

The Partnership for Advanced Window Solutions (PAWS) Utility Working Group Charter

Mission, Strategy, Process, Operations



Mission Statement

The PAWS Utility Working Group works with stakeholders in the utility and window industry to support and create utility programs that target consumer, architect and builder uptake of high performance and attachment window products for residential and commercial, new construction and retrofit applications.



Strategic Goals

The goals of the PAWS Utility Working Group are to:

- Advise and bring additional value to existing utility programs targeting primary windows and attachments by connecting with manufacturers, creating program resources and sharing best practices/lessons learned.
- Accelerate the number of utilities offering programs targeting primary and attachment window by providing data, shared tools and program resources.
- Provide a forum for utilities to share experience and lessons learned from implementing primary and attachment window programs.
- Develop go-to information resources and templates for utilities developing primary window and attachment-related programs



Tactical Functions (Value Proposition)

The critical tasks of the PAWS Utility Working Group are to:

- Develop and maintain relationships with utilities who currently deploy effective primary window and attachment programs
 - Invite utility stakeholders to participate in the Working Group
 - Utilize utility stakeholders' experience to help guide Working Group activities
 - Help utilities improve their programs by providing information, resources, and connections to the window industry
- Conduct outreach to utility partners to aid in developing primary window and attachment programs
 - Work with interested utilities to identify barriers and develop approaches to help overcome them
 - Provide feedback to potential pilot utility programs

- Maintain centralized research and data to aid utilities in developing primary window and attachment programs.
 - House best practices and lessons learned from past and current window programs
 - Collect and maintain data to aid utilities in program development
 - Work with ENERGY STAR to help utilities further refine programs
 - Engage window manufacturers already involved with PAWS to support for utility programs
- Provide feedback and coordinate with other leverageable Working Group activities that connect with Utility Working Group
 - The Rating, Codes and Certification Working Group targets the new 7.0 ENERGY STAR windows rating which is an important tool for utility programs
 - Work with the National Fenestration Rating Council's (NFRC) to ensure that their Efficient Windows Collaborative website serves utility marketing awareness and window section needs
- Develop additional tools to aid utilities in developing primary and attachment window programs
 - Create a utility program playbook including energy savings, incremental cost, program design options, and example programs from around the country



Group Operational Ground Rules/Administrative Information

The following describes the internal operational structure and processes of the PAWS Utility Working Group.

PAWS Utility Working Group Team:

- Leadership: **Elaine Miller, NEEA** (emiller@neea.org), **Isaac Smith, MN CEE**, (ismith@mncee.org)
- PAWS Utility Working Group Representative Responsibilities:
 - Attend regular monthly meetings
 - Contribute to idea generation during meetings and data calls
 - Provide project support as appropriate
- PAWS Utility Working Group Associated Organizations:
 - Consortium for Energy Efficiency – Building Envelope workgroup
 - Utility workgroup of the Attachments Energy Rating Council (AERC) which supports utility program development targeting window attachment products

Meetings:

- Recurring Time: At least quarterly, or other as determined by Working Group members
- Link: Shared at time of first meeting invite
- Meeting format: Co-leads share agenda for comment; leads discussion across agenda topics, with participation from all members support

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New Member Process:

- Email the following information to the Co-Leads:
 - Name
 - Organization
 - Role
 - Email
- Introductory information will be shared to provide up-to-date view of the current PAWS Utility Working Group focus.

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