



Invitation to the Better Buildings Challenge from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Missouri Housing Development Commission is taking a closer look at energy efficiency measures and the related benchmarks for the properties we serve. The Better Buildings Challenge (BBC) aligns nicely with our effort. For further information regarding this program, please see below:

As part of the 2013 President's Climate Action Plan, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) partnered to expand the Better Buildings Challenge (BBC) to the multifamily residential sector. The Better Buildings Challenge is a voluntary leadership initiative that asks building owners and managers to make a public commitment to energy efficiency with the goals of mitigating climate change and improving financial stability in the market-rate and affordable multifamily housing stocks.

DOE and HUD are seeking new partners for 2016 from amongst the nation's multifamily housing providers. They have held open briefing sessions throughout the month of February to provide information on the benefits of joining this important initiative and there is still time to join. Being a BBC Partner provides building owners with a number of great opportunities for public recognition. New partners that make a pledge by March 1 will:

- 1) Be announced at the BBC Summit in Washington, DC on May 9-11, 2016
- 2) Receive a letter of support from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 3) Be eligible for several financial and policy incentives made available by the Office of Multifamily Housing

Please join the open briefing session from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. EST on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The call in number is 1-888-675-2535. The participant code is #5999891.

If you cannot attend any of the briefing sessions or have additional questions, please contact julia.b.hustwit@hud.gov or check out the BBC webpages [here](#) (HUD) and [here](#) (DOE).