

Memo

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To: Mass EEAC

From: Hank Keating, AIA, President, Passive House Massachusetts

EEAC Three-Year Plan 2022-2024 Testimony

RE: Passive House Training Program

On 10/13/20 we submitted testimony recommending that the existing Passive House Training Program (PHTP) being administered under the current Three-Year Plan 2019-2021 be extended into the 2022-2024 Three-Year Plan. We stand by that recommendation but want to focus again on the additional types of training that we suggested at that time.

We believe that significant workforce development trainings are needed for the trades-people that will be needed to build the passive house projects along with all of the retrofit work that is required to meet the goals of the newly released 2030 Interim Clean Energy and Climate Plan (CECP). It is worth noting that the Climate Bill (S 2995) that the Governor pocket vetoed last night called for the Department of Public Utilities to provide \$12M / year to MassCEC to create and administer a "Clean Energy Equity Workforce and Market Development Program to provide workforce training, educational and professional development, job placement, startup opportunities and grants promoting participation in the commonwealth's energy efficiency, clean energy, and clean heating and cooling industries to (i) certified minority-owned and women-owned small business enterprises; (ii) individuals residing within an environmental justice community; and (iii) current and former workers from the fossil fuel industry." Although this provision did not pass into law last night, the intent is clear and is echoed in Strategy B2 of the CECP which calls upon MassCEC to "enhance workforce development ... and training". We think that the EEAC must develop such workforce training programs or as suggested, work with MassCEC to do so.

We support all of the calls for the extensive workforce development that will be necessary to create and sustain the workforce necessary to reach the 2030 CECP goals and the Roadmap for 2050.