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To: Chris Austin; Russ Griffin
Cc: 'Cindy L. Wasser'
Subject: North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's 2021 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAPs)

Dear Chris & Russ,

I hope you and your families are doing well during these trying times. I work with Performance Point, a building performance contractor based in Charlotte, NC. Our multifamily division has been providing ENERGY STAR inspection services for the NCHFA program for a good number of years, including utility allowance reporting, and energy modeling. We also work in a number of states that have adopted more energy efficient measures such as ENERGY STAR V3 for Homes, ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction and the ICC-700 2015 National Green Building Standard.

We were pleased to hear that NCHFA will be updating the QAP to more current energy or green building standards; it will create affordable housing that is better for residents, property managers and the surrounding community. **We strongly recommend NCHFA to select a recognized third-party energy or green building program.** Examples of reputable national programs include Enterprise Green Communities, NGBS Green, and LEED. Third-party programs are familiar to the affordable housing industry and provide other benefits, like training, technical assistance and quality assurance. This approach will reduce NCHFA staff time commitment and align North Carolina with surrounding states.

Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Thanks

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