

Answers to Submitted Questions for the RFP for Statewide Energy Consumption Analysis

1. The previous report (2017 – 2018 Indiana Weatherization Billing Analysis Report) and the 2022 Indiana WAP Master Plan discuss the use of the Building Energy Analysis of Consumption (BEAcon) software to model the energy consumption and savings, but BEAcon is not mentioned in the RFP. Is the use of BEAcon required, encouraged, or prohibited in this analysis?
 - a. It is not required or prohibited. We encourage each respondent to utilize the system and methodology that they find to be most beneficial to the report.
2. Is there a minimum level of requested inputs to the energy modeling calculations beyond utility reported metered fuel consumption and heating/ cooling-degree-day?
 - a. There is no minimum. IHCDCA does not want to be too prescriptive in defining methodologies. We look forward to each respondent's unique plan to create a robust and informative report.
3. The authors of the previous report (2017 – 2018 Indiana Weatherization Billing Analysis Report) contacted 35 utilities of which they were successful at obtaining data from 31. This is different than the "hundreds of utility vendors across the state of Indiana" as mentioned in the RFP. Would this set of 31 utilities be sufficient to comply with the RFP's requirement for "data from a representative sample of vendors"?
 - a. There are hundreds of different utility vendors – some are large, multi-state or multi-county entities, some are bulk fuel providers, some are municipalities, etc. IHCDCA doesn't want to require a certain number of vendors; rather, the collection of data needs to be from a representative sample of those vendors. Collecting data from every vendor that operates in the state is not necessary.
4. Will the "agency summaries" describing the Weatherization Providers be centrally provided through IHCDCA or INCAA, or will those come directly from the agencies requiring us to interact with each one? Can you describe the content and format or provide some example data that would be representative of the "agency summaries"?
 - a. The expectation from IHCDCA is that "agency summaries" are summaries of the specific measures that each agency completes. We are interested in things such as "how often does each measure occur?" "Do we see different trends in types of work/measures being completed by each agency?" "Which measures generate the greatest energy savings?" "Energy savings for specific types of measures." This is not an exhaustive list, and IHCDCA will assist the Consultant will obtaining the summaries.