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Comment for the AB 758 Day 1 webinar, Question 12 - Is there a role for HERS providers and HERS raters in the whole house upgrade programs ... ?

The response was YES.

I received my HERS training in the Fall of 2009 sponsored by State and Federal funds as an "in demand" opportunity. Unfortunately it was not and as far as I know it still is not. I started a home-based business HERS rating and home inspection business, but have been unable to be profitable.

I believe the main reason for the lack of HERS jobs focuses on two main issues:

1. Most HVAC contractors do not get permits for their work. This is a major problem and I do not see the State putting controls in place to ensure they do. More work and energy savings would be available if there were a tight control to ensure all HVAC contractors have permits for their work. Contractors I know that do not get permits tell me they cannot compete because other contractors who are not getting bids out bid them.
2. The State is late with energy programs that would provide raters work. All the raters I know who went to HERS training with me have moved on to other jobs; some even moving out of state because they have been unemployed for so long. To ensure a sufficient number of HERS/BPI certified raters the State needs to ensure that training programs are available to provide refresher courses to existing raters.

I need work, want to work, have trained myself for work as a HERS/BPI rater profession with no positive results. Please help me and all the people who took the training expecting an "in demand" job.

Thank you,

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