

NEWS & VIEWS

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Thursday February 3rd ORACCA meeting is virtual! 11:00AM

The February meeting will feature David Heslam and Ryan LaPoma of Earth Advantage, to discuss recruiting and training of employees and how they can assist in the process.

Meeting is virtual, via Zoom, at 11:00AM,
Thursday February 3rd, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

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Do you need qualified Employees?

Earth Advantage shares our concerns about a shortage of trained labor in our industry. [Earth Advantage \(EA\)](#) is a Portland-based nonprofit that works to increase high performance building practices across the state of Oregon and beyond.

. EA currently works under and/or offers the following programs:

- [Portland Clean Energy Fund \(PCEF\)](#)
- Earth Advantage & Energy Trust of Oregon [workforce training](#)
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's (NEEA) [BetterBuiltNW, OR Code & WA Code training](#)
- Earth Advantage [live webinar](#) & [on-demand](#) building industry training

I think we have an amazing opportunity to partner together. As you could tell from our last board meeting, the "Electrification" topic gets people going.

New Energy Codes in Washington and Oregon are very topical as well.

Earth Advantage is uniquely positioned to talk about all of these topics.

Generator Update

Many natural gas generators can automatically start when the power goes out. They can power a customer's furnace, refrigerator, some lights, and important appliances they rely on during emergencies, such as the television or radio.

If a residential customer asks about installing a natural gas generator at their home, homeowners or contractors should call NW Natural at 503-220-2360 before estimating the project. NW Natural can verify if the homeowner's current residential meter, service line, and houseline will need upgrades to handle the added load of a natural gas generator.

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What?
Feb. Virtual
Meeting
David Heslam
&
Ryan LaPoma
Earth Advantage

February 3rd

ORACCA Update 2022:
Recruiting and Training
Employees

Did You Know ...



Membership with ORACCA is a benefit for all members of the company!

To help keep your team well-informed with important industry news, special member perks and discounts, as well as training workshops and webinars opportunities -- we encourage our member companies to make all of their employees aware of ORACCA updates.

David Heslam, Executive Director - David Heslam has been a national leader in the effort to develop and deploy energy labeling systems into the residential market. This work began in 2008 with early research in Oregon on energy labels and has continued through work with Earth Advantage in the implementation of energy labels in 16 states in all regions of the country. Heslam gained insight into the need for energy labeling during the 15 years he spent designing, building, and remodeling homes in Portland, OR. His national award-winning company, Coho Construction Services Inc., became known as a local and national leader for adopting new technologies and striving for high levels of sustainability. He built a Zero Energy home in 2004 and a Zero Water home the year before. Heslam's work at Earth Advantage has included the development of software, research into the effectiveness of energy audits, research into the feasibility of labeling systems, implementation of programs to enable the valuation of green and efficient homes, plus education for designers, contractors, REALTORS, bankers and appraisers about high performance homes.

Ryan LaPoma, Senior Education Manager - Ryan leads Earth Advantage's training and education partnerships with utilities, governments, and workforce organizations. Ryan develops educational strategies to increase equity and opportunities for historically underserved populations in the building industry, support energy efficiency program implementation, and promote overall market adoption of green building practices. He is responsible for overseeing Earth Advantage's curriculum development, high-production-value video training modules, and the development of multiple online learning programs. He has over 16 years of experience in guiding education-based programs that serve students. He is an ambassador and liaison for the sustainability industry and has worked for Earth Advantage since 2012. Ryan earned his Bachelor of Science in Anthropology from University of Oregon. He holds certifications for Sustainable Homes Professional (SHP), Emerge Leadership and Bonneville Power Administration Performance Tested Comfort Systems (PTCS).



ORACCA distributes NEWS & VIEWS on a monthly basis to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ORACCA provides. Contributions or suggestions can be faxed to Association Headquarters at 503-914-1999 or emailed to dan@oracca.org

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On-Demand Training /Testing. This means the tests are scheduled with both your availability and that of the the Proctor in mind. Once you feel comfortable to take the test, a date and place are set up through the ORACCA office. Call 360-824-3805 for information.

These on demand training/testing sessions include the following:

EPA 608 CFC Training/Test - Now Available!

NATE Training/Test Core, Gas Heat and Heat Pump

Brazing Certification Test,

Brazing Test to be conducted TBA

The written retest is available on-line for those needing to retake just the written portion of the test. **Use this link to access via the website. <https://oracca.org/on-line-brazing-re-test-signup/>**

You can also register by contacting the ORACCA office for a form. 360-834-3805

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