

**AUSTIN AREA BLACK CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE UPCOMING AUSTIN ENERGY WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

1. AE Weatherization Program's business model described in the RFP document shall apply to all proposers
2. AE's required Certifications **(BP)** Building Performance Institution and **(RESNET)** Residential Energy Services Network, shall apply to all proposers bidding as a General Contractor  
  
(No exceptions. Must apply to everyone)
3. MBE/WBE participation goals must be established and identified in the RFP's front end documents, i.e. ethnicity, gender percentages)
4. The roles and responsibilities of the weatherization contractor versus the auditor's (test-in and test-out) must clearly be identified in the RFP's documents
5. AE must supply their in-house Auditors with equipment to perform test-in and test-out since AE have appropriated 15% of the weatherization funds to the administration of this program.
6. When weatherization properties are identified by individual weatherization contractors, all participating weatherization contractors must be share equitable in allocations and providing the services according to the RFP)
7. The weatherization program should have a job creation requirement, specifically for low and moderate unemployed individuals residing in the targeted areas
8. Sanctions shall apply to the weatherization contractors who fail to comply with the MBE/WBE participation goals established for the program.

9. Addendum/amendments /change orders that affect the any part of the program that affects directly the subcontractor must be shared with the subcontractor.
10. Weatherization contractors should not be allowed to perform auditing functions such as test-in and test-out without the BPI or RESNET Certifications.