



April 8, 2011

To: Me² Approved Contractors
Subject: Me² Worker Certifications

Dear Me² Approved Contractor:

The Me² Program has been formally launched, and we expect customer demand for your services to begin to increase in the coming months. A key goal of the program is to provide Me² jobs that are “high road” jobs, which will help make sure workers are skilled, safe, and fairly compensated. This is important to help ensure Me² energy efficiency work is the highest quality available.

The Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC) and the City of Milwaukee would like to assist you with meeting Labor Standards numbers 4 and 5 under the Request for Qualifications document that you signed to become a Me² Approved Contractor.

Safety Trained Workforce

All on-site workers on Me² jobs must have completed an OSHA 10-hour safety course and an Environmental Hazard Awareness Course. As applicable, contractors shall comply with State of Wisconsin laws regarding Lead Renovator training and certification for their workforce.

WECC is working with the Milwaukee Lead/Asbestos Information Center to offer the Environmental Hazard Awareness course. Your workers must receive the Environmental Hazard Awareness training as soon as possible to be eligible to work on Me² jobs, or show documentation of prior Environmental Hazard Awareness training related to lead and asbestos in homes. Additionally, WECC is working to organize an OSHA 10-hour Safety course for those in need of meeting this requirement.

As soon as dates and locations are available for both the OSHA 10-Hour Safety course and the Environmental Hazard Awareness Course, we will let you know.

Additionally, contractors must comply with State of Wisconsin laws regarding the handling of lead. The Milwaukee Lead/Asbestos information Center is offering training programs to certify workers in Lead-Safe Renovation in the State of Wisconsin. It is recommended that at least one worker on your Me² crew receive this certification. Please call 414.481.9070 for more information.

Insulator/Building Shell Certifications

Per item 5 of the Me² Request for Qualifications, the City and WECC have selected two certification standards for insulators and building shell professionals for Me² work. Each insulator or building shell worker on a Me² job *must have proof of completing one of the following training certifications by October 1, 2011:*

- **Building Performance Institute (BPI):** Residential Building Envelope Whole House Air Leakage Control Installer or BPI Residential Building Envelope Whole House Air Leakage Control Crew Chief
- **LiUNA Apprenticeship and Training Program:** Weatherization Technician/Installer or Weatherization Supervisor

To help phase this requirement in while ensuring quality work on projects, we encourage at least one worker from each crew to receive the BPI Residential Building Envelope Whole House Air Leakage Control Crew Chief or LiUNA Weatherization Supervisor as soon as possible.

To learn more about these certification programs, please contact Doug Dettlaff at 888.509.3247 ext.321 or ddettlaff@weccusa.org.

To hire new workers who already have OSHA 10-Hour Certification, completed the LiUNA Weatherization Technician/Installer certification, or satisfy the Residents Preference Program requirements, please contact Pam Fendt, Green Jobs Marketing Representative at 414-659-3803 or pfendt@liunagroc.com

Additionally, the US Department of Energy and US Department of Labor are expected to name a national accreditation standard for insulation and building shell work that will provide an additional option for meeting your workforce needs. We will notify you when that federal standard becomes official and local training agencies have been accredited.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Dettlaff', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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