

THE ENERGY INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON
INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION

Dear Colleague,

Recently, your agency was sent information for an on-line survey regarding interest in participating in the Energy Institute of Washington, a new initiative of the Energy Project, with support from the Washington State Community Action Partnership and WA Commerce. As previously stated, this training is intended to build capacity for Washington's low-income energy network leaders in order to continue and improve upon the success we have had in leveraging new funds, fending off threats to existing funding, enhancing program design, and the overall understanding of the energy system by LIHEAP and WAP personnel. This knowledge gained at the local level can then be built into in-house staff training for new and existing staff, and passed on to clients.

The results of the survey showed a great deal of interest in the Institute. We received a much stronger response from the agencies on the west side of the Cascades versus the east, and stronger interest from those in the energy assistance program than the weatherization program. Based on the response, the Energy Institute of Washington Steering Committee has committed to the following dates for the first round of classes:

First course of the 101 Series
May 10th from 9am to 4pm and May 11th from 9am to 12:00 pm
Seattle, Washington

Presented by Nancy Hirsh, Policy Director of the Northwest Energy Coalition

Topics to include: Energy System Basics

- How our energy is generated, transmitted, and distributed
 - Current energy sources in the region
 - Who are the regional players and institutions
 - Difference of regulated versus consumer owned utilities
 - How rates are determined
 - Access points for impacting decisions
 - Consumer Protection related issues
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- The first course in the 101 series will be repeated in late summer (tentatively August) on the east side of the mountains, for those unable to make the May dates on the west side.
 - Both courses will be open to all agencies throughout the state. We can guarantee a place for two people from each agency. The priority is on training the energy/weatherization program managers, coordinators, supervisors. You can fill out a request for other staff to attend, but we will need to assess the overall response before a decision can be made.

For registration, Diane Fay's contact information is: diane.fay@commerce.wa.gov or 360 725-2903

For questions, first try to contact Diane. If she is not available, please contact Michael Karp of the Energy Project at: Michael@awish.net, or (360) 468-3231.

REGISTRATION

Please fill out the attached registration form and e-mail back to Diane Fay at Washington Commerce by the end of the work day **March 26**.