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State Issues:

Funds Available To Assist In Home Weatherization

The Maine Home Performance program, administered by Efficiency Maine, was recently unveiled by state officials. The program, funded by federal stimulus money, offers rebates of up to \$3,000 for eligible home improvements.

There is no income limit to participate in the Maine Home Performance program. To qualify for rebates, homeowners must have an energy audit performed by a certified auditor and improvements made must achieve at least 25% savings in heating and hot water fuel usage. A list of eligible improvements and eligibility requirements is available online at <http://www efficiencymaine.com/mainehomeperformance.htm>. You may also get more information about the program by dialing toll-free 1-877-334-6583.

Nominations Sought For Maine Teacher Of The Year

Officials with the Department of Education reminded the public that parents, students, fellow teachers – anyone – can nominate a teacher for recognition. Any certified Maine teacher or specialist who is currently giving daily classroom instruction in a Maine approved public or private elementary, secondary, or vocational school can be nominated.

The Teacher of the Year program does not attempt to single out any individual as the best teacher in Maine, but rather to honor one teacher who represents all the excellent teachers in our State. Selecting a Teacher of the Year is an exceptional way to celebrate the many outstanding and dedicated people teaching in Maine schools. For detailed information about the criteria, nomination process, nomination form, and guidelines, visit <http://www.maine.gov/education/toy>.