



## **RENEW BOSTON**

### ***PILOT PROGRAM: RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY***

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***Mayor Menino wants to make home efficiency easy by offering an innovative first step in improving your home's performance!***

The City of Boston is pleased to offer free of charge a limited number of an innovative home energy audit from Boston-based **Next Step Living, Inc.** Funding for this pilot comes from Boston Connects, Inc., and a corporate contribution to the City of Boston to assist residents with energy bills.

**Next Step Living provides a rigorous home diagnostic coupled with immediate savings measures. A two-person NSL team, consisting of a Team Lead and an Implementation Aide, comes to your home for 3 hours to:**

- Conduct a rigorous and analytical assessment of your home's energy usage to identify the main sources of energy loss, and
- Execute immediate energy saving upgrades on the spot to save you 10-20% on your monthly energy bill

Residents who participate in the **pilot program** will receive free of charge:

#### **Next Step Living's Home Energy Analysis and Upgrade Service**

- 1) Infrared and blower door air leakage analysis of your home
- 2) Six contractor hours of work on your home to make it more efficient, based on initial findings
- 3) A detailed report of what you saved from changes made that day (often >\$300 / yr)
- 4) A detailed description of further measures you can take, how much they would save you, and financing options to make it possible.

This one-time offer is available to Boston residents between 60-120% of Boston's median income level. If you are interested in participating please [TO BE DETERMINED]



Mayor Thomas M. Menino has announced the creation of **Renew Boston**. Using resources provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Mayor plans to launch **Renew Boston** as an innovative service delivery entity that will be made available later this year to coordinate the provision of energy efficiency and alternative energy services to all Boston businesses and residents.

**Renew Boston** will:

- (1) provide one-stop shopping for Boston residents and businesses interested in energy efficiency and alternative energy work on existing buildings in Boston (webpage/call center intake),
- (2) organize provision of energy efficiency and alternative energy services for Boston residents and businesses by municipal and quasi-City agencies, non-profit and for-profit entities,
- (3) coordinate provision of financing of energy efficiency and alternative energy services by municipal and quasi-City agencies, non-profit and for-profit entities,
- (4) coordinate education and outreach programs to connect services with businesses and residents,
- (5) coordinate and track connection of businesses and residents with auditors and contractors providing alternative energy and energy efficiency services; monitor and verify contractors' work,
- (6) coordinate connection between the Boston Public Schools and green collar workforce development programs, and
- (7) develop performance management and GIS/information technology platform to support outreach strategies and monitor and verify installations for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.