

I am Jolyn, and I am calling about an email that you, hopefully, received Monday or Tuesday talking about a grant that was received to help Energy Department of the State of Alabama to align curriculum for education of jurisdictions and contractors. We sent you information about the data collection study that Britt/Makela will be completing in your jurisdiction in a couple of weeks.

There is very little that you will need to do to help us out. All we need from you is permit information of new residential homes from foundation to final.

This is strictly a data collection study. We are only interested in new residential builds, focusing on energy codes and the energy efficiency of the home.

So we come in, collect the data, then it is studied and education is decided and then implemented to the jurisdictions and home builders. Once the education and training is completed, we will come in to do a post study to collect data to see if the training helped with energy savings.

We have been to Nebraska doing a similar study last year, and they have found the data useful in determining education avenues for everyone.

We have met with HBAA and ICC in December, and they gave us a general idea of which jurisdictions we should visit.

We are working with Alabama state energy office to help them determine if the funds going to training and education on energy code is really saving energy and money, and how much is it saving.

This data will be collected and it will help inform us on what type of training and education the jurisdictions and the builders need or want to continue making strides in energy conservation.

The data is confidential, so everything gets piled together and nobody will know what house gave what data.

We can let you know the Duct Blaster test numbers and the Blower Door test numbers.