



### **UNIFORM METHODS PROJECT**

## **Project Goals**



# Bring Uniformity and Transparency to Energy Savings Calculations for Energy Efficiency Programs

- Strengthen credibility of savings calculations through greater consistency and transparency.
- Simplify comparison of savings across similar efficiency programs and measures in different jurisdictions.
- Reduce the development costs of evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V).
- Increase the acceptance of reported energy savings by the financial and regulatory communities.

# Why is this Project Needed?



- Seventeen technical reference manuals have been identified, covering 21 states and DC (as of spring 2012)
- Savings estimates for identical measure varied from 2 – 10x
- Widespread use of the UMP protocols could provide consistency across TRM's

## What Is This Project?



# Develop and Publish 15–20 Protocols for Savings Calculations of Energy Efficiency Measures

- Addresses most common residential and commercial efficiency measures in utility-run programs
- Presents step-by-step calculations for determining gross savings
- Include additional sections to address cross-cutting evaluation requirements
- Adoption is voluntary

## What Is This Project?



# Protocols for Efficiency Measures (Phase 1)

- Refrigerator recycling
- Commercial lighting
- Commercial lighting controls
- Residential lighting
- Residential furnaces and boilers
- Commercial unitary and split system air conditioning equipment
- Whole-building retrofit

### **Cross-Cutting Protocols**

- Sample design
- Survey design
- Metering
- Calculation of peak impacts
- Other evaluation topics (including rebound and persistence of savings)

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## What Is This Project?



# Protocols Developed In Collaboration With EM&V Industry and Major Energy Efficiency Stakeholders

- Protocols developed in collaboration with energy efficiency program administrators, stakeholders, and EM&V consultants
  - Including the major U.S. firms that do as many as 70% of energy efficiency evaluations
- Industry review process allows for input from large array of stakeholders
  - 636 comments from 46 organizations

### Conclusion



### Timeline

- The first set of protocols have been published
- Phase 2 is being scoped
- Protocols provide a basis for estimating impacts of energy-savings measures.
- Support the adoption of the protocols within your organization or your member organizations.

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### **More Information**



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