

Mandatory Contractor Information Sessions

Power Smart Home Loan Pilot Program (Utility On-Bill Financing)

Please read through this notice and RSVP to Christina Ross with names, company and date and time of the orientation that your representative(s) will be attending to christina.ross@gov.bc.ca

Amendments to and regulations under the *BC Clean Energy Act* stipulate that a representative from a participating contracting company must attend an orientation session held by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas. The representative(s) is required to attend only one 90-minute session, and three different sessions will be held to accommodate different professional and personal schedules. Representative(s) wishing to give their customers the option to participate in the Power Smart Home Loan Program must attend one of the following times:

Tuesday, October 2nd, 7:30 am – 9 am

Tuesday, October 2nd, 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:30 – 9 am

All sessions will be held in Council Chambers, [Colwood City Hall, 3300 Wishart Road](#), Colwood, BC

The Power Smart Home Loan Pilot Program will run from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2014. The program is designed to encourage energy efficiency upgrades to existing homes and requires homeowners to have a pre-upgrade EnerGuide Rating System (LiveSmartBC) home energy assessment carried out by a Certified Energy Advisor.

The Orientation Session is designed to walk Contractors, SO's and CEA's step-by-step through the program design, administrative details and eligibility requirements. Information will also be provided on the development of on-bill financing in BC, marketing opportunities for contractors, and crossover with existing energy efficiency incentive programs.

On hand we will also have a representative from Solar Colwood, an award winning, one-of-a-kind pilot project in Canada that is offering up-front discounts to Colwood residents and business owners of \$2500+ for solar hot water systems and \$500 for ductless split heat pumps as well as discounted home energy assessments. To access the Solar Colwood discounts, a home energy assessment is required by a Service Organization and systems are installed by Registered Installers, only. To ask about becoming a Registered Installer, please send an email query to ncreamer@colwood.ca.

Please note: All current and interested Service Organizations and Registered Installers are requested to attend a Solar Colwood meeting immediately following the Home Loan meeting to review current and new application procedures for this program. For more information, please contact Paula Steele at outreach@solarcolwood.ca or 250 216 7527.

Please note that this invitation is being sent province wide, so that any contractors wishing to provide services in the pilot program areas are notified. It is the Ministry's intent that all contractors in BC

should have the opportunity to participate in one or both of the pilot programs, regardless of where they are based.