

Residential Building Energy Labeling Working Group
Meeting Notes
8/13/20

Attendees: Leslie Badger (EVT); Kelly Launder (PSD); Chris Gordon (EVT); Melanie Paskevich (NWWVT); Richard Faesy (EFG); Keith Levenson (PSD); Tom Lyle (BED); Paul Zabriskie (Capstone); Martha Lange (BHHS Vermont Realty Group); Tim Yandow (CVOEO); Mike Russom (BED)

- **Review/approve meeting minutes**

- Tim Y. moved to approve the meeting minutes from July, Chris G. seconded. Approved by voice vote.

- **Review/discuss subcommittee budget recommendations** (Subcommittee leads)

General Discussion:

- Leslie B. is putting budget recommendations into Excel spreadsheet and removing duplicate costs.
- Leslie B: need to differentiate start up from annual costs.
- Include total costs in the report regardless of what source of funds is, or which org will cover them.

Label and Tool Subcommittee:

- NEREN has now said that they won't be able to get profiles/info. from HELIX onto MLS for at least a year
- Labeling infrastructure based on 200 labels per year. Per label cost for more is TBD
- Tim Y. and Paul Z. will follow-up with OEO on value proposition for labels/profile to clients and potential WAP contribution to admin. costs.

Scores and Reporting Subcommittee:

- Delete duplicate \$17k HELIX and \$5k customer support costs.
- Tom L and Leslie B. will discuss the actual process for uploading data into HELIX to determine ongoing additional resource needs and costs, if any, for BED.
- OEO one time cost to update and integrate Hancock \$50k. Josh and Geoff will check with Hancock.
- Paul Z. report needs to capture value proposition for WAP customers. Not unreasonable to ask WAP to support the labeling program. It delivers value to W/x clients.
- VGS assumed very minor costs to upload data into HELIX quarterly will be absorbed into normal tracking and reporting.
- Consider all these costs as "must haves"

Assessor Subcommittee:

- Richard F.: seems like training development costs are really low. Keith L.: this really is just for training on the tool. Not building science/other training for what you are looking for when in a home.
- Chris G: NEEP already has some basic trainings developed and recorded on how to use HELIX.
- Should review credentials for being included on list as completed by a professional.
- Assessor Database more important in a mandatory program context
- Assessor label cost – for programs to provide label for every customer in program. May be born by customer/contractor.

- Keith L.: Assessor QA, especially for a mandatory requirement. If a voluntary program may just consist of reviewing data.
 - Richard F: Develop QA protocols is more like \$10,000. 1/2 hour per home assumes desk review, not site visit.
- **Review Workplan and subcommittee section write-up progress**
 - Keith will work to convene Assessor group to discuss and finalize their subcommittee write-up and recommendations.
 - All subcommittee write ups due to Kelly by September 4th and will be sent back out to WG for review and discussion at September 10th meeting.
- **EnergyEstimator testing** (Chris G.)
 - Chris G. sent out link to energy estimator to WG to try out and provide comments.
 - If people have further comments or suggestions on the energy estimator please provide to Chris G. by Monday.
- **How to list WAP homes in HELIX and on the Profile - Update** (Richard and Tim Y.)
 - Tim Y.: Spoke with OEO about labeling WAP homes as “state/utility”.
 - Chris G.: What about state/energy efficiency?
 - Leslie B: Trying to determine what it says for the entity that sponsored the program, who is responsible. They would want something more specific than “state”, like “Vermont”.
 - Chris G.: will check to see if EVT is OK for a more generic term/entity. Need to check with VGS and BED as well. (he will do this)
 - If that’s agreed to then we can decide what words to actually use.
 - Martha L: if realtors have the info that a Wx project was done they disclose it. Typically homeowner wants to show that work has been done.
 - Tim Y: Need to give homeowner the option to w/h that info. Paul Z: anonymity for WAP programs flow from DOE.
- **Montpelier Update** (Richard Faesy)
 - Energy Committee is reviewing next week.
 - The ordinance will be on the agenda for the September meeting.

Next Steps:

All subcommittees need to send their write-ups/recommendations to Kelly by September 4th, and they will be compiled and sent back out to members to review and discuss at the next meeting.