meetings and conferences sponsored by AHFC when appropriate. These conferences and meetings can bring together

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energy efficiency folks from the commercial and residential arenas to plan strategy for Alaska's future in building efficiency. It includes weatherization providers, home builders, native housing authorities, architects, code inspectors, realtors in an intensive networking situation. It has been successful in communicating advances in each industry to a broad range of other experts. Also continue collaboration with other Northern states and circumpolar countries to exchange technical knowledge regarding cold climate building techniques and practices.

10. Client education materials, products and training costs for both classroom and individual consult. This could include newly introduced products that enhance the weatherization experience, including books, pamphlets, hygro-thermometers, led lights, refrigerator cleaning kits, timers for controlling electrical use on water heaters, block heaters, etc. and other products that will assist the client in long term energy savings. It could include the training provided at intake, or during the assessment or at the final inspection or for follow-up. It could also include the mandatory or informational pre-weatherization classes offered to individuals or to the community as a whole. Client education is a priority for DOE weatherization and all such activities are approved for use of TTA funds.

11 Sustain and assist the activities of Energy OutWest the regional organization or weatherization providers. Participate in the organizational planning, peer exchange, conference planning sessions, regional or local training and the biannual conference. Provide support and sponsorship for core and peer exchange activities. All costs associated are eligible under TTA. EOW on site conference is in Denver in 2022.

12. Training and exchange in Quality Management Plan, the Core Competencies, and job task analysis. AHFC could contract for a trainer such as NASCSP, FSL in Phoenix, the Opportunity Council or BPC in Bellingham or other recognized agency to do the training associated with this.

13 AHFC annual training for administrators. All costs associated with this will be under TTA. This could include WOM updates, any OMB related training; other regulations as they apply to the weatherization program; implementation practices; intake; eligibility; client education; etc.

14 Personnel improvement classes for management and staff.

15 Annual technical training for all new updates and best practice policies and implementation.

16 Diagnostic supplies for compliance with QCI requirements.

17. All training for QCI inspectors and crew leads for Continuing Education Credits. Currently AHFC is submitting for credits with BPI for any training offered that covers the JTA for relevant weatherization positions and tasks. QCI inspectors and other trade certifications require approved and appropriate continuing education credits. AHFC is trying to help provide those in state as much as possible. All costs associated with this are eligible TTA expenses. Eligible conferences providing these credits could include but not limited to DOE, Building Performance Association (BPA), Energy OutWest (EOW), Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET), EEBA (Energy Efficient Building Association), the National Homebuilders Association, and other housing and technical conferences.

18. Healthy Homes Training and collaborative efforts. We will continue to work on the collaboration with other stakeholders and possibly sponsor more training in the future.

19. AkWarm and ARIS (data tracking system) will be continually updated to improve these systems for weatherization. Wx On line and the contractor RDI and/or CCHRC also will continue to be improved for use as a reporting and tracking tool. Training will be provided when needed.

20 AHFC could provide training with instate providers for some subject matters or with BPC for the Quality Control Inspectors, QCI multifamily inspection and general technical training: NY State Weatherization Directors Association ((NYSWDA) or BPC for some multifamily specific training; Community Housing Partners for advanced building sciences; the house of pressure, or supervisor in-field training; or SWBSTC in quality management training, critical details, and or job task analysis training. AHFC will review the upcoming requirements to provide training to other job categories in the future and determine a course of action. AHFC will continue to work to determine the most cost effective approach to delivering Tier I Training and Continuing Education Credits in specific job categories.

21. Tier I/II training as required and available for weatherization technicians. Because we are a remote state from the continental US as well as have large remote and rural districts within the state itself, and because we have no IREC certified training center, AHFC will continue to work on a plan to extend Tier I training past the Energy Auditor/QCI training offered every three years and. At this point in time, it is not feasible to promise that Tier one training will be available to anyone in Alaska for the foreseeable future. Currently Alaska has provided top notch training using state as well as TTA funds to all weatherization providers in the technical sciences. We will continue to use utilize in-state trainers to keep technicians up to date on all technical and diagnostic procedures.

22. Training and meetings associated with DOE, NASCSP, NCAF HPC and NASEO.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

T&TA is split between Alaska Housing and the subgrantees. The T&TA total for AHFC is broken down in large categories as follows:

1. Personnel: Salaries of Program manager or Field inspector.
2. Travel (All Monitoring, Conferences, Training and Technical Assistance to agencies, etc)
3. Special Contracts (In state training, publications, sponsorships, peer exchange, compliance document development, etc.)
4. Supplies including office, resources, training, meeting, diagnostic tools, etc.

The monitoring process for AHFC is specifically designed to identify any problems in a subgrantee agency. By monitoring throughout the year with occasional on-site visits and overall looking at a minimum of 5% (10 or more percent when needed) of homes completed, actual implementation deficiencies will be observed early on. The client questionnaire, which goes to every house after the job is completed, are reviewed by AHFC and then forwarded to the subgrantee agencies for review. These are most helpful in pinpointing weaknesses in communication with the clients and in the quality of installation work. The annual agency monitoring is a time when subgrantee agency staff can discuss any of the bigger obstacles to successful delivery of the program to the client in the field with AHFC staff. The fact that the state has only three DOE subgrantees (when fully funded) makes problem identification much easier and helps us to target greatest need areas.

AHFC assesses each agency to determine their T&TA needs, which is reviewed and approved by the WAP Manager. This targets funding to what each agency needs for training purposes. Additionally, AHFC sponsors training sessions for individual agencies and for all weatherization providers each year. AHFC also contributes to the regional Energy Outwest Conference held every other year and a biannual building/weatherization conference held within the state. AHFC is a strong supporter of the Energy Outwest Peer Exchange group from which many trainers and training curriculum are developed and utilized within the region. AHFC provides training to keep agencies in compliance with

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mandatory requirements of DOE, EPA, OSHA etc. We check for RRP credentials.

One of the most effective training collaborations that we have had has been with the Bellingham Building Performance Center/Opportunity Council in particular with Chris Clay very hands on approach to assessor and installer training, Dave Finet on management, John Martin and others on LSWP certification, and John Davies on required ventilation (ASHRAE 62.2). We would continue this specific training when we see the need in specific areas of the state and utilizing Grantee or Subgrantee funding for this type of peer exchange training. BPC (or other certified training center) will provide all of the QCI associated training and certification that will take place in 2017 PY if needed.

All of our agencies are very current on advanced technical training and when new staff comes on, the first effort is to utilize peer mentoring to bring individuals through all of the basics. Once they are through the basics, they are enrolled in Building Science courses or some other specific technical training recognized by the State for weatherization technicians. Often they get additional advanced training at Energy Outwest. Alaska uses in state peer exchange as an effective training tool as well.

The individual agency budgets all include client education workshops, kits and individualized training. They also include training for crews and some administrative training on the grant tracking system for administrators. Each agency also requests travel dollars for peer exchange, participation in the regional Energy Outwest Conference, BPI certification and training, BPC hands-on training, QCI training and certification costs, in-state training, and national technical conferences (DOE, EOW, EEBA, and HPC, Thermal Envelope, etc.).

All training and implementation associated with QCI inspection and certification process and the application of the Alaska Field Guide are eligible expenses under TTA.

Other ongoing activities include regional and national peer to peer exchange, technical publications, memberships and sponsorships, etc. AHFC may approve training, special projects and/or sponsor technical conferences in conjunction with other financial supporters, such as Cold Climate Housing Research Center, Alaska Craftsman Home Program, Alaska Building Science Network, Wisdom and Associates, etc.

Travel costs for grantee and subgrantee agencies are eligible under this category, including travel to conferences, peer exchange, specific training opportunities and conferences.

**Proposed training for 2022 (not limited to):**

QCI recertification under Building Analyst/and the micro credential QCI

Healthy Homes evaluator  
Multi-family QCI training-BPC Bellingham or NYSWDA

Crew Lead Training-BPC Bellingham  
Quality management plan-BPC or FSL or other

Technical compliance training for crews and supervisors on site

SHPO Training if needed for compliance

Asbestos basics and recognition-(including identification on site of asbestos containing products and appropriate work safe products.)

Radon informational training and client education approaches  
Job task analysis-BPC or FSL or other  
RRP lead based paint recertification-AK Works Partnership (AWP); Wisdom and Associates or other local provider  
OSHA 10 and 30 plus OSHA specific training including hazardous materials/confined space- AWP or other  
Certified training for shippers hazardous materials  
Advanced diagnostics-continuing  
AHFC target training and networking sessions:  
Annual technical summit for subgrantees  
Annual administrative summit for subgrantees  
Annual directors planning meeting

Financial and CFR compliance training.

BPI 1200

ASHRAE 62.2 2016

Cold Climate Building

Northern Shelter

Participation in National Committees for BPI, NREL, SWS, Technical Applications, Field Guide and Variances.

QCI Training and Proctoring needed for a majority of QCI certified people

**COVID 19-**The pandemic has affected training and conferences more than anything. The narrative above references all that we do in normal operating times. With Covid 19 there have been delays, cancellations of meetings and conferences, a movement towards on line meetings and conferences and generally a lot of unexpended TTA funds. I am hoping we are headed back to normal operations but in the event that we do not, we will be continuing to provide training and assistance to agencies to deal with Covid 19 and to allow for any kind of needed on line training and in rare circumstances in person events. All must align with the narrative above or be associated with working under Covid 19 successfully.

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Percent of overall trainings

Comprehensive Trainings:	50.0
Specific Trainings:	50.0

Breakdown of T&TA training budget

Percent of budget allocated to Auditor/QCI trainings:	50.0
Percent of budget allocated to Crew/Installer trainings:	20.0
Percent of budget allocated to Management/Financial trainings:	30.0

**V.9 Energy Crisis and Disaster Plan**

DOE funds will not be used as disaster assistance. If a disaster occurs in an area where we are working, and it is not possible to work in that area, funds may be moved short term to another area to continue work within the program year.

In the event that a major disaster occurs in Alaska we will collaborate with DOE to be able to continue our work in conjunction with emergency response or separately as we normally do, in accordance with WPN 12-7.

# AK Combustion Safety Test Form (CSTF) Technical Support Document

This document is intended to support in detail the Combustion Safety Test Form. The Combustion Safety Test Form is a tool to document the condition of two (2) appliances and their performance. Each combustion appliance in homes that are weatherized or repaired must be documented. The pre- and post- tests are documented on the Combustion Safety Test Form. The CSTF is filled out by the Energy Auditor and the Quality Control Inspector respectively.

The Combustion Safety Test Form must be filled out in detail for each completed project. You must document in the comments section of the Combustion Safety Test Form any special circumstances or health and safety related concerns that might help someone understand the condition of the home (pre- and post-), as well as the concerns expressed by the occupants, or the agency concerns for the occupants safety at the time testing was performed.

The testing procedure outlined in this document is intended to be the minimum tests needed to understand the condition and performance of an appliance. It is recommended that more in-depth testing be performed where multiple appliances share a chimney, or where other indications of potential problems exist.

## Line 1

Always start testing safely.

Start all testing tools, Combustion Analyzer, Combustibles Gas Detector, 4 Gas Monitor outdoors.

Confirm readings outside, away from combustion and roadways.

- Use your 4 gas monitor to confirm you are working in a safe environment.
- Monitor ambient Carbon Monoxide before testing and during all testing.

Walk into the building and monitor an indoor ambient air CO reading and a combustible gas %LEL reading on each floor.

Use the appropriate action level table to assess the safe environment.

## **Safe Environment**

If any Ambient CO is found,

Reference the **CO Action Levels (& LEL)** table (on page 2 of form) for guidance.

## **Line 2 Natural Gas and LP Piping Testing**

With your Combustible Gas Detector (CGD) check for leaks at the tank/meter, gas lines, pipe fittings, supply lines connecting to the appliance, appliance gas valve and regulator.

Document if leaks were found YES / NO and follow appropriate action level:

- 2a. When the CGD indicates that combustible gas exists in the ambient atmosphere (at any level below 10% of LEL) and a gas leak cannot be confirmed with the use of leak detection solution, the auditor shall inform the homeowner/occupants and advise the homeowner/occupant to notify the gas company and/or a qualified professional.
- 2b. Detected leaks confirmed with fluid?

### ***Action Level***

Where the auditor identifies deficiencies in gas piping materials, connections, components, or supports, the deficiencies shall be noted in project documentation along with a recommendation that the homeowner/occupant contact a qualified professional to inspect the system.

## **Line 3a Identification of Appliances**

- 3a. What kind of appliances are being tested?

## **Line 4 Visual Inspection of CAZ for Unsafe Conditions**

Is there anything in the CAZ that could be considered a health and safety problem? Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), electrical discrepancies, fire hazards, combustibles, or potential testing problems that should be documented. If yes, **follow the action level table required.**

- 4a. The CAZ must be free of flammable products such as liquid and pressurized vapors
- 4b. The CAZ must be free of combustibles such as rags and paper in the immediate area of the appliance.
- 4c. Water Heaters in garages must be 18" above the floor or Flame Vapor Ignition Resistant listed.
  - Residential water heaters manufactured after 2003 are "FVIR" (Flammable Vapor Ignition Resistant) compliant, this means that the combustion chamber is now sealed. In order to light the water heater, you must use the pilot mechanism and you can no longer use a match.
  - Effective July 1, 2003, all water heater manufacturers are required to build their 30, 40, & 50 gallon atmospheric vent water heaters to new government standards. The [American National Standards Institution \(ANSI\)](#) has established these new standards to prevent accidental or unintended ignition of flammable vapors, such as those emitted by gasoline.
- 4d. The combustion appliance vent must have appropriate clearance to combustibles.

Use the table to assess clearance to combustibles and document.

### ***Actions Required/Guidance***

1. Unsafe conditions may be alleviated by removal of obstructions and materials and advise the occupant is what has been done.
2. Unsafe conditions that cannot be immediately fixed, the occupant shall be advised appliance should not be used until the unsafe condition is fixed.

3. Unsafe condition WATER HEATER IN GARAGE is not at least 18" above the floor and is not FVIR listed. Advise occupant of the unsafe condition.
4. Unsafe conditions shall be noted in project documentation.

#### Line 5-5e Setting up CAZ in worst case

The intent of setting up the CAZ in worst case is to set it up with the greatest negative pressure. This may require opening and closing doors and turning on and off fans to attain this pressure.

The intent of documenting lines 6a-6i is to show in what condition the greatest negative pressure was achieved. With that information if spillage occurs use table:

#### ***ANNEX D (BPI 1200) ACTION LEVELS FOR SPILLAGE AND CO IN COMBUSTION APPLIANCES.***

This table states the 3 conditions that spillage occurs, read the table carefully and be aware of spillage and excessive CO requirement.

#### **Procedure for setting up the CAZ in Worst Case.**

1. Place all combustion appliances located within the CAZ in their standby mode and prepare for operation.
2. Turn off any mechanical ventilation and forced air cooling or heating system blowers.
3. Fires in woodstoves and/or fireplaces shall be fully extinguished, with no hot coals or embers, prior to performing a depressurization test. Close fireplace dampers and any fireplace doors.
4. Close all building exterior doors and windows. **Close all CAZ doors.** Close the interior doors of all rooms except for rooms with an exhaust fan and rooms with a central forced air system return. Outdoor openings for combustion air shall remain open.
5. Using a calibrated manometer or similar pressure measuring device intended for this purpose, measure and record the baseline pressure in the **CAZ with reference to (WRT) outside pa.**
6. Turn on the following exhaust equipment: clothes dryers (check and clean the dryer filter and look for blockage at the external vent damper prior to operation), range hoods, and other exhaust fans. If there are speed controls, operate the exhaust equipment at the highest speed setting. Do not operate a whole house cooling exhaust fan. Measure and record pressure in the **CAZ with reference to (WRT) outside pa.**
7. Turn on central forced air blower. Measure and record pressure in the **CAZ with reference to (WRT) outside pa.**
8. IF the CAZ goes more negative with blower on leave on for the test, if the CAZ goes more positive leave off for the test.
9. Open the CAZ door measure and record pressure in the **CAZ with reference to (WRT) outside pa.**
10. If the changing the CAZ door makes it more negative leave it open for the test, if not leave it closed.
11. Start the spillage test with largest negative pressure in the CAZ with reference to (WRT) outside.

#### Line 6a-6d CO and Spillage Assessment single vent

CO and Spillage assessments are performed on open combustion natural draft appliances that have a draft hood or barometric damper. Examples are gas or oil fired water heaters, gas or oil fired furnaces and decorative room heaters with a draft hood.

Spillage is assessed at 2 minutes operation (warm vent) in appliances that are in on position when you are there for your energy audit. Spillage is assessed at 5 minutes of operation (cold

vent) on appliances that are not in on position when you are auditing the home. Examples might be a furnace in off position because it is summer or a decorative room heater set to pilot because it is only used on holidays.

If spillage fails it is suggested you take your CO measurement as soon as possible to avoid exposing yourself to excessive combustion gas.

CO is assessed at 5 minutes of burner operation unless the appliance has failed spillage.

CO assessments in combustion appliances are done in the undiluted flue gases.

CO measurements are done AIR FREE. Air FREE is only available on a combustion analyzer that has an oxygen sensor.

Ambient CO is measured at during the test and at the end of the test.

#### **Line 7 CO Assessment multiple appliances common vent**

Test appliances in order from lowest BTUh rating to highest.

The appliance with lowest BTUh input rating shall be assessed for spillage and CO measurement in undiluted flue gas conducted in accordance to above instructions.

Upon completion of first appliance test, place next largest appliance in operation, while first appliance is still operating.

Retest first appliance for spillage when second appliance has reached 2 minutes of main burner operation. Test second appliance for spillage immediately thereafter.

Measure CO of the second appliance at 5 minutes of its main burner operation. Continue this operation for each additional appliance.

#### ***Actions Required/Guidance for lines 6 and 7***

If the any CO Threshold Limits are exceeded, then the Local agency must take steps to eliminate the problem:

- Advise the homeowner/occupant that the appliance should be serviced immediately by a qualified professional.
- The SWS and the AK Field Guide require service to be provided.

#### **Line 8 CO Assessment – Furnace ONLY**

Appliances that are not tested for **spillage** but are tested for **CO** would include appliances; closed combustion, direct vent, induced draft, category 3 and category 4 appliances.

Induced draft appliances that are vented in common with natural draft water heaters will be tested for CO and spillage.

- CO is assessed at 5 minutes of burner operation.
- CO assessments in combustion appliances are done in the undiluted flue gases.



- CO measurements are done AIR FREE. Air FREE is only available on a combustion analyzer that has an oxygen sensor.

Ambient CO is measured during the test and at the end of the test

### **Line 9-9c Natural Gas and LP Oven Testing**

- 9a. Always check in the oven for stored items before starting the oven.

Assess Burner Flame Quality: Yellow flame?

Start the oven at 350 degrees, after 5 minutes turn the oven up to 500 degrees to make sure the oven is on when taking your measurement.

- 9b. Record the CO as measured after 5 minutes of operation.

Use the ***CO Thresholds For Fossil-Fueled Fired Combustion Appliances*** table to determine whether the CO level is acceptable. Based upon the result follow the action required using the ***CO Action Levels (&LEL)*** table.

Oven CO measurements are done in the vent of the oven and are done in CO as measured. This is a different line, window, in the menu on your combustion analyzer.

If the CO Threshold Limit (*per BPI for Oven/Broiler if CO > 225 as measured*) is exceeded,

- The SWS and the AK Field Guide require service to be provided.
- If it is not possible to eliminate the problem, document in the client file the actions taken and confirmation the client was informed of the issue.

### **Line 10 WoodStove/FirePlace**

Set up your manometer in the room with the woodstove and measure the pressure “fireplace woodstove zone with reference to outside”. Document the number. If the measurement exceeds the limit, action must be taken.

# Weatherization Operations Manual

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## LIHEAP Variations from State Guidelines

This Section pertains to Subgrantees that administer DHSS Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Assistance funding.

Subgrantees may incorporate LIHEAP funds into current WX projects or administer them for LIHEAP-only projects.

Measures funded with LIHEAP funds shall comply with the grant agreement and the Weatherization Operations Manual (WOM). LIHEAP-funded measures may comply with DOE guidelines, but this is not required.

Variations from WOM procedures for the LIHEAP funding follow.

When applicable, headings and page numbers from a corresponding Section of the WOM are provided for reference.

### **Application** (pg. 1-9)

If the Subgrantee has a previous WX application on file for a household, it can be updated to verify LIHEAP eligibility. Otherwise, a new WX application is required.

The Fuel Release is not required.

### **Income Eligibility** (pg. 1-11)

Subgrantees shall use income limits provided by DHSS for the program year.

When qualifying a client for LIHEAP, who does not receive Heating Assistance, use the income limits provided by DHSS. Then, follow the DOE income qualifying process but exclude the Permanent Fund Dividend as part of household income.

### **Prior Weatherization/HERP Verification** (pp. 1-23 to 1-25)

A prior wx or prior HERP review is not required. Receipt of prior weatherization or a HERP rebate for improvements does not disqualify a household from being assisted with LIHEAP funds.

### **Landlord-Tenant Agreement, Permission to Enter the Premises** (pg. 1-25)

For a LIHEAP-only rental dwelling unit, the LTA and LTA addendum are not required, but written permission from the owner (or authorized agent) must be on file.

**Assisted Living Homes, Shelters** (pp. 1-34 to 1-36)

Assisted Living Homes and Shelters are not eligible for LIHEAP funds.

**Maximum Investment Limits for State Funds Only** (pp. 1-44 to 1-46)

There are no maximum LIHEAP investment limits per household.

**Eligible Measures**

LIHEAP funds are intended to help reduce expenses targeted by the Heating Assistance Program. The priority is to replace defective, non-operational and/or inefficient heating and hot water systems. Following that, any measure that is cost-effective or qualifies under Health and Safety for the Alaska Weatherization Assistance Program is eligible for consideration.

Roof replacement or major repair in excess of \$3,000 is not allowable under LIHEAP rules.

Justification for a fuel switch will be in the client file.

**Multifamily:**

- A landlord contribution is not required.
- For a client living in a 2-4 unit building, Subgrantees can recommend any measure that would meet the SIR or is eligible under Health and Safety, including a heating system repair or replacement.
- For clients living in buildings of five or more units, measures must be isolated to those that will benefit the unit directly. Common building measures are not allowed, unless the majority of units qualify per DOE rules.

**Assessment** (pp. 5-17 to 5-29 and applicable forms in Section 6)

For LIHEAP-only projects, Subgrantees may use the *LIHEAP Assessment Form* developed for LIHEAP heating and hot water system replacements. Low-cost health-and-safety measures also may be noted on the form (e.g., Carbon Monoxide and smoke detectors).

The *Accrual of Benefits to Tenant* form is not required for LIHEAP-only projects.

**Inspection** (pg. 1-51 and applicable forms in Section 6)

The Subgrantee shall inspect work as for State-funded projects. Health and Safety protocols must be followed. For LIHEAP-only projects, Subgrantees may use the *LIHEAP Inspection Form*.

**Reporting**

Subgrantees shall report LIHEAP expenditures on a form provided by DHSS, including a break-out of labor and materials for each client served.

Clients served with a combination of State/DOE and LIHEAP funds shall be reported in WX Online. Clients served only with LIHEAP funds shall not be reported in WX Online.

**Documentation**

Required documentation must be kept in the client file.

For LIHEAP-only projects, compliance with the WOM is required only for measures funded by LIHEAP. (For example, pp. 3-26 to 3-27 state that ventilation compliance must be in the client file. If LIHEAP does not fund ventilation measures, such compliance is not required.)

Due to the emergency nature of the LIHEAP assistance and the limited time to expend this funding (e.g., no heat during extreme temperatures, Priority 1 client, limited vendor/freight schedules, lack of Internet, poor phone/fax service, etc.), circumstances can make compliance difficult. In such cases, Subgrantees shall clearly document the reason(s) in the file or confer with the AHFC Program Manager.

LIHEAP ASSESSMENT FORM									
AGENCY					DATE				
					CLIENT NAME				
ASSESSOR					CLIENT NUMBER				
<b>HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT</b>									
<b>EXISTING</b>					<b>REPLACEMENT</b>				
Model:					Model:				
<b>Unit efficiency est.</b>					<b>SIR 1 or more</b>		<b>Sealed com</b>		<b>H&amp;S cond</b>
Toyo 79% or lower					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas Furnace 72% or lower (77% if high eff)					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas Boiler 74% or lower (70% if high eff)					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil Furnace 80% or lower					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil Boiler 80% or lower					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodstove (any system not high eff)					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CLEAN AND TUNE SERVICE</b>									
<b>COMMENT: Describe existing condition and other info.</b>									
<b>WATER HEATING SYSTEM</b>									
<b>EXISTING</b>					<b>REPLACEMENT</b>				
Model:					Model:				
<b>Unit efficiency est.</b>					<b>SIR 1 or more</b>		<b>Sealed com</b>		<b>H&amp;S cond</b>
Gas aspirating					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil aspirating					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
(Permission needed to change fuels.)									
<b>CLEAN AND TUNE SERVICE WATER HEATER</b>									
<b>COMMENT: Describe existing condition and other info.</b>									
<b>MAKE SURE THERE ARE WORKING CO &amp; SMOKE DETECTORS UPON COMPLETION OR PROVIDE THEM.</b>									
<b>OTHER MAJOR WEATHERIZATION ACTIVITIES: Must use AKWarm to diagnose EE savings</b>									

## Instructions for LIHEAP Assessment Form

- A. Fill out general information at the top of the page: Agency; Assessor; Date; Client Name and Number.
  
- B. Under HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT:
  - 1. Check the box that applies to the existing situation.
  - 2. If the Replacement will be for EE or is sealed combustion check those boxes AND/OR check the H&S box.
  - 3. You can perform a combustion efficiency test and write in the actual efficiency or you can default to the estimated efficiencies listed on the form.
  - 4. If it is a Clean and Tune check either or both boxes.
  - 5. In the COMMENTS box please add details on the existing condition and describe any unusual circumstances or specifics that need to be noted.
  - 6. Take before and after photos and add them on a page to the file.
  
- C. Under WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT:
  - 1. Check the box that applies to the existing situation.
  - 2. If the Replacement will be for EE or is sealed combustion check those boxes AND/OR check the H&S box.
  - 3. You can perform a combustion efficiency test and write in the actual efficiency or you can default to the estimated efficiencies listed on the form
  - 4. If it is a Clean and Tune check either or both boxes.
  - 5. In the COMMENTS box please add details on the existing condition and describe any unusual circumstances or specifics that need to be noted.
  - 6. Take before and after photos and add them on a page to the file.
  
- D. OTHER WEATHERIZATION MEASURES: Needs an AkWarm if you are doing general energy efficiency weatherization activities such as attic insulation, floor insulation, wall wraps, etc.

Every client served by LIHEAP either needs an AkWarm or this form in the file.

# LIHEAP Final Inspection

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

<b>Heating System Replacement:</b>	Is cost justified?	Health & Safety	Pre Condition
New Type and Model: _____	YES      NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Heating System Intake/Exhaust Replacement:</b>			
	Is cost justified?		
Stacks and other related parts: _____ _____	YES      NO		
<b>Water Heating Systems:</b>			
	Is cost justified?		
New Type and Model _____	YES      NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Water Heating System Intake/Exhaust Replacement:</b>			
	Is cost justified?		
Stacks and other related parts: _____ _____	YES      NO		
<b>Clean Tune and Repair of Heating and Water Heating Systems:</b>			
	Is Cost Justified?		Pre Condition
_____	YES      NO		_____
<b>Wall insulation wrap + residing and paint</b>			
_____	YES      NO		
_____	YES      NO		
_____	YES      NO		
<b>Other tasks that are not specified above</b>			
_____	YES      NO		
_____	YES      NO		
_____	YES      NO		