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WNY ENERGY \$MART COMMUNITIES AND REBUILD AMERICA SPONSOR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Focus on Energy and Indoor Air Quality Issues in Multifamily Buildings

The **Western New York Energy \$mart** Communities Program is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Rebuild America Program to host the next in a series of energy-efficiency workshops. The workshop will be held at the Amherst Campus of the State University of New York at Buffalo, at the Center for Tomorrow on Tuesday, January 27 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The workshop will feature information relating to technical and financial assistance for reducing energy consumption and costs in buildings.

This free workshop is designed for **owners, managers, architects, and contractors of multifamily (five or more units) buildings**. The seminar will feature national experts who will discuss strategies to increase energy efficiency, improve indoor air quality, and save money. Highlights include information on health and safety, indoor air quality and mold issues, energy audits, as well as technical and financial assistance available through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). No prior knowledge of energy efficiency technologies is necessary to attend.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 from 8 a.m. – 12 noon

WHAT:

- Registration and Continental Breakfast

- Multifamily Building Health and Safety
- Indoor Air Quality and Mold Issues
- Energy Audits and Technical Assistance
- Financial Assistance Programs

WHERE: State University of New York at Buffalo
Center for Tomorrow, Amherst Campus

Registration: Send name, title, company, address, phone, fax and e-mail to burdk@erie.gov or fax to (716) 858-7713.

For more information about the workshop, contact Isabell Berger or Kevin Burd at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (716) 858-6370.

Rebuild America is a network of more than 500 partnerships dedicated to creating self-sustaining community initiatives to promote energy efficiency, save money, improve building performance, reduce air pollution, and enhance the quality of life through advanced technologies and practices. Created by DOE in 1994, Rebuild America serves as a tool for community revitalization and job creation.

In New York State, Rebuild America is administered by NYSERDA under the title of **New York Energy \$mart** Communities, with regional initiatives including Western New York Energy \$mart Communities.

All **New York Energy \$mart**SM programs are funded by a System Benefits Charge (SBC) paid by electric distribution customers of Central Hudson, Con Edison, NYSEG, Niagara Mohawk, Orange and Rockland, and Rochester Gas and Electric. NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation established by law in 1975, administers SBC funds and programs under an agreement with the Public Service Commission.

New York Energy \$martSM programs are designed to lower electricity costs by encouraging energy efficiency as the State's electric utilities move to competition. The programs are available to electric distribution customers (residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial) who pay into the SBC.

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