

## **Ready for Recovery: Arizona Weatherization Program's Ramp-Up**

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This report summarizes Arizona's ramp-up of the state's Weatherization Assistance Program (W.A.P.) as of September 18 in preparation to meet American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) production goals. The table below outlines the increased hiring, training and purchasing these agencies have done primarily using other weatherization funds. The data are based on responses provided by a majority of the state's weatherization providers that will, together, will manage 84% of the ARRA funding allocation, or \$49,170,593.

### **AZ Ramp-up at a Glance:**

<b>Hired</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b>People hired or soon to be*</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>New Contracting Companies</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Purchased</b>	
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Blower Doors</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Insulation Machines</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Truck Mounted Generators</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>IR Scanners</b>	<b>13</b>

\* includes both staff and new hires by contractors

### **Arizona's Readiness Highlights:**

- More than 142 jobs have been created and filled, or soon to be filled;
- More than 74 new contractors under contract;
- More than 25 new vehicles have been purchased;
- More than 16 blower doors have been purchased;
- New insulation blowing machines have been purchased;
- More than 2 truck mounted generators have been purchased;
- More than 13 IR scanners have been purchased;
- In FY 2009 (through July), at least 347 individuals were trained (including new hires and previous staff), for at least 6584 total training hours. Compared to FY 2008, when a total of 98 technicians were trained for 1437 total hours; this year so far,
  - o 96 received BPI certification;
  - o 52 attended the Weatherization boot camp;
  - o 8 attended the Weatherization administrative course



Above: Gavin Hastings, forefront, energy training manager and technical assistance coordinator for the Foundation for Senior Living, demonstrates a furnace testing technique for Clima Air and Electric technician Jose Cervantes, right, as James Gloria, co-owner of Convenient Home Services Inc., looks on.

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- Local vendors are beginning to hire additional staff and/or reconsider plans to release staff based on the anticipated demand for their products and services;
- Utility partners are looking for more ways to partner and develop creative energy efficient solutions for low-income homes including the use of renewable throughout various communities, particularly multi-family housing projects in distressed areas;
- Arizona's W.A.P. is expected to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 33,697 metric tons, or the equivalent of removing 6,172 cars from the road or preventing the combustion of 3.8 million gallons of gasoline.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics and analysis provided by the Sierra Club in "Arizonan Beats the Heat, Efficiently."