## About VEIC

- Nonprofit founded in 1986
- 300+ Employees
- Locations: VT, DC, OH, NY
- Design, deliver, and evaluate programs nationwide:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Transportation
  - Renewable energy



#### Our Customers:

- Utilities
- Businesses
- Government
- Foundations
- Environmental & Consumer Groups



#### Passive House Services VEIC Offers

- Policy Support House buildings
- Certified Passive House
  Modeling and Consulting (CPHC)
- Passive House rating
- Incremental cost studies for Passive

technical assistance

Post occupancy

monitoring and analysis of performance



# BECx vs. PH Rating





How Building Envelope Commissioning differs from PHIUS

Included services	BECx	PHIUS R/V
Engage with the design and construction teams to ensure building enclosure meets Owner's Project Requirements - components and systems are properly detailed, specified and installed on-site	Х	Х
Provide progress and final testing of building envelope systems and assemblies	Х	Final-focus
Provide guidance and verification for meeting requirements of applicable programs (PHIUS, ESTAR, IaP, WS, ZERH)		Х
Submit documentation for certification. Note where documentation deviates from built condition.		Х
Ensure systems are meeting the specified performance criteria post installation.	Per contract?	



# Why Certify?

- Cost optimize design with modeling
  - First costs and operational costs
- Hold team accountable for final outcome
  - Passive House immediately,
  - Net Zero after a year of performance data
- Third party verification, QA/QC
  - Bonus: experience of verifier organization
- Celebration and Recognition for the success in a quickly evolving market





#### Passive House Modeling Coordination

#### Things get complicated...

when the pre-certification energy model is being created at the same time that construction is happening.



#### Windows

Average SHGC:	0.41
Average solar reduction factor heating:	0.35
Average solar reduction factor cooling:	0.33
Average U-value:	0.227 Btu
Total glazing area:	1,432.8 ft2
Total window area:	1,908.9 ft2







#### [kBtu/yr]

## Last Minute Changes are Expensive





#### ... But sometimes can't be avoided



#### Reconciling Details with Reality





## Passive House Air Leakage

Whole-building preliminary blower door test vs. progress tests:

Ensure target is reached -or- optimize schedule?







































#### Lessons Learned

- Certification Agreed to from Day 1- (Ideal world!)
- Certification fees = barrier (Individual donor enabled project to move forward toward PHIUS certification)







#### Lessons Learned

- Sequencing Work– large multi-family, testing, trades, tight timelines
- Design:
  - ASHP design
  - DHW runs
  - PHIUS and NZE envelope the same
  - Sizing solar and design integration

#### Lessons Learned

- Metering / Utility regulations
  - Monthly meter fees v. larger electrical service
  - 3-phase to site
  - Solar divided between tenant use
  - Unpredictable tenant use
- Utility rebates unknown until completed-Liberty Utilities
- Extra funding points, increase in cap of \$10,000/unit

## Project Located in Vermont?

- No extra points allowed on applications
- No max \$/unit for projects
- Efficiency Vermont Provide financial support/incentives

#### NESEA Pro Tour – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Thank you & Questions?



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