

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

## **Officials Meet Residents, Supers, and Owners of Weatherized Buildings and Workers Trained and Employed at Green Jobs in New York at Bronx Green Roof Ribbon-Cutting Event**

**(BRONX, NY)** This **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**, federal and state government officials will come to the Bronx to visit the Association for Energy Affordability, an expert training and engineering nonprofit specialized in energy efficiency in multifamily buildings. They will meet a wide assortment of New Yorkers benefiting from the Weatherization through federal stimulus dollars. And they will learn first-hand how systematic planning and execution have led to achievements worthy of notice in our cynical times.

New York State Homes and Community Renewal Assistant Commissioner Daniel Buyer will report on progress of non-profit and community-based Weatherization subgrantees in the New York City area and across the state in making multifamily dwellings and small homes more energy efficient, comfortable, and healthy, and on the program's success in retaining and creating jobs, preparing them for technical demands of energy related careers.

A documentary video will feature multifamily buildings weatherized with federal stimulus funding. On film and in person, building owners, supers, and residents will tell their stories.

Workers newly employed by Weatherization agencies and their contractors and suppliers, as well as utility energy efficiency projects, will be present. Many were trained by AEA and workforce partners collaborating on a US Department of Labor funded project, led by the Consortium for Worker Education, to put unemployed Bronx workers to work with intensive services, assessment and training.

New York and Federal officials will tour AEA's Training Facility, with its **up-to date boiler training lab, control systems, hands-on training mock-ups, and hi-definition video technology.**

There will be a **ribbon-cutting ceremony** for AEA's new **green roof and rooftop solar installations**, which will serve as a learning laboratory for AEA's expansion into solar installer training for New York workers.

**WHO:** Bronx Borough President Rubén Díaz  
NYS HCR Assistant Commissioner Daniel Buyer  
AEA Executive Director David Hepinstall  
Other Invited Officials TBA

**WHAT:** Training Demonstrations, Press Conference, Video Documentary & Ribbon-Cutting

**WHERE:** 105 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, NY

**WHEN:** **October 19, 2011** from 2:00 – 6:00 PM (core program: 3:00 – 4:30 PM)

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