



Rater Panel

Home Efficiency Forum

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Introduction to our Panel

- Elizabeth Coe, Ecoe Company LLC
- Jacob Hooper, Swiftsure Energy Services LLC
- Lori Sanders, Energy Incentives, Inc
- Megan Kramer, Megan Kramer Consulting
- Ron Nardoza, Four Walls, Inc

- Trevor Frick & Emily Kemper (moderators)

A photograph of two construction workers on a building site. The worker on the left is wearing a white hard hat, a light green shirt, and dark pants, pointing towards the wooden frame of a building. The worker on the right is wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans, and a tan tool belt, looking in the same direction. The background shows the wooden skeleton of a building under construction against a clear blue sky. A large orange square is positioned to the left of the text box.

Prepared Questions for the Panel

Question #1

- How can above code homes reach markets with traditionally low uptake?
 - Areas with low market demand for EE homes
 - Areas with low energy costs
 - Areas not represented by an incentive program
 - The low-income housing sector

Question #2

- What techniques, experiences, or ideas do you have to encourage builders to incorporate more advanced shell measures?
 - Wall upgrades
 - Ducts inside or eliminating ducts
 - Low ACH50 with balanced ventilation
 - High performance roof assemblies
 - Window upgrades

Question #3

- What suggestions or ideas do you have to bring more accountability to blower door and duct blaster testing outside of program participation?

Question #4

- How do you balance meeting program requirements with current or new builders without overwhelming or discouraging them?

Question #5

- Where do you see the future of the rating and consulting industry going as codes progress towards net zero and how do you see your business model adapting?

Question #6

- We typically think of EE, durability, and IAQ as important aspects of better buildings, but how does this definition align with a consumer or builder's definition? How can we help align these wants and needs better?

Question #7

- As heat pump water heaters gain traction in new construction, what type of feedback do you get from builders on install costs, performance, sizing, and customer satisfaction?

The background of the slide features a close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of several stacks of light-colored wooden planks. The wood grain is clearly visible on the ends of the boards. An orange L-shaped graphic element is positioned to the left of the text box. The text is white, bold, and centered within a dark grey rectangular box.

Questions from the Audience



Thank you!

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