



May 1, 2009

Ms. Claudette Beaulieu
Deputy Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Builders Association of Eastern Connecticut (BAEC) supports TVCCA and will partner with TVCCA in New London County to provide high quality weatherization services to low-income residents.

TVCCA is seeking to be designated a "temporary subgrantee" for the ARRA Weatherization monies. The BAEC supports TVCCA in their operation of the Weatherization Assistance program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

TVCCA has a history in the Weatherization program. Until 1995, when the Department of Social Services limited subgrantees, TVCCA operated an effective, quality weatherization program in New London County. They have current staff that established and operated weatherization programs. TVCCA could begin the program on July 1st weatherizing over 430 homes in the next three years.

Partnering with the Builders Association of Eastern Connecticut, NeighborhoodWorks, New Horizons and other local vendors will not only assist the low-income clients in energy saving ways, but local contractors will have an opportunity to work and participate. In these challenging economic times, this will benefit New London County in the ways that Congress and the President envisioned with the stimulus bill, putting monies into local economies and local businesses.

The Builders Association and its members look forward to partnering with TVCCA and the community college system to supply training and create jobs through the Weatherization Program. We encourage the Department of Social Services to designate TVCCA a temporary subgrantee.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer



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