



Lead Organization: Priority Energy

Program start: August 25, 2011

Funding Level: \$500,000

Priority Energy is a RESNET accredited rating/training provider, BPI affiliate and member, Energy Start Partner, Illinois Home Performance with Energy Start Trainer/Contractor and a member of the International Code Council whose primary focus is providing training and certification programs for BPI and RESNET, in addition to being a RESNET Rating Provider and BPI Quality Assurance firm. Priority Energy has trained countless individuals in the Midwest, ensuring ongoing compliance and quality assurance for each of their energy rater/auditor.

Project purpose: The Rockford Residential Rebates Program (RRRP) is designed to stimulate the residential building energy efficiency retrofit market in the City of Rockford by offering comprehensive, whole-home rebates to homeowners who have an energy assessment and work with contractors to complete recommended energy upgrades. The program will perform quality assurance inspections for jobs completed and will issue rebates for qualified work, as well as assist homeowners in identifying any applicable consumer incentives offered by the utilities for completing energy upgrades. While the rebate will vary based on the home, it is estimated that an average rebate amount in this program would be ~\$8,000.

Scope of Services:

- Identify contractors to promote and educate about the RRRP and organize training for interested contractors to be eligible to participate in the program.
- Perform quality assurance inspections after a home energy assessment has been conducted and any related upgrades have been completed.
- Communicate with local utilities to coordinate and streamline quality assurance inspections for incentives that the homeowner may be qualified to receive.
- Verify eligibility of the project and process rebates to the contractor to deduct from the homeowner's bill.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Perform energy efficient retrofits for at least 50 homes and see a minimum of 30 percent energy savings across all these homes.
- Establish a market to support a sustainable community of energy efficiency retrofit contractors.