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# **Opportunities in Residential HVAC**

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# Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

MEEA is a collaborative network whose purpose is to advance energy efficiency to support sustainable economic development and environmental preservation.





### MEEA's Role in the Midwest

- Nonprofit serving 13 Midwest states
- 10+ years serving states, energy offices, utilities and communities
- Staff of 25 in Chicago
- Actions
  - Designing & Administering Energy Efficiency Programs
  - Evaluating & Promoting Emerging Technologies
  - Regional Voice for DOE/EPA & ENERGY STAR
  - Coordinating Utility Program Efforts
  - Delivering Training & Workshops
  - Advancing Energy Efficiency Policy
  - **Promoting Best Practices**



### **HVAC SAVE**



HVAC SAVE is a utility program that recognizes that HVAC equipment operating performance does not equate to rated performance, that reasonable losses occur at the installation and in the duct system, and that those losses can be mitigated and incremental savings captured.



### What is HVAC SAVE?

- HVAC Quality Installation (QI) and Quality Maintenance (QM )initiative
- Performance tests
- Sponsored in Iowa by MidAmerican Energy, Alliant Energy, Black Hills Energy, and Cedar Falls Utilities
- Two primary program elements
  - Training/Certification
  - Field performance testing and verification



# **HVAC SAVE Objectives**

- 1. Achieve and verify energy savings
- Provide quality contractors with a set of practices and tools to verify quality work
- 3. Create a screening tool for homeowners to identify quality contractors
- 4. Get better data on installations, system performance and tune-ups



- (1) Training and Certification
  - MEEA created HVAC certification and partnered with ESI
  - Develops pool of trained and certified HVAC professionals
- (2) Field Performance Testing and Software Tool
  - Web based
  - Measure, adjust, verify, and report
  - www.hvacsavesoftware.com







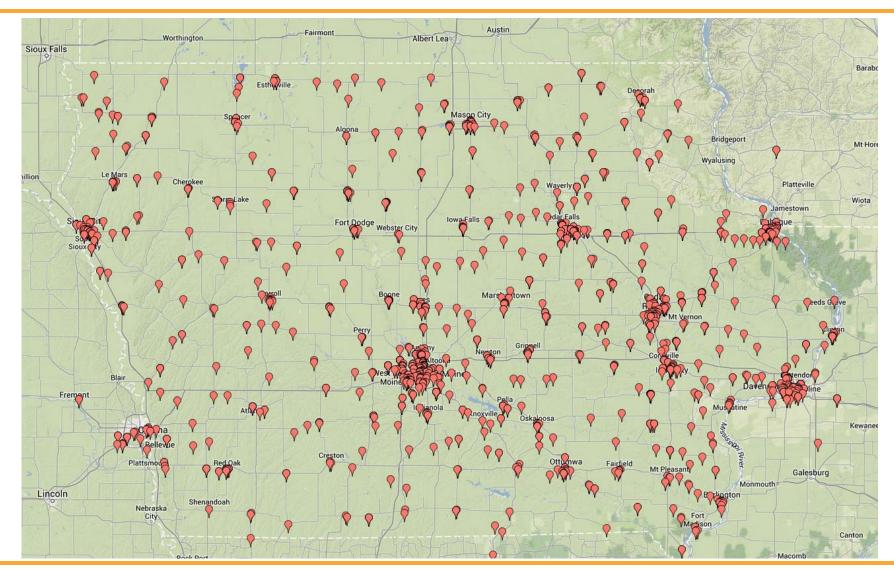
# **HVAC SAVE program statistics**

- Years active: 4 years
- Number of trainings: 91
- Trained individuals: 1700+
- Number of companies: 675
- HVAC SAVE certified installations: 8000
- Installations per day: 40

 January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – HVAC SAVE became a requirement for a furnace, AC, ASHP, GSHP rebate

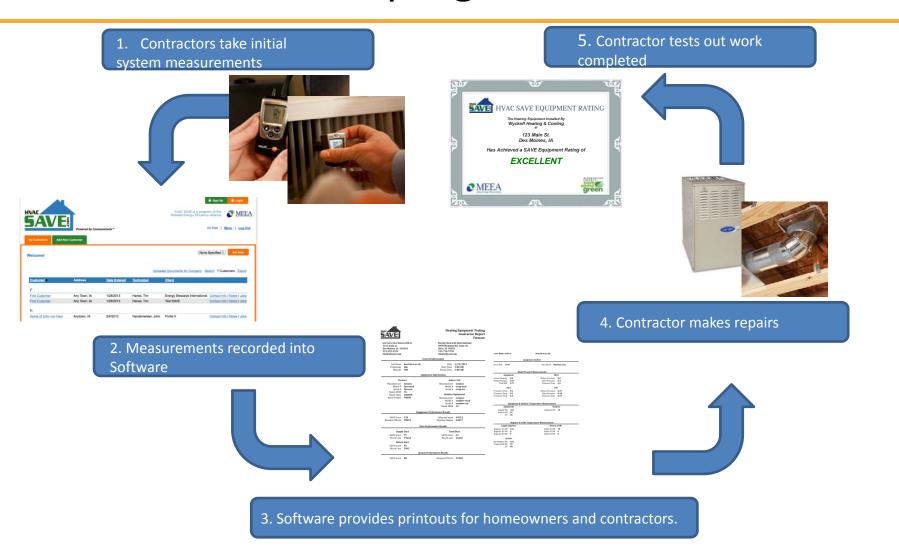


# **HVAC SAVE Trade Allies**

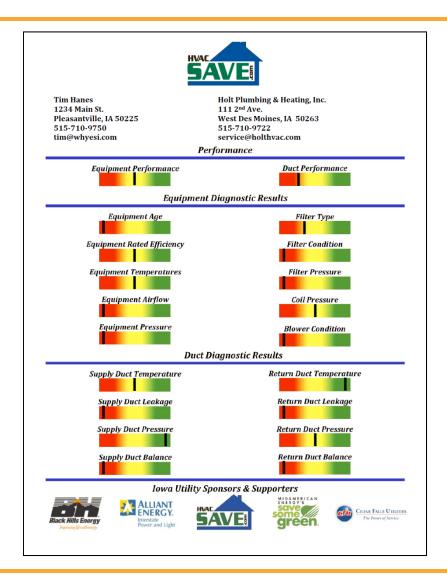




# **HVAC SAVE program overview**











#### **Heating Equipment Testing Contractor Report Furnace**

test save new home with es 1111 main st Des Moines, IA 555555 333-555-5555 tim@whyesi.com

**Energy Stewards International** 8450 Hickman Rd. Suite 26 Clive, IA 50325 515-710-9750 tim@whyesi.com

#### General Information

Job Name	heat furn qc cfu	Date	1/21/2013
Technician	tim	Start Time	1:00 AM
Altitude	900	Finish Time	1:00 AM

#### **Equipment Information**

Fur	nace	Indoo	or Coil
Manufacturer	Lennox	Manufacturer Lennox	
Model #	furn mod	Model #	evap mod
Serial #	furn ser	Serial #	evap ser
Rated AFUE	94		_
Rated Input	100000	Outdoor E	quipment
Rated Output	94000	Manufacturer Lennox	
		Model #	outdoor mod
		Serial #	outdoor ser
		Rated SEER	16

#### **Equipment Performance Results**

SAVE Score	120	Adjusted Input	69231
Measured Btu/h	78019	Adjusted Output	65077

#### **Duct Performance Results**

Supply	y Duct	Total	Duct
SAVE Score	75	SAVE Score	67
Btu/h Loss	19644	Btu/h Loss	25635
Retur	n Duct		
SAVE Score	92		
Btu/h Loss	5991		

SAVE Score 80 Measured Btu/h 52384 test save new home with es

heat furn qc cfu

#### **Equipment Airflow**

Measured CFM	1290	Fan Speed Medii	am Low

#### Static Pressure Measurements

Equip	ment	Filt	ter
Suction Pressure	0.4	Before Pressure	0.2
Discharge Pressure	0.37	After Pressure	0.4
Total ESP	0.77	Pressure Drop	0.2
Du	ıct	Co	il
Supply Pressure Drop	0.1	Before Pressure	0.37
Return Pressure Drop	0.2	After Pressure	0.10
Total Pressure Drop	0.3	Pressure Dron	0.27

#### **Equipment & Outdoor Temperature Measurements**

Equipment		Out	Outdoor		
Supply DB	125	Ambient DB	32		
Return DB	69				
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Register & Grille Temperature Measurements				
Supply Register		Return Grille		
Register #1 DB	110	Grille #1 DB	70	
Register #2 DB	0	Grille #2 DB	0	
Register #3 DB	0	Grille #3 DB	0	
Sys	tem			
Average Register DB	110			









# National Support for HVAC SAVE

### **Building America (NREL)**

- Under GTI PARR
- Funding to collect and analyze SAVE field data
- Multi-year opportunity to do billing and energy use analysis

### **US EPA Grant**

- Multi-year funding to develop outreach and marketing materials
- Develop consumer and contractor facing pieces
- Develop website that houses research, data and case studies



### HVAC SAVE QI and QM measures

### **Quality Installation**

- Using proper sizing, tuning, and airflow, the installer optimizes the installation
- Installed equipment must test out at 85+ of nameplate rated capacity to rate as 'Excellent' and qualify for program
- Measurements are taken at the equipment level, excluding the ductwork (to date)



### **Quality Maintenance**

- **Combustion tuning**
- Adjust fan speed
- Modify filtration
- Repair duct work
- **Duct sealing**
- Increase airflow
- Increase delivered BTUs
- Add return ductwork





# **HVAC SAVE Energy Savings**

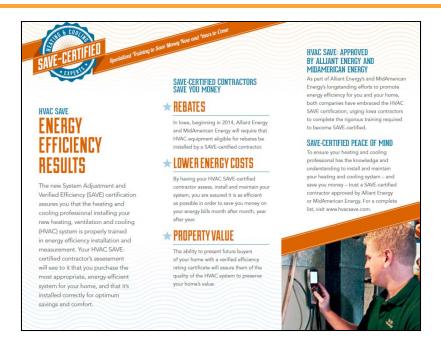
Scenario #1: 90,000 BTU furnace, 92 AFUE, 70 Equipment SAVE Score, 70 Duct SAVE Score.

Scenario #2: 90,000 BTU furnace, 92 AFUE, 95 Equipment SAVE Score, 85 Duct SAVE Score.

		Scenario #1	Scenario #2
Equipment Rated BTUs		90,000	90,000
Equipment Loss	AFUE	82,800	82,800
Installation Loss	Equipment SAVE Score	57,960	78,660
Duct Loss	Duct SAVE Score	40,572	66,861
Total System Performance		45%	74%



# **HVAC SAVE Utility Cost Effectiveness**



### **Furnace**

- Measure life 15 years
- Cost for SAVE install \$300
- NPV \$412
- Societal B/C is 1.37



### **Central Air Conditioner**

- Measure life 11 years
- Cost for SAVE install \$300
- NPV \$593
- Societal B/C is 1.98



### **HVAC SAVE** contractor success

### Contractor

Initial reaction was very vocal and negative

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- Reputation building
- Utility promotion
- Reduce warranty costs
- Rebate income
- Enables a system-level 'whole house' look

"When we started it was an eye opening experience. Now we have performance information that tells us when our installation process is truly complete."

"We perform these tests for our new homes programs anyway. The software makes it a lot more convenient and the rebate income is gravy."



# Questions?

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