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## Overview of the Collaborative

- Core Collaborative funded by NEEA is made up of about a dozen key stakeholders (IDABO, DBS, AIC, Circuit Rider and consultants)
- Larger Collaborative made up of wider range of stakeholders that include utilities, builders, architects, engineers, elected officials, trades, suppliers, and non-profit organizations (e.g. USGBC)
- Meetings tend to occur quarterly



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## Our Mission

- The Idaho Energy Code Collaborative facilitates energy code implementation through education, outreach and technical assistance and prepares for the adoption of new energy codes by vetting changes and providing an open forum for stakeholders to voice concerns and reach consensus.

## Code Adoption Process

- The code adoption process is dictated by Title 39. Codes are evaluated by the Idaho Building Code Board through the negotiated rulemaking process, which requires two public hearings that are not less than 60 days apart before they make a formal recommendation regarding adoption to the Idaho Legislature before the next session begins. The collaborative actively participates in this process.



# Accomplishments to Date

## **Circuit Rider – Free Resource for Idaho!**

- To support energy code implementation, the Circuit Rider is the key resource for Idaho energy code questions and answers, code interpretations and enforcement strategies. He provides cost free energy code assistance through technical support and training.

## **Code Adoption**

- 2015 IECC Commercial was approved by the Idaho Building Code Board and sent to Legislature for approval during the 2017 session.

## **Above Code Initiatives**

- Five jurisdictions adopted the full 2012 IECC Residential.
- Creating designated above code outreach effort targeting jurisdictions.

## **Training**

- 914 attendees from 2014-2016 (not including repeat attendees)

## **Outreach**

- Idaho Energy and Green Building Conference
- 2012 Stakeholder Survey and 2013 Homeowner Survey



# Our Vision

Be the forward-thinking and trusted resource for adopting and implementing energy codes that are consistent with national standards and appropriate for Idaho on a regular and predictable schedule.

## To overcome our most significant barrier (builders):

- Focusing on outreach to builders through targeted trainings in 2016, a Builders Bill of Rights and enforcement uniformity.
- Focusing on a “Quality Assurance” (QA) project in 2017.
- Consider approaching legislators directly and not let the builders be the only voice heard. (IDABO hosted forum to this effect)
- Broadcast support from other stakeholders and recruit supportive builders from other areas of State.
- Reach out to homeowners (budgetary issue).

