

### **BDC Presents:**

Inspiring Consumers and the Supply Chain

Behind the Scenes at The Switch is On



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# **About the BDC**

The Building Decarbonization Coalition (BDC) harnesses the power of coalition to forge paths to upgrade and power homes and buildings with clean electricity, using policy, research, market development and public engagement.

The BDC and its members are charting the course to eliminate fossil fuels in buildings to improve people's health, cut climate and air pollution, prioritize high-road jobs, and ensure that our communities are more resilient to the impacts of climate change.









# Next up: Unlocking the Power of Thermal Energy Networks

December 14 at 10 am PT / 1 pm ET





# **Next up: California Policy Call**

December 19 at 10 am PT

# **Webinar Logistics**

- Everyone is muted
- Please ask your questions via chat and we will ask speakers to answer at the end of remarks
- This webinar is being recorded and will be placed in our website's Resource Library
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# **Today's Panelists**



**Laura Wilson**Director of Marketing



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# One-Stop Shop Marketing and Education Campaign

**Residential Building Electrification** 

# Why talk about consumer marketing?





# The Home Electrification Journey Is Long



To build a trusted campaign...

- Have multiple touchpoints with different users
- This is hard; be honest and helpful

# Streamline, But Don't Skip the Research Phase

This is not energy efficiency. This is not brand marketing.

### **Market Evaluation**

- Existing research
- Buying & search trends

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### **Qualitative Interviews**

- Consumer focus groups
- Industry interviews

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## Message Testing

- Awareness
- Favorability
- Key Takeaways
- Likely Actions after Viewing



# **Create Layered, Consistent Messaging**

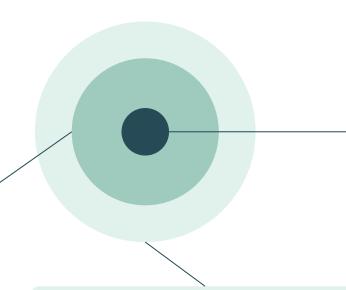
### **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Community Members**

- 500 ambassadors
- 100+ events annually

### **Industry Champions**

- Energy providers
- Chefs
- Manufacturers
- Retailers
- Contractors
- Realtors



### **MEDIA**

**Up to 26%** statistical significant lift across awareness, favorability, and perceptions

**Up to 39%** lift when partnering with utilities on customer emails & layering with metering data

### **DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

### Website

- 1,000+ daily unique visitors
- 20% returning visitors

### **Incentive Finder**

- 70 programs
- 300 incentives
- 500K searches in 2023

### **Contractor Directory**

1,200 contractors



# Have a Strategy for Each Stage of the Funnel

### **EDUCATE**

Increase Awareness

### **INSPIRE**

Influence Decision Makers

## **SWITCH**

Guide Buyers

- Reach beyond early adopters and prime both sides of the transaction
- Empower localized campaigns that are carried out by trusted voices
- Increase awareness, favorability, and action
- Be helpful when people are ready to switch





# Make the Website the Place to Go



Learn More

Make the Switch ~

For Contractors ~

About Us

Contact

**FAQs** 

# SWITCHING TO ELECTRIC IS **BETTER**THAN EVER.

Learn More



### Why Switch To Electric

Burning fossil fuels like methane gas or propane, for cooking and heating, can significantly contribute to local air pollution and climate change. Electrifying your home by replacing gas appliances with modern electric appliances, helps you live in a cleaner and healthier environment.

The Switch Is On is a consumer inspiration campaign with a mission to equitably electrify communities across the United States. We provide information, resources, and tools to support homeowners and renters to electrify their homes and begin a cleaner, healthier way of powering their lives. We also offer tools for contractors to connect with customers who are looking to electrify their homes.



# **Tell a Story With Your Content**



Ambassador Ying Shipman's life-changing testimonial with induction cooktop.

# **Content Creation & Library**

- Stories and testimonials
- Videos
- Handouts
- Social media items
- Newsletter: Electric Life is the Best Life
- Blog
- Translated versions



# **Keep the Message Simple**









# **Electric is Better: Cleaner, Safer, Smarter**

- Equipment creatives and messaging resonated well
- 15 and 30 second videos made positive impact



# **Measure the Right Things**

Home electrification is a long, complex journey. If market transformation is your goal, changing their beliefs on a deeper level should be a higher priority than sales.





# **Apply Layers of Customer Data**

Maximize your marketing effectiveness by laying more intelligence on potential switchers

Use layers of data to more effectively engage relevant switchers:

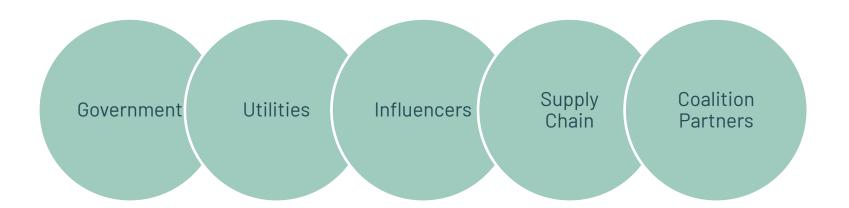
- High # cooling days
- Climate zones
- Meter data
  - High cooling loads
  - Over producing solar
- Utility customer emails





# **Collaborate with Local Partners**

Our partners have trusted roles in their local communities to further the reach and impact of our collective messaging and call to actions







# **Create Trusted Messengers**



Campaign Ambassador telling her electrification story on Spanish TV station, September 2022



Campaign Ambassador doing home tour with Congresswoman Porter and Secretary Granholm, October 2022



Live induction cooking demonstration at National Association of Realtors conference, November 2022



Rheem banner at AHR Expo, February 2023



Contractor convening hosted by Ferguson and sponsored by BDC, NYSERDA, AO Smith, and Fujitsu, March 2023



Chefluencer training for professional chefs on induction technology and media training, July 2023

# **Get in the Community**

Friends, family, neighbors, and chefs are the most trusted messengers of all



Ambassadors tabling at LA Neighborhood Council event.



Celebrity Chef Tu David Phu doing a live induction demonstration - 180 primarily Vietnamese speaking local residents.





# Run Local Campaigns Without Reinventing the Wheel

### CONTRACTOR FINDER

Uplift & promote quality contractors.

### **PRODUCT FINDER**

Catalog of rebate-eligible electric appliances.

### **INCENTIVE FINDER**

Reliable, comprehensive rebate data.

Open data to foster more innovative solutions.

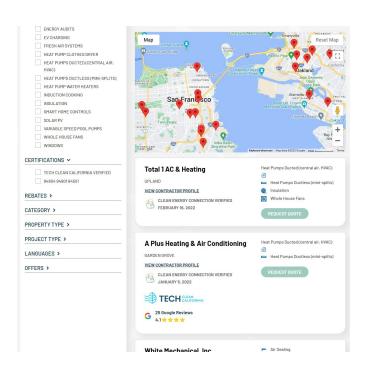
# LOCALIZED CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

Intuitive user experience to help consumers make the switch. A campaign that feels local, no matter where consumers are.



# **Contractors Can Make or Break Your Campaign**

Contractor Finder: A directory of quality electrification contractors







Start with select trusted contractors

Build quantity over time to bring prices down

## Ensuring quality

- Strict vetting process
- Program badges
- Online reviews
- Customer surveys
- Reward responsiveness
- Reward great customer experience



# **Uplift Efficient Appliances, Empower Contractors**

Product Finder: A searchable catalog of electric appliances – coming soon!

### **Qualifying Product List**

Contractors can search for appliances eligible for TECH Clean California incentives

### **Technical Specifications**

Performance attributes and other specs from certified AHRI database and NEEP cold climate heat pump list

### **Cold Climate Heat Pump Check**

Guidance for consumers to ensure they get a heat pump appropriate for their climate

### FIND ELECTRIC APPLIANCES



### OTHER ELECTRIC APPLIANCES













# **Everyone Wants Reliable Incentive Data**

Incentive Finder: A complete list of local, state, and federal incentives



70 programs



### 2024 ROADMAP

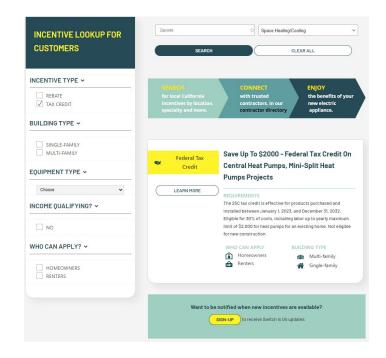
Additional product categories: solar, batteries, EVs, etc.

Improved incentive stacking & eligibility

Integration into website user journey

### Nationwide coverage with open data

- Every incentive program in the U.S.
- Comprehensive, structured, reliable database
- NODE Collective: nodecollective.org







# Remember These Five Things

- To reach beyond early adopters, you need a trusted messenger program
- Message consistency across all local partners is key
- Start small, get good, then go big
- Prime both sides of the transaction (customers and contractors)
- You are running a statewide campaign and a network of local campaigns



