



National Association of State Energy Officials

#### Multi-State Residential Energy Labeling Pilot

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## **Session Overview**

- 1. Background and context on residential energy labeling and scorecards
- 2. Description of the Multi-State Pilot
- 3. Four state case studies on pilot programs and results
- 4. Overview of realtor/appraiser training and cross-cutting implementation lessons
- 5. Q&A

### The Value of MPG

#### MPG helps consumers:

- Make choices between options
- Behave efficiently
- Take action based on market signals
- Gain clarity with a complex issue

The housing sector lacks a parallel metric(s) for informing homeowners/homebuyers about energy efficiency.





#### Solution: banners on houses!?!?



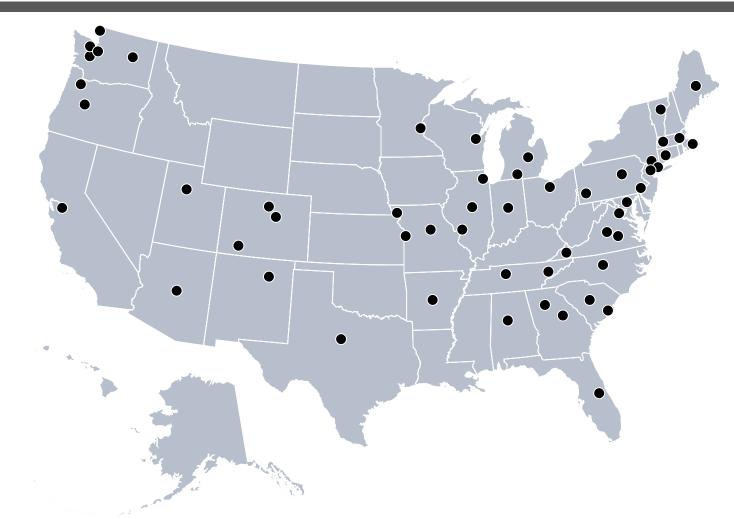


## **Energy Scorecards**

Definitions in the residential context:

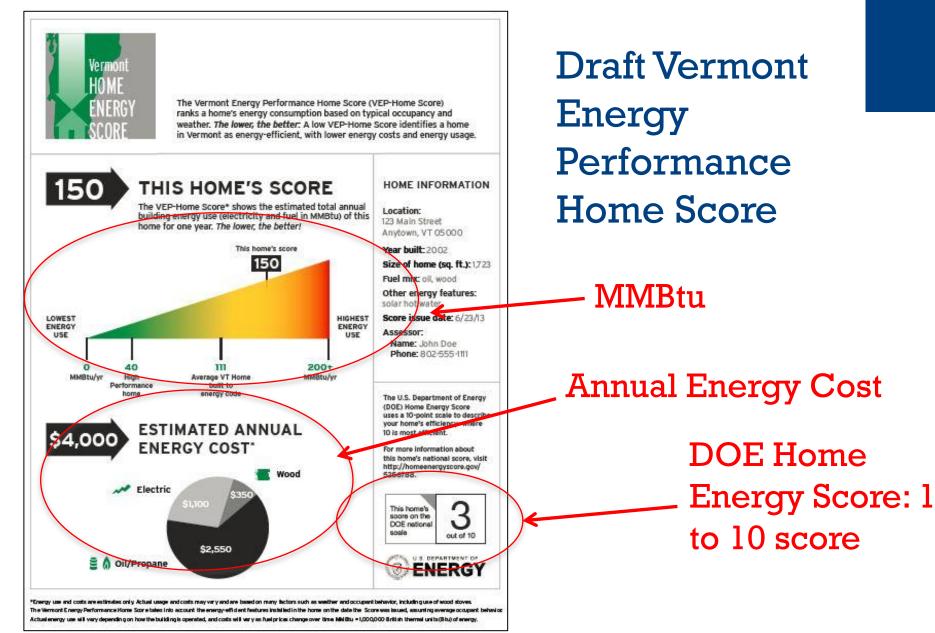
- **1. Energy labeling/rating:** providing consumers information on relative energy consumption of homes.
- 2. Energy score: a standardized *metric* that rates the efficiency of a home's energy *assets* (systems/envelope) against other similar homes.
  - Variety of metrics: kwh/year; MMBTU/year; 1-10 score.
  - Controls for operations (e.g. # of people, plug loads).
- **3. Energy scorecard**: the visual documentation of one or more energy scores provided to a homeowner.
  - Also known as an energy label.
  - Often accompanied by a **report** on potential upgrades.

## Residential Energy Scorecard Programs or Pilots

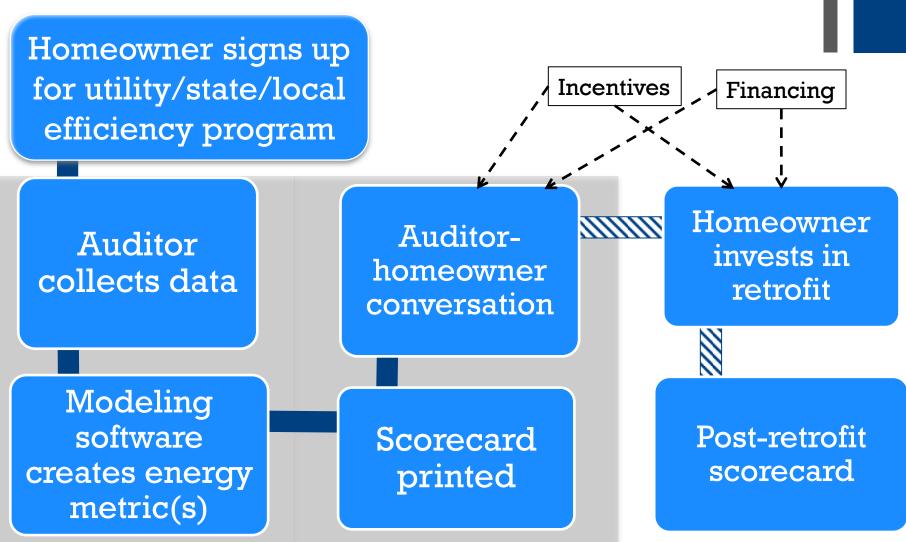


Sources: DOE Home Energy Score; Earth Advantage Institute/CakeSystems; TVA; Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment

#### **Scorecard Examples**



## How Scorecards Fit Into Residential Energy Efficiency Programs



Ideally, these steps happen at initial house visit

# NASEO's Involvement: Multi-State Energy Scorecard Pilot

- Funded by a 2010 U.S. State Energy Program (SEP) Competitive Award from the U.S. Department of Energy
- State Energy Offices from four states participated:
  - Alabama, Massachusetts, Virginia, Washington
- NASEO coordinated project steering committee and process evaluation contractor (The Cadmus Group)
  - Currently developing case studies.
  - Plans to promote results (presentations, webinars).





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## **Overview of the Multi-State Project**

- Premise: utilize energy scorecards and other engagement strategies to increase homeowner knowledge of and confidence in energy-efficiency upgrades.
- Earth Advantage helped states integrate energy scorecards into residential programs.
- Other program strategies:
  - Training real estate professionals/appraisers
  - Close engagement with auditors and contractors
  - Marketing/thermal imaging
  - Financing/incentives
- Project will conclude in March 2014. The Cadmus Group is drafting a process evaluation report, due out early 2014.