

Comprehensive Energy Auditor Training

This workshop will teach you how to evaluate the energy performance, comfort and safety of a house through a comprehensive, whole-house diagnostic procedure. You will learn about the hidden flaws often found in residential construction that can cause discomfort, high utility bills, moisture problems and indoor air quality problems. You will learn how to use powerful diagnostic tools to find and correct flaws in a building's thermal envelope. You will also learn how to evaluate and sell the economic benefits of solutions to these problems by using powerful energy analysis software -- software that will also provide precise sizing of heating and air conditioning equipment.

Energy Rater Certification

Successful completion of this training is the first step toward becoming certified as a professional home energy rater. As an energy rater, you will be able to produce energy rating reports that will help homebuyers and homeowners qualify for financing incentives through a variety of private and government loan programs. KBSI's home energy rater training is accredited by the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET). KBSI also is an affiliate of the Building Performance Institute (BPI).

Who should attend

This workshop is designed for energy auditors, utility customer service representatives, housing inspectors, HVAC contractors, insulators, builders and remodelers. Establish yourself on the cutting edge of housing performance technology and create a marketing edge for yourself.

What you will learn

- a sound understanding of building science principles and residential energy use
- how to use state-of-the-art diagnostic tools, including the blower door and Duct Blaster™
- how to conduct a comprehensive diagnostic analysis of a home
- how to produce a complete home energy analysis using REM/Rate™
- how to produce Energy Code compliance reports
- how to certify a home for the EPA Energy Star labeled homes program
- how to create or expand your business selling home comfort & diagnostics
- how to size heating and air conditioning systems for new or existing homes

Your instructors

- **Doug Walter** is president of KBSI. He has taught building energy principles for more than 20 years. He is an architect by training, and presents at a number of national building performance conferences. He serves on the board of the RESNET.
- **Gene Meyer** is KBSI's director of training. He is a licensed mechanical engineer and is known nationally for his expertise in life-cycle cost analysis.
- **Trayce Heidner** is a trainer and audit reviewer for KBSI. She is a certified energy rater, weatherization inspector and housing quality standards inspector.

Workshop Agenda

Day One

- Introduction to whole house diagnostics and home energy ratings
- Introduction to residential energy
- Building science principles
- The building as a system
- Quantifying building energy flows
- Climate and energy use



Day Two

- Insulation
- Windows and doors
- Building construction flaws
- Air leakage
- Using a blower door to measure air flow and locate air leaks
- Basic pressure diagnostics
- Using a Duct Blaster™ to measure duct leakage
- Intro to REM/Rate

The training is conducted at the KBSI Training Center, 200 Zeandale Rd., Manhattan, Kansas. Sessions begin at 8:00 a.m.

Participants traveling by air should fly to Kansas City International Airport (MCI), then travel to Manhattan via ground shuttle or rental car. Manhattan is two hours west of Kansas City on I-70. Return flights should be scheduled for no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Complete travel, lodging and weather information can be found on KBSI's web site (click on "Links").

Lunch and refreshments are included in your registration. Dress is casual.

Day Three

- Residential heating systems
- Water heating
- Cooling & summer comfort principles
- Sun angles and shading
- REM/Rate: simple rating exercise

Day Four

- Calculating area and volume
- Understanding construction drawings
- Recommended tools & equipment
- Measuring and documenting a house (hands-on)
- Evaluating a home's energy efficiency
- Selecting energy improvement measures
- Producing a complete home energy analysis or rating
- 5:00 to 6:30 pm: optional practice exam and review session

Day Five

- Lighting and appliances
- Understanding utility rates
- Resources for the home energy professional
- Rater certification steps
- Review
- RESNET National Rater Exam (begins at 1:00 pm – two-hour time limit)

THE RESNET NATIONAL RATER EXAM WILL BE OFFERED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRAINING. THERE IS A SEPARATE \$50 FEE FOR THE EXAM, PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION OR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EXAM.

STUDENTS WISHING TO TAKE THE EXAM MUST BRING A LAPTOP COMPUTER RUNNING WINDOWS XP WITH WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS CAPABILITY. KBSI HAS A SMALL NUMBER OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY STUDENTS FOR A FEE OF \$50.

STUDENTS WISHING NOT TO TAKE THE EXAM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRAINING MAY TAKE IT AT A LATER DATE AT AN APPROVED TESTING FACILITY. THE FEE FOR A PROCTORED EXAM IS \$100.

What you will receive



- Home Energy Rater Manual including all lecture slides and many supplemental resources.
- Residential Energy*, 4th edition, by John Krigger and Chris Dorsi
- Five percent discount on Minneapolis Blower Door equipment purchased from The Energy Conservatory.
- Up to six months free use of REM/Rate™ energy analysis software.
- Follow-up technical assistance
- Well-designed, comprehensive training delivered by experienced, dedicated trainers



Certification requirements

To receive your energy rater certification, you must meet the following requirements:

- A score of 80 percent or higher on the open book, on-line RESNET National Rater Exam.
- Satisfactory completion of five ratings, two of which are conducted during the training. Three additional ratings must be submitted within six months of the exam date. Evaluation of these ratings is included in the registration fee.
- Sign Memorandum of Agreement with a RESNET-accredited HERS provider.

Registration

Attendance is limited to 12, so please register early. Registration fee is refunded only if notice is received 48 hours before the workshop. Substitutions may be made.

For more information about the workshop or to register by phone, please call, toll-free:

877-537-2425

Kansas Building Science Institute is committed to making services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to disabilities or dietary restrictions, please contact KBSI at least two weeks before the start of the workshop.

Registration Form - Home Energy Rater Training and Certification

Name

Company/Agency

Address

City State Zip

Work Phone Work Fax

Home or Cell Phone (for last-minute or emergency contact only)

e-mail address

Please indicate choice of session. Registration fee is \$995 per person (\$50 discount per person for more than one registration from same company).

Mar. 6-10, 2006 Sept. 18-22, 2006
 May 8-12, 2006 Oct. 23-27, 2006
 July 10-14, 2006 Dec. 4-8, 2006
 Aug. 14-18, 2006

Sign me up for RESNET exam (\$50)
 Use KBSI laptop computer (\$50)

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