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The Office of Consumer Advocate would like to inform residential consumers of **FREE** workshops being offered. With support from the U.S. Department of Energy, the New Hampshire Electric Utilities, and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, **FREE** workshops are being offered for residents of NH. These workshops are geared toward your homes, your savings, and requirements needed when building an addition or a new home.

Geothermal and Energy Star Homes - How does a geothermal energy system work? Is it cost effective? What resources are available to someone who would like to install such a system? NH has a robust Energy Star Homes Program. Find out how to build an Energy Star Home and how to get the many advantages such a home offers. Presenter: Mike McQueeney, PSNH

4/27/06 9am -12pm NH PUC Offices
21 South Fruit St
Concord, NH 03301

How to register:
Phone: (603) 271-6306
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Building Envelope - Air sealing and insulating for high performance. This session will focus on the importance of air sealing and insulating in relation to the construction of a high performance home. The house as a system concept will be the centerpiece, and the interactive effects of building shell components will be considered and weighted accordingly based on the "low hanging fruit" concept.

4/17/06 8am-12pm Manchester Community Technical College
1066 Front Street
Manchester, NH 03101

5/11/06 12:30pm-4:30pm Holiday Inn
9 Northeastern Blvd.
Nashua, NH 03062

5/17/06 12:30pm-4:30pm Best Western Wednesday PM
401 Winchester Street
Keene, NH 03431

How to register:

Phone: 800-437-4495

Email: tom.rooney@gdsassociates.com

High Efficiency HVAC Systems - High efficiency equipment and distribution systems. This session will focus on the varying systems available for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning purposes and will touch upon the benefits of one system over another. A primary component of this session will be the importance of well designed and installed distribution systems.

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Residential Buildings Overview - This session will be a summary of the changes and updates to the NH Residential Energy Code and a review of the various methods of going beyond code through high performance home construction practices. It will also include an overview of the different code compliance options, and include a demo of the REScheck™ code compliance software. This workshop will also cover recent legislative changes that impact high performance building including the ENERGY STAR® Homes Program, the impacts of the Federal Energy Tax Credit Guidelines, and LEED for homes as a showcase for sustainability.

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