Showcasing DOE Efforts

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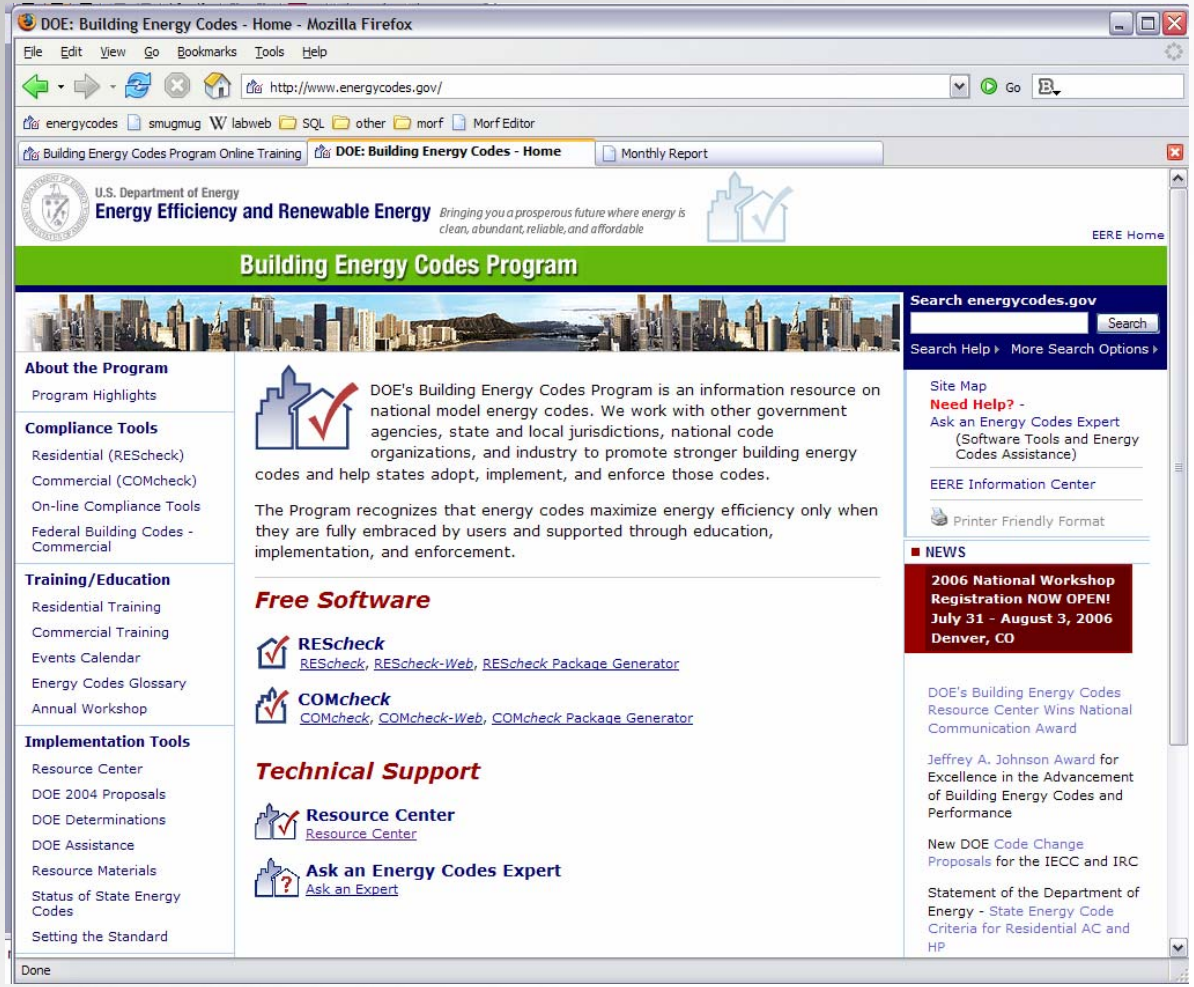
DOE Efforts - Deployment

- Responded to 300+ technical support questions each month
- Trained 6,500+ using web-based training methods
- Reached over 3.5 million hits in March 2006 (www.energycodes.gov)
- Leveraged material from hundreds of tools in the Resource Center
- Educated thousands with the Setting the Standard Newsletter

Website – www.energycodes.gov

- Hosts content for many of the other program features and efforts
  - **Videos**
  - **Web training**
  - **News**
  - **Calendar of Events**



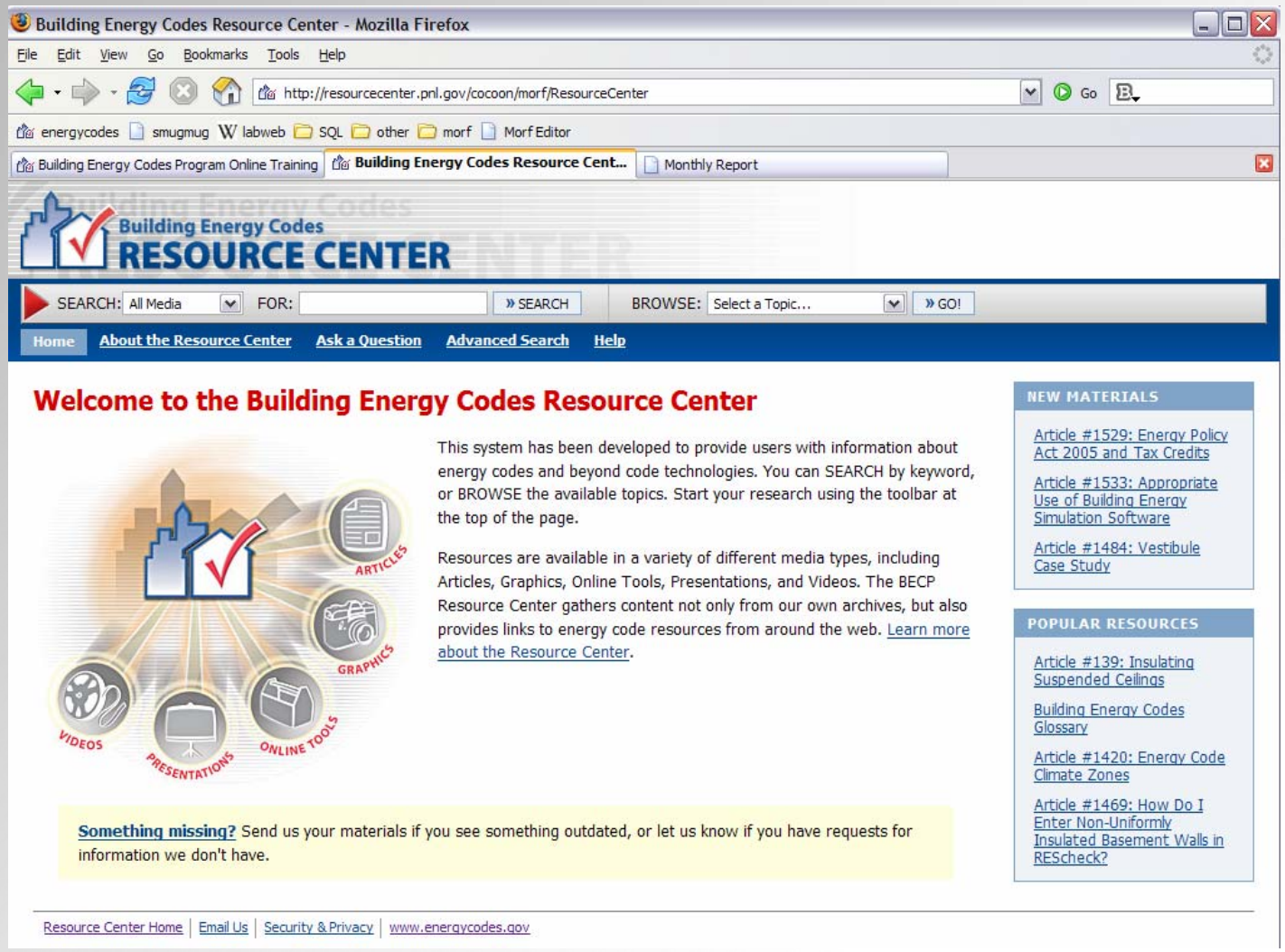
Resource Center

- *Currently Available!*
- Residential and commercial content
- DOE and external materials centrally located
- Generate pdfs for distribution

- Over 1,200 illustrations and photos
- Over 1,500 external materials, videos, articles
- Averaging 500,000+ hits per month
- Averaging 30,000+ redirects per month to external materials including EERE, EPA EnergySTAR, ASHRAE, Building America, and others.

Demonstration

Resource Center



Technical Support

- Streamlined system leverages Resource Center materials and website
- Evolving to include a prototype web forum in fall 2006
  - *Coming soon!* Let us know if you want to participate!
  - Provides a searchable reference for those with software questions
  - Provides a mechanism for all user to interact dynamically with one another
  - May allow region specific/state specific interaction to the software users

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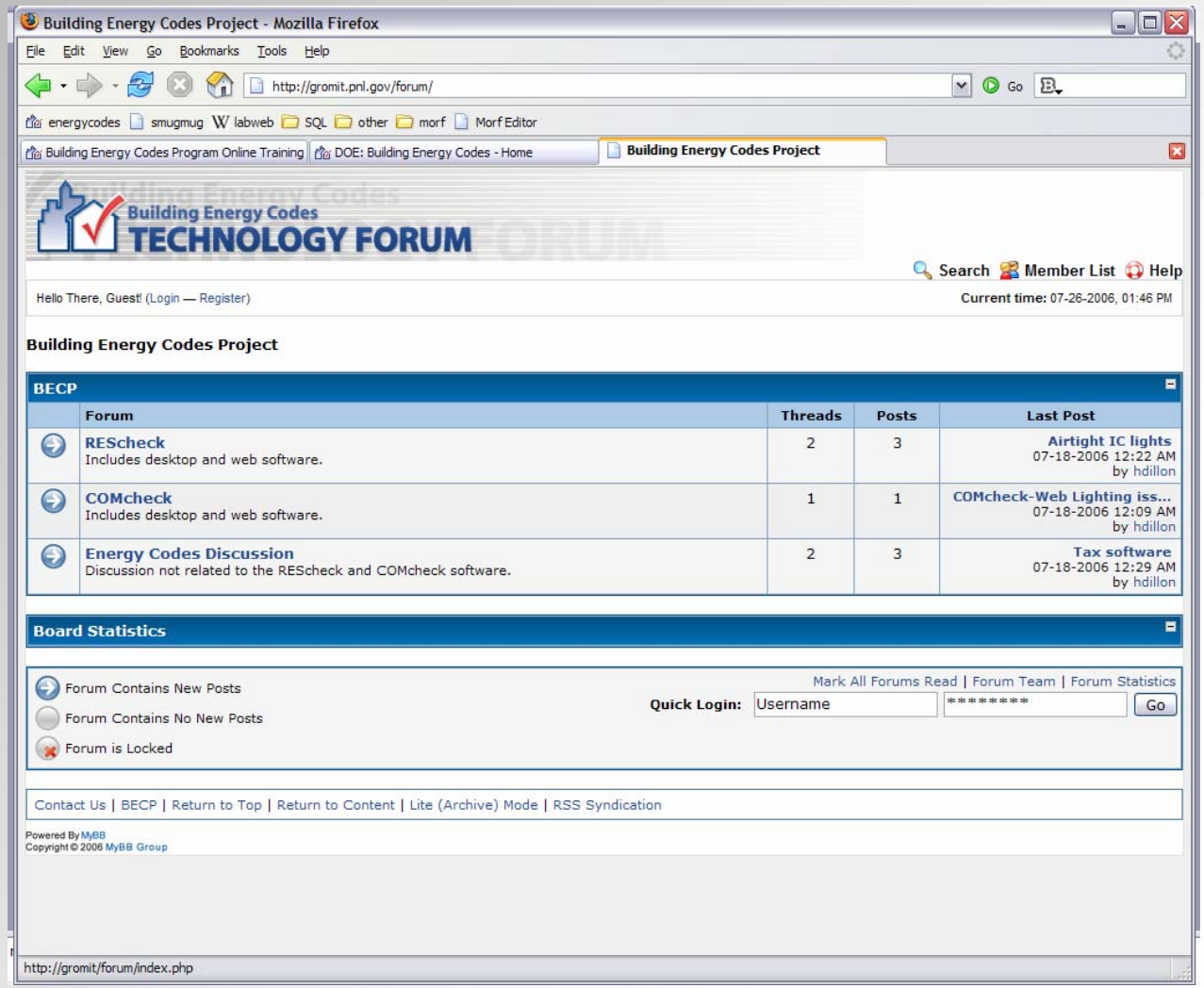
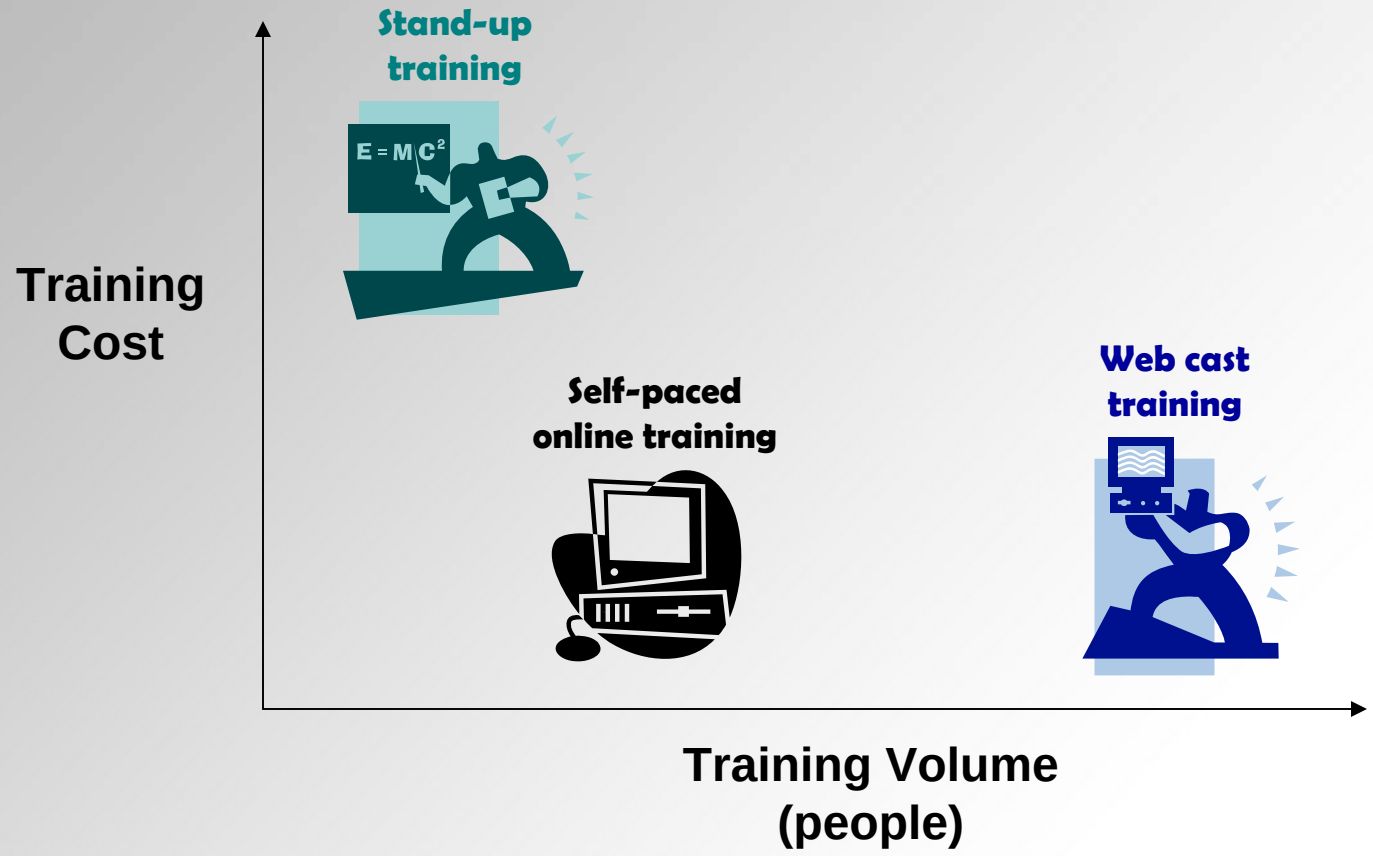


Training Becomes more Cost Effective



Online Training (self paced)

- *Currently Available!*
- Training modules available at no cost
  - REScheck 101
  - COMcheck 101
- Instructor available electronically as needed
- New materials added as available

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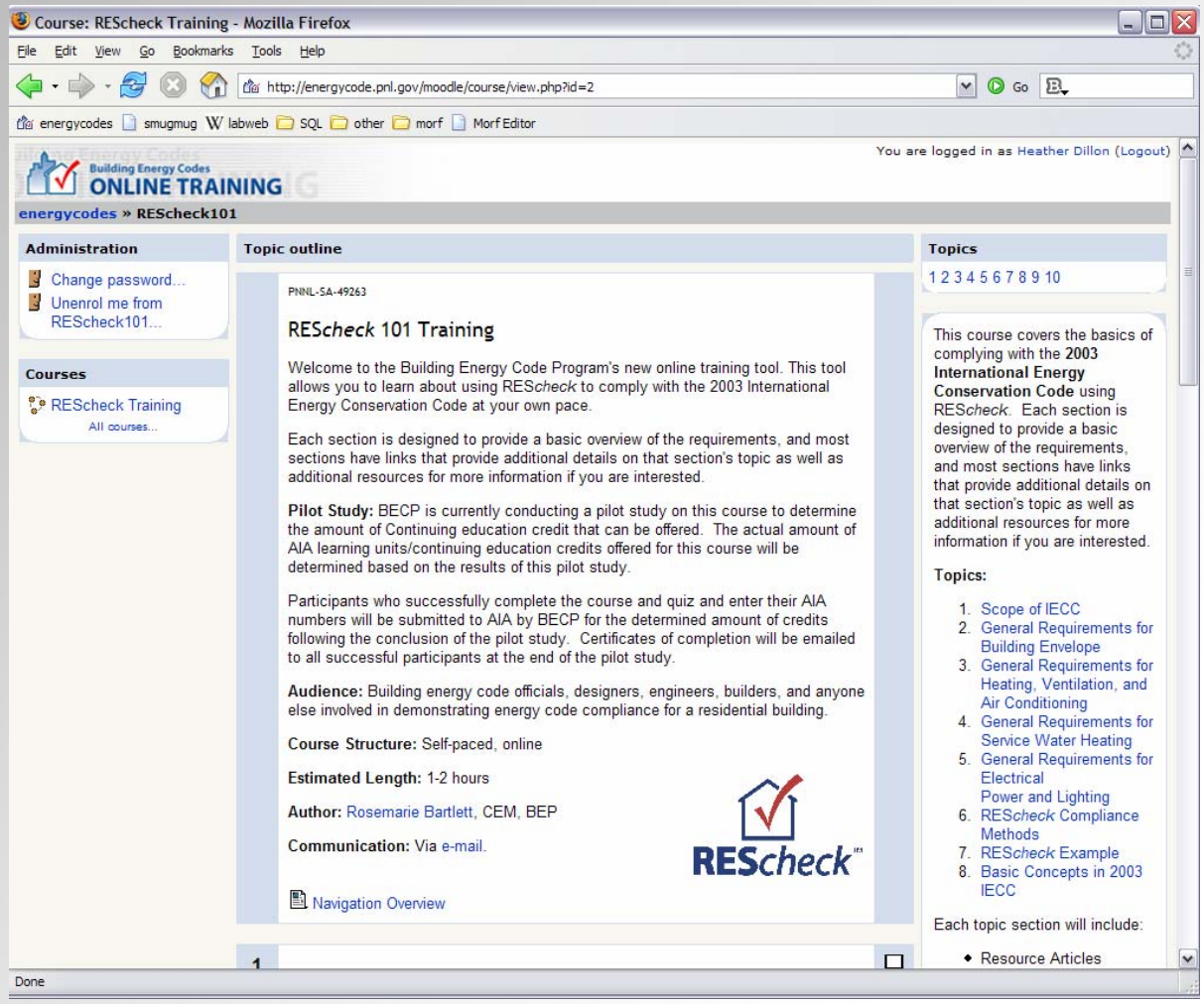

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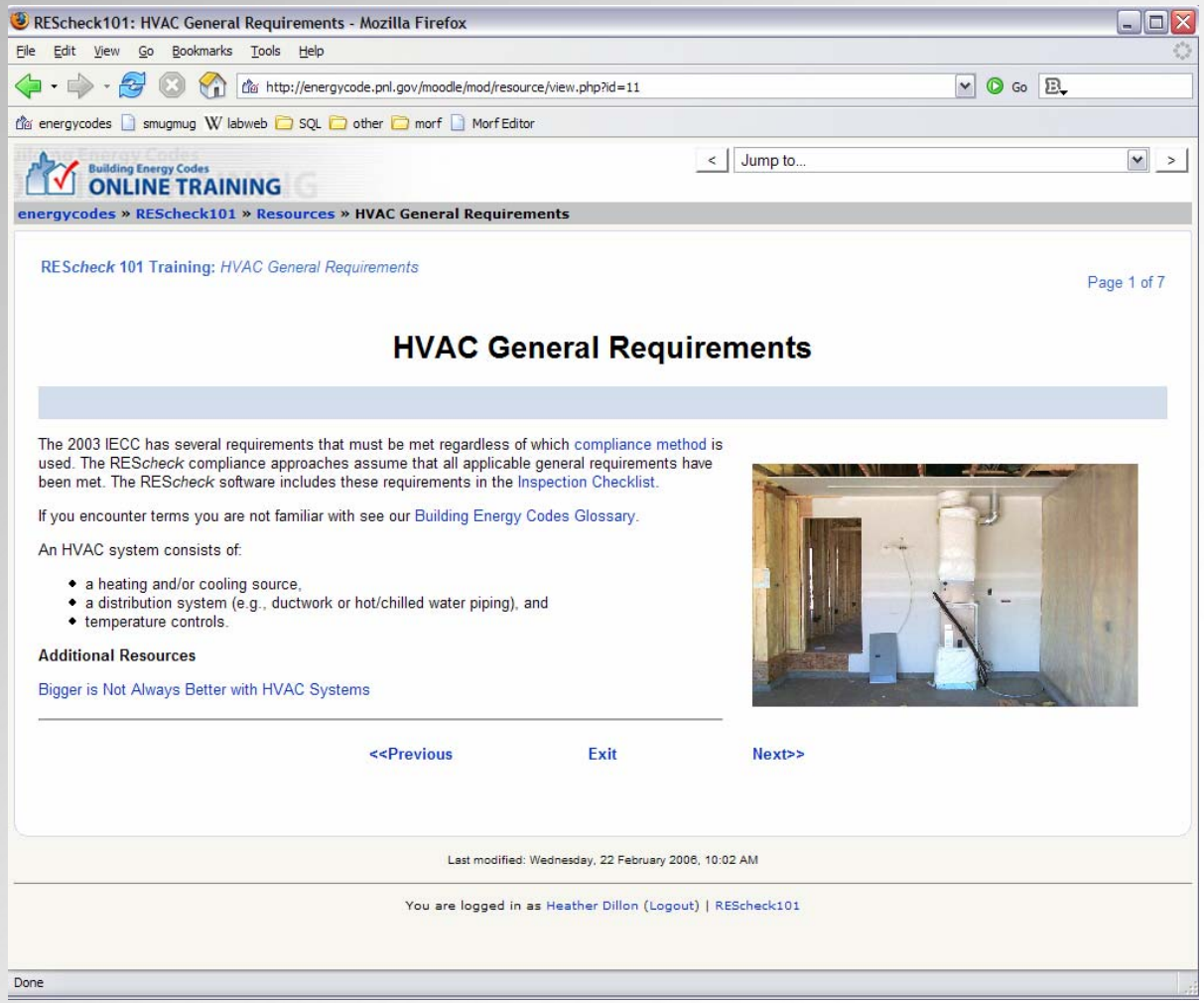

Online Training (Videos)

- *Currently Available!*
- Video version of past live web trainings
  - 2006 IECC Residential
  - Log Homes in REScheck
  - 2006 IECC Commercial – Envelope/HVAC/Lighting
  - ASHRAE Advanced Energy Design Guide Lighting
  - ASHRAE 90.1-2004 Lighting Update
  - Vestibules
- New videos added each month

Demonstration

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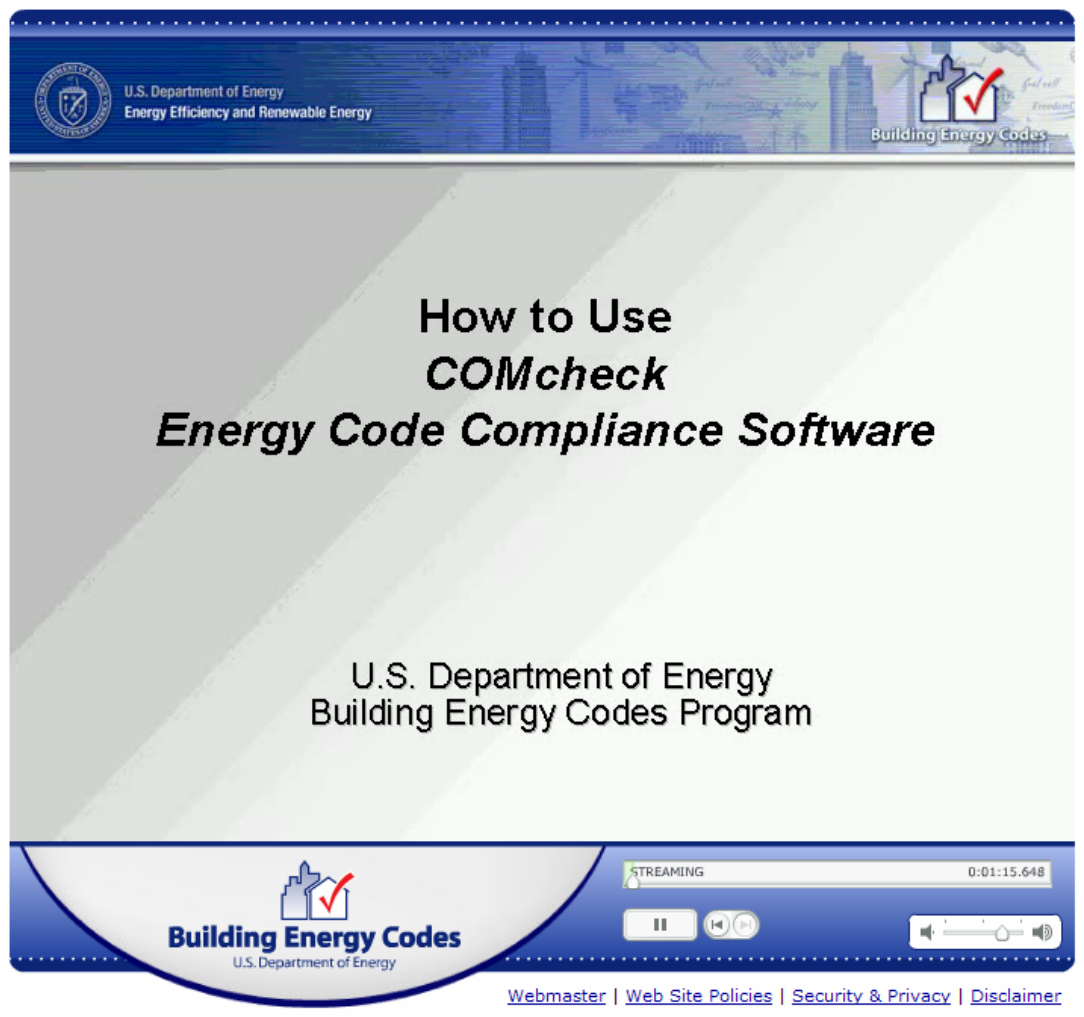


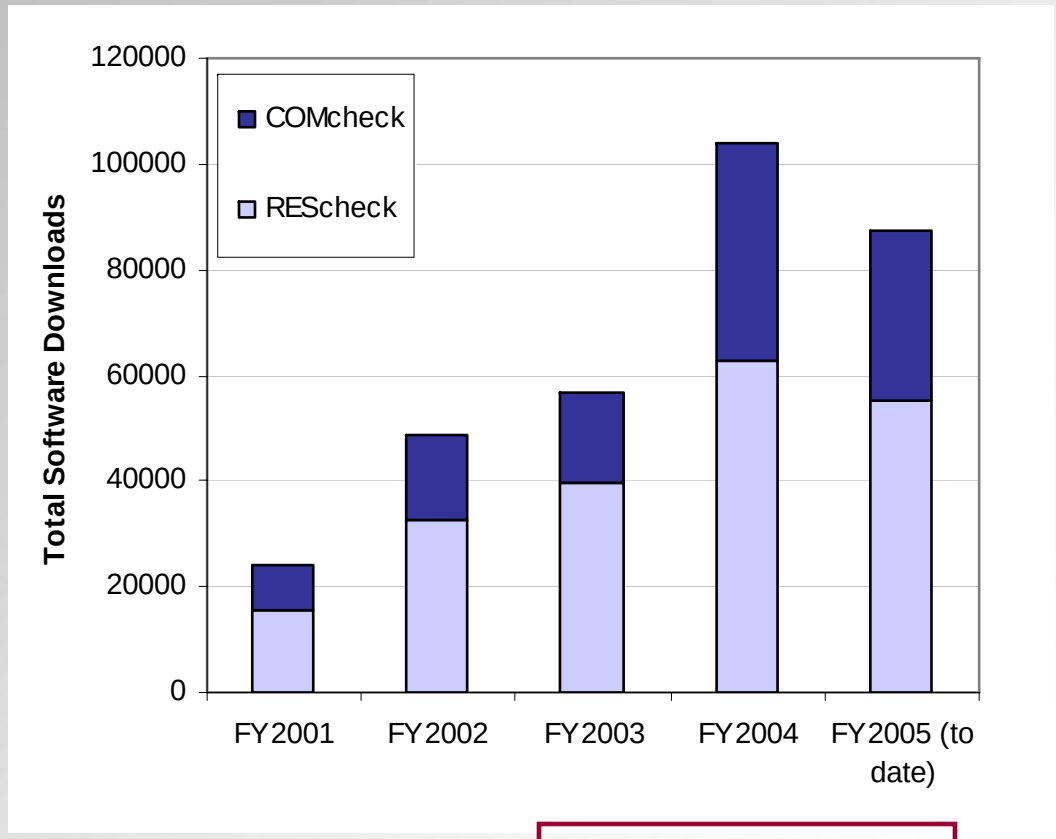
Deployment Summary

Training	6500+ web training participants
	3500+ trained with BECP materials
Website	Averaging over 3 million hits per month
	3.5 million hits in March 2006 (XX% growth)
Resource Center	Averaging 500,000 hits per month
	Averaging 30,000+ redirected links per month to beyond code materials.
National Workshop	235 Participants, 36 states
Newsletter	84,000+ registered subscribers

DOE Efforts - Software

- COMcheck
  - 2004 IECC COMcheck
  - Beyond Code Advisor
  - Alterations Features
  - Preferences
- REScheck
  - 2006 IECC REScheck
  - New AreaCalc
  - Web services

Desktop Software



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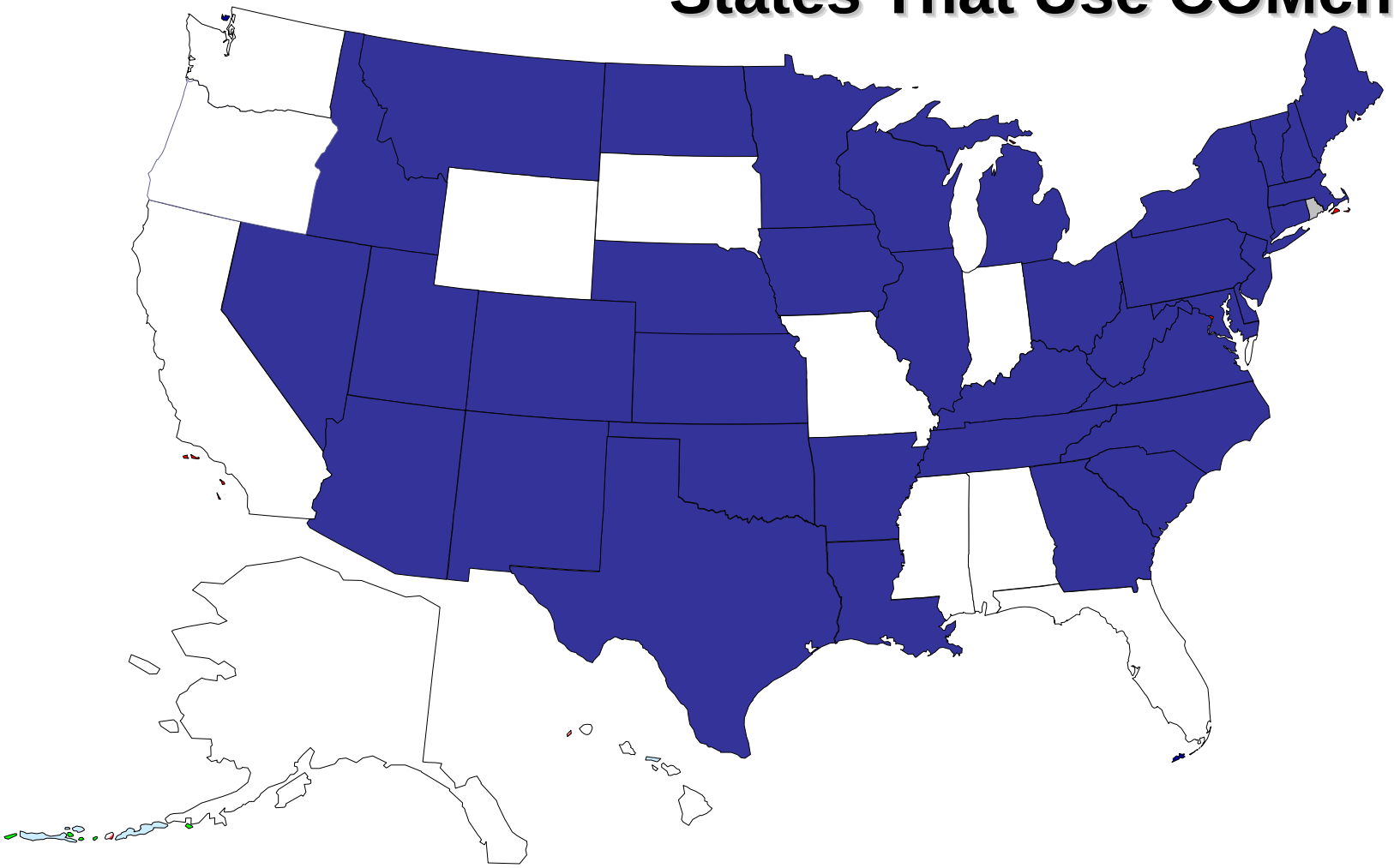
States That Use COMcheck

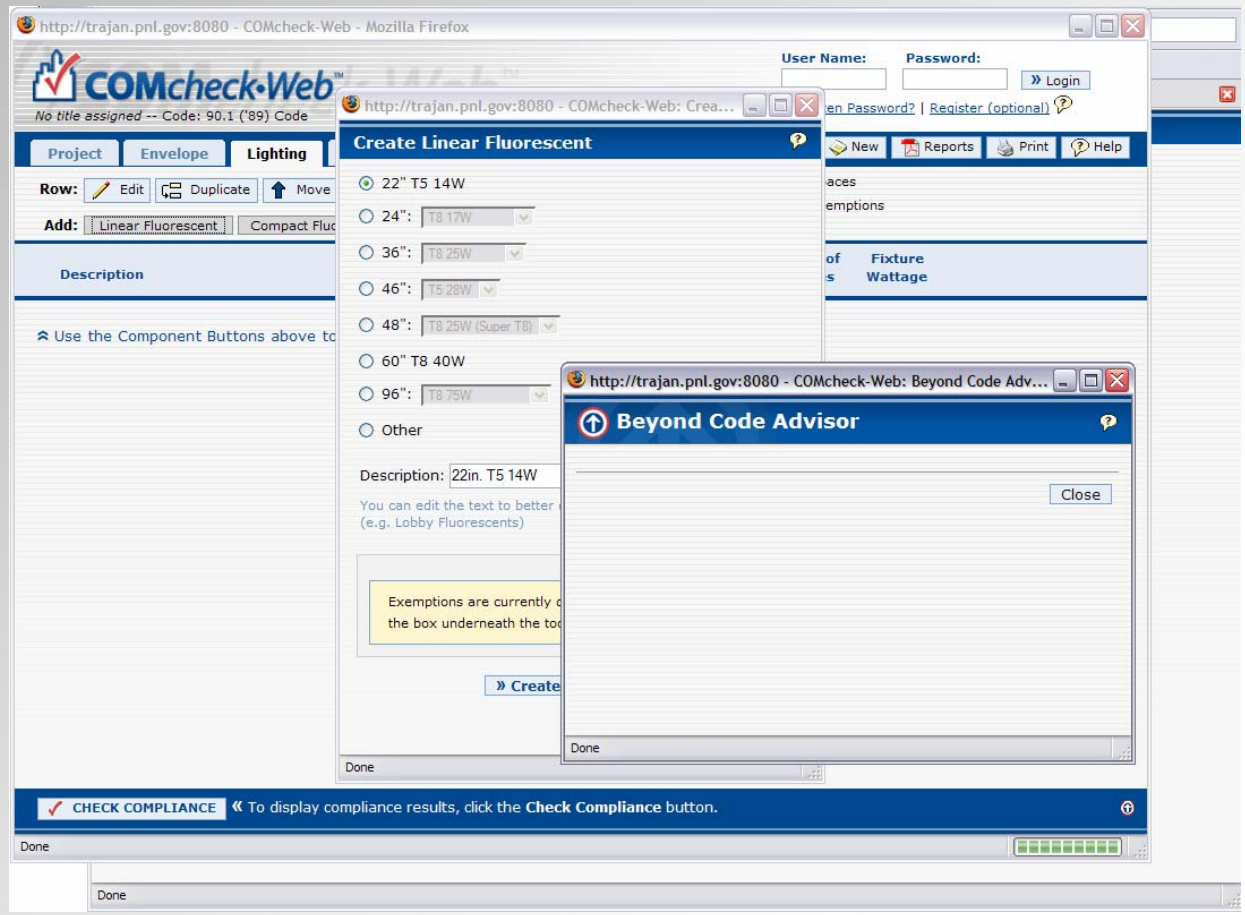


Beyond Code Advisor

- *Available September 2006*
- Interactive beyond code advice as the user navigates the software
- Features include the web software and desktop
- New look and feel make the advisor a more intrinsic part of the user experience

Demonstration

Beyond Code Advisor



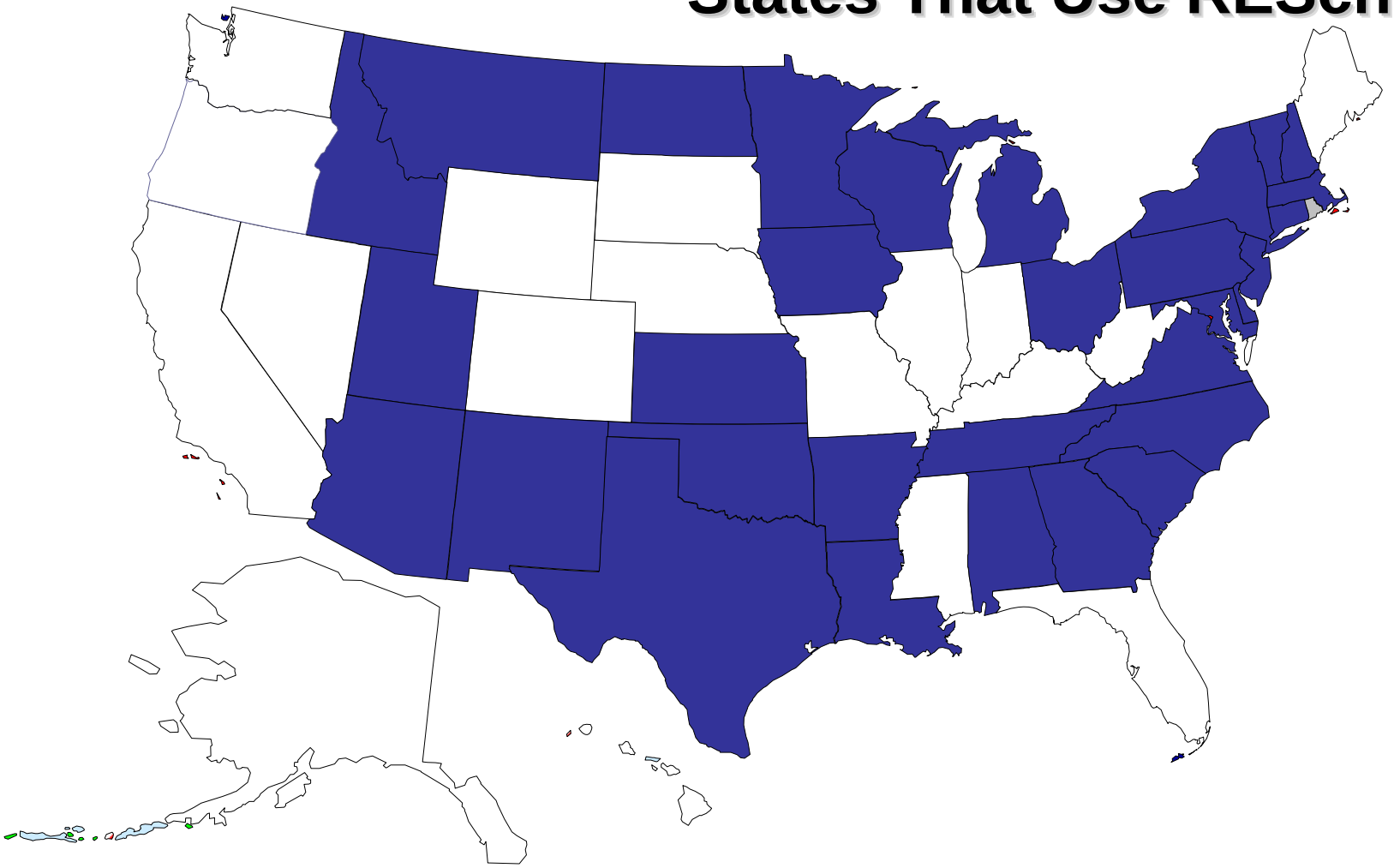
User Preferences

- *Available September 2006*
- Addresses one of the most frequently requested features in the software tools
- Allows auto-fill of:
  - Contractor Name/Address
  - Most recent file list
  - Email addresses (for electronic submissions)

Demonstration

User Preferences

States That Use REScheck

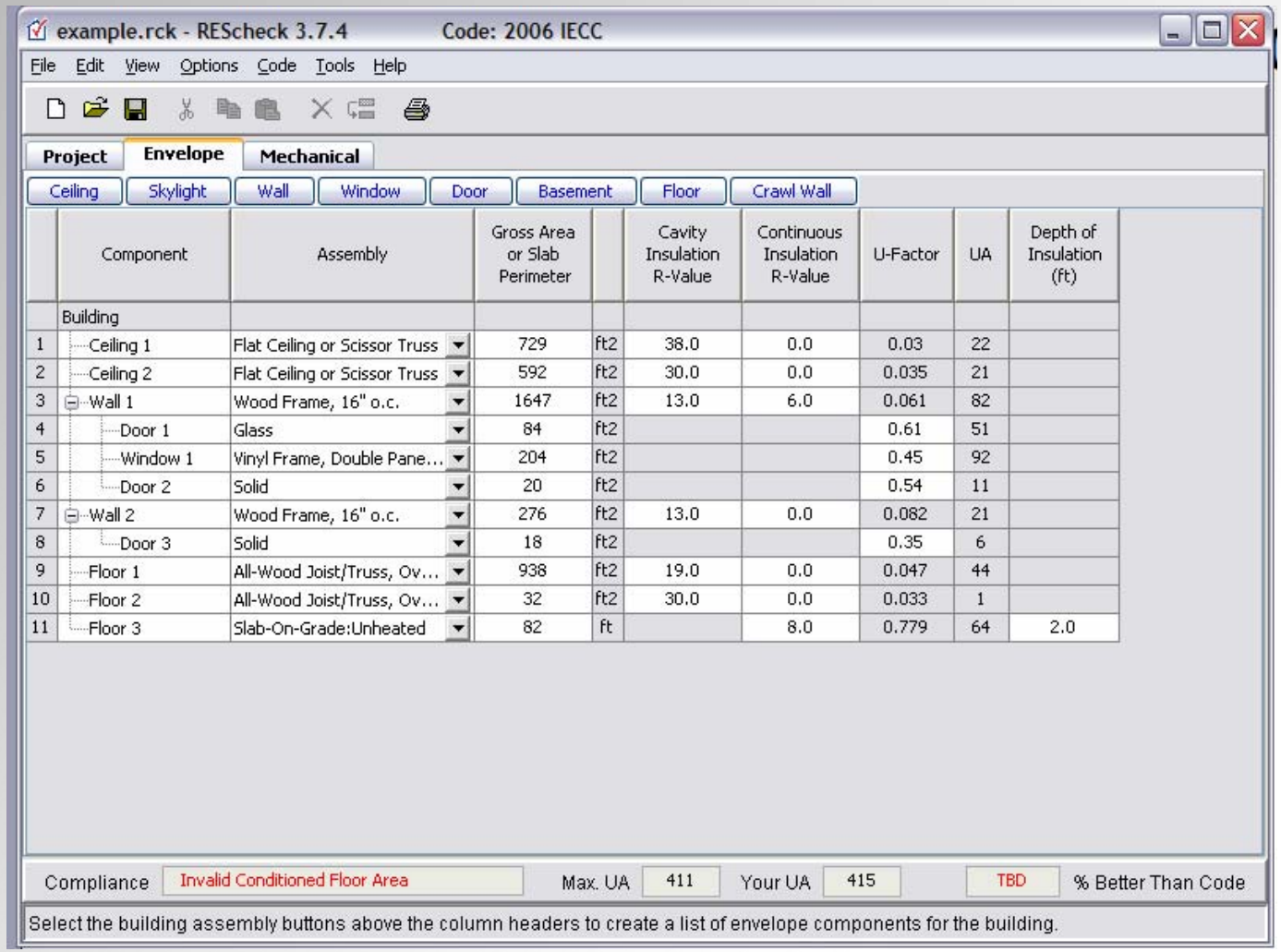


REScheck 2006 IECC

- *Available September (desktop)*
- Change in code support for WWR makes the tradeoff features different
- New performance based equipment tradeoff

Demonstration

REScheck 2006 IECC



AreaCalc Update

- *Available Next Year*
- Integrates directly into the existing user interface (no longer a separate program launch)
- Will become available in both REScheck and COMcheck

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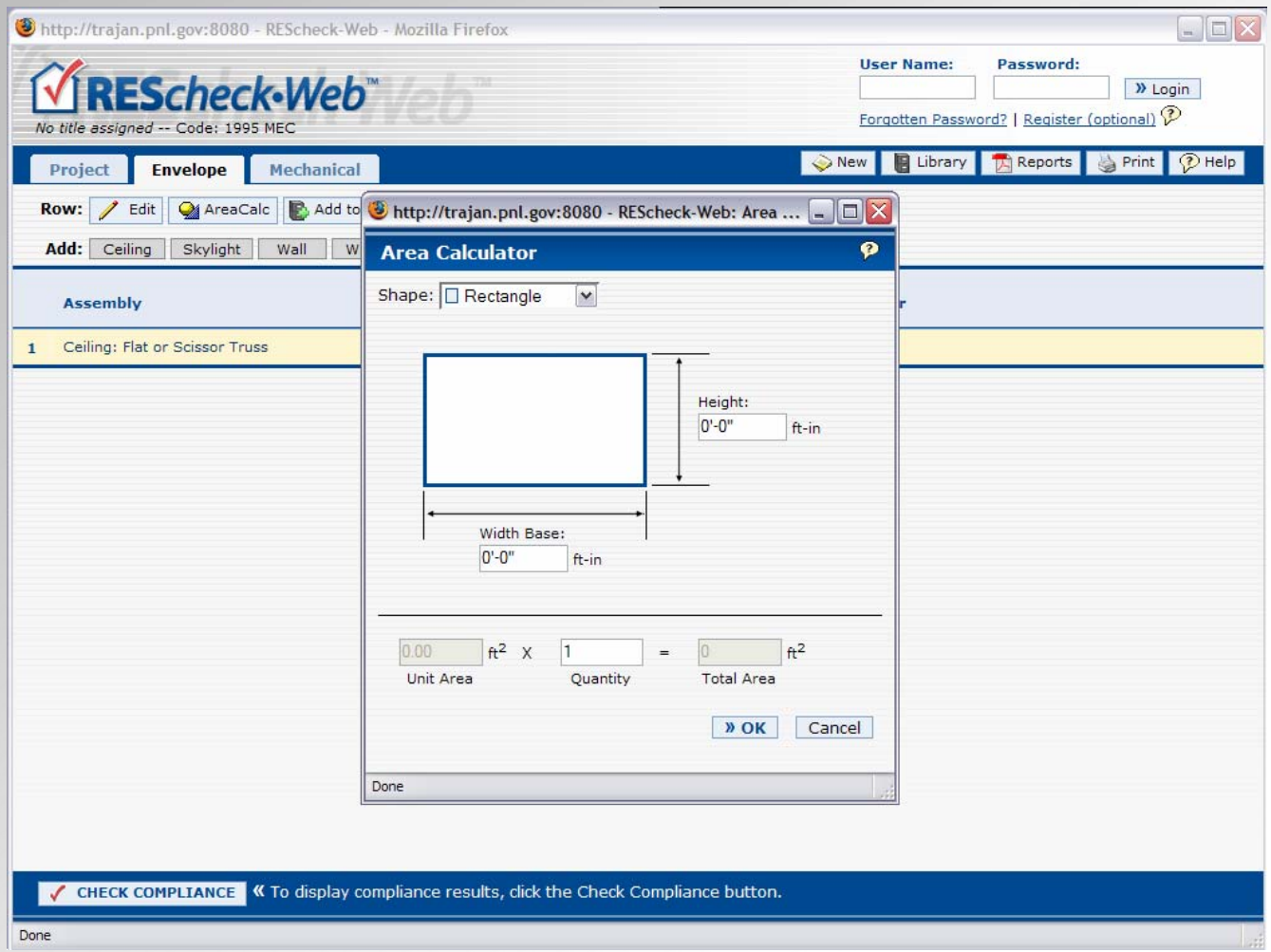

Software Summary

- Web-based applications
  - RES*check*-Web
  - COM*check*-Web
  - RES/COM-Package Generator

14,500+ registered users	Average 3,000 visits per month
	Average 1,200 visits per month
	Average 2,000 visits per month

- Desktop Applications
  - RES*check*
  - COM*check*

76,000+ registered users	Average 5,000 downloads per month
23,000+ registered users	Average 3,000 downloads per month

Software of the Future - Web Services

- **Four web tools in 2006**
  - Implement interaction with private sector vendors specifically as part of the NCSBCS committee
  - Later …. Integrate closely with other private sector vendors
    - HVAC sizing software
    - Cost estimation software
    - AutoCAD software
- **Leveraging Technology**
  - PNNL existing expertise in web services
  - Extensive security and server infrastructure make development easy

Future Work (Farther out)

Cost Reductions

- Palm based compliance for every code official in the field
- Instant transmission of digital code information, documentation and compliance
- Integrated web-based systems allow jurisdictions to consolidate services (mechanical, plumbing, energy)

Future Compliance Preview

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STREAMLINING THE NATION'S BUILDING REGULATORY PROCESS THROUGH INTEROPERABLE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCING ENERGY CONSERVATION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE INTEROPERABILITY OF RESCHECK AND COMCHECK

Challenges Facing State and Local Governments

- Forces demand greater effectiveness and efficiency in code administration and enforcement:
  - Economic competitiveness in global markets
  - Dwindling resources to government
  - Rising energy prices and cost of dependency on foreign supplies
  - Natural and man-made disasters
  - Preparedness, response and recovery

Work of the Alliance for Building Regulatory Reform and National Partnership to Address these Challenges

- Share best practices with state and local governments
- Build stakeholder support for regulatory streamlining and greater efficiency in codes administration and enforcement
- Identify hardware and software that can assist government effectiveness & efficiency
- Work with software community to develop truly interoperable hardware, software and “intermediate-ware” - ease of transfer of data not only within a government agency but between agencies and between jurisdictions

Alliance's Information Technology Industry Advisory Committee to Develop Interoperability Standard

- Building Regulatory System Standard 2004-2006 work
- Demonstration project with DOE in 2005
- Working with PNNL in 2006 to develop and demonstrate:
  1. Webservice Interface to DOE's REScheck and COMcheck tools
  2. Demonstrate in two jurisdictions ability of data from REScheck and COMcheck tools to migrate to other building department databases
  3. Enhance effectiveness of field inspections for energy conservation using REScheck and COMcheck tools

Putting Technology to Work for You

- Standards entail a mix of real-world experience, design, and validation from stakeholders and technology leaders.

- **Wednesday Session** - Come see how leading technology vendors and jurisdictions are reshaping the products you use to improve the nation's building regulatory process.