

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009, EPA is hosting a webcast for local governments entitled "Integrating Energy Efficiency into Affordable Housing," as the first in a two-part housing series. In May, EPA will host a second housing webcast covering energy efficiency in new and existing homes.

The affordable housing webcast will provide an overview of EPA and HUD affordable housing programs and resources. Two communities will showcase how they incorporated energy efficient practices into their affordable housing programs. The webcast will conclude with a question and answer session. A background document for this webcast is available at:

http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/Section_6.2_AffHousing.pdf

The webcast will be held on April 21, 2009, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM (Eastern).

Because of the expected high level of demand for this webcast, priority for registration will be given to local and regional government staff and officials. Only one registration per organization can be accommodated--if multiple staff from your agency wish to participate, we ask that you share a computer and phone line. Registration is limited to 200 participants; EPA will record and post the webcast on its Clean Energy Web site for interested parties who are not able to participate during the live training.

To register for the webcast, send an e-mail with your name and your organization to: CleanEnergyWebcast@icfi.com. You will receive an email notification within 48 hours with a confirmation of your registration.

EPA's Local Climate and Energy program hosts regular monthly training webcasts on specific clean energy topics. The second webcast of this two-part series, Energy Efficiency in New and Existing Homes, will be hosted in May 2009. Other upcoming webcast topics include energy efficiency in K- 12 schools, combined heat and power, transportation control measures, smart growth, and urban heat islands. For additional information, or to view past webcasts, visit:

<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html>

***Conference Announcement: Home Performance, April 27-May 1

Affordable Comfort, Inc. (ACI) is hosting its annual ACI Home Performance

conference in Kansas City, Missouri from April 27 - May 1, 2009. ACI conferences focus on promoting home performance, green building, and "house-as-a-system" skills for all building trades, housing groups, and program professionals. For more information, visit

http://www.affordablecomfort.org/event/aci_home_performance_conference_2009

State and local officials interested in additional information about developing and implementing cost-effective clean energy and environmental strategies that help further environmental and clean energy goals and achieve public health and economic benefits may visit: <http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/index.html>