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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

RE: Building Initiative for Low-Emissions  
Development (BUILD) Program

## **Notice of Availability of Approved BUILD Program Guidelines and BUILD Program Incentive Applications**

### **Introduction**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) had completed the BUILD Guideline process and is now accepting BUILD incentive applications for new all-electric low-income housing projects. The BUILD Guidelines establish the rules for program participation including eligibility requirements, participation process, and incentive structure and are available on the [BUILD Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program> and through the [BUILD docket page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01>. Additional application tools are also available on the website to support potential applicants.

### **Background**

Senate Bill (SB) 1477 (Stern, Chapter 378, Statutes of 2018) authorized two building decarbonization programs encouraging the development and deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies: the BUILD Program and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Initiative. BUILD is a residential building decarbonization program providing technical assistance and incentives to encourage adoption of advanced building design and near-zero-emission technologies in new low-income residential buildings.

In April 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the BUILD Implementation Plan, and BUILD staff developed and provided public workshops for the BUILD Preliminary Program Design and the Draft BUILD Program Guidelines. Public comments were received and incorporated throughout the process, and the final version of the Proposed BUILD Guidelines were approved by the CEC at the February 16, 2022, business meeting. In accordance with CPUC Resolution E-5116, the CEC submitted the guidelines in a business letter to the CPUC, which was approved on February 28, 2022. The BUILD Program Guidelines are now enacted. The BUILD Program is launching and accepting applications, which are submitted through the online BUILD Incentive Application System (BUILD Online). Online instructions, supplementary application information, and a link to BUILD Online are now available on the BUILD website.

In addition, eligible applicants can receive technical assistance to support their incentive application process and are encouraged to contact the BUILD Technical Service Provider (TAP) at [BUILD@aea.us.org](mailto:BUILD@aea.us.org).

### **Summary**

The BUILD Program Guidelines, BUILD calculator tools and the BUILD Online incentive reservation System are now available on the [BUILD Program Website](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program>. For building design technical assistance or assistance with the BUILD calculators or the BUILD Online system, please contact the BUILD Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) at [BUILD@aea.us.org](mailto:BUILD@aea.us.org). For general questions, please contact the BUILD staff at [BUILD@energy.ca.gov](mailto:BUILD@energy.ca.gov).

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