

# What are Buildings of Excellence? Low Carbon and So Much More.

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## **ABSTRACT**

In this session you will learn about the goals and requirements of NYSERDA's Buildings of Excellence Competition and how various project teams rose to the challenge to deliver environmentally responsible solutions and healthy multifamily buildings for NYS families. Energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, community connectivity and affordability are all essential to designing living spaces that enable occupants to thrive without harming the environment we all share. Join this session to hear about the differing approaches integrative project teams took to achieve excellence and hear about the 2020 version of the Buildings of Excellence program.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Michelle has worked as a part of various programs, including as a home performance contractor for NYSERDA's EmPower New York Program and as senior technical analyst managing the implementation of NYSERDA's Low-rise Residential New Construction program. She is a HERS Rater, Certified Passive House Consultant, and a BPI certified Building Analyst, Envelope, Heating, as well as AC/Heat Pump professional. Michelle holds an MS in Sustainable Construction Management from SUNY ESF and is the current president of the Hudson Valley Passive House Alliance.