

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Contractor Participation Agreement



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ENERGY STAR Background Information

ENERGY STAR helps consumers, businesses, and public organizations protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR promotes a process of improving the energy efficiency of homes. The process is facilitated by a home performance professional that completes a whole-house energy audit, recommends improvements that will save at least 20% on total energy use, proposes a scope of work to complete the improvements and completes a test-out inspection after improvements have been installed. Energy savings are typically achieved through a combination of envelope upgrades, controlled air infiltration, upgraded heating and air conditioning systems, tight duct systems, upgraded water-heating equipment, high performance windows, and efficient lighting and appliances. Installed measures must be supervised by a home performance professional that is knowledgeable of applicable building codes and consensus-based building science standards. All participating contractors must be enrolled in a quality assurance program that meets Home Performance with ENERGY STAR criteria.

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Web Site: _____

Major Metro Area Served: **Northern Virginia (City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Prince William County)**

To be eligible to participate an organization must be a residential home improvement contractor or home energy rater verified to meet the following criteria by an independent third-party designated by EPA:

- Registrations, licensing and/or bonding required by state or local government
- General liability insurance, professional liability insurance and workers compensation insurance
- Commitment and ability to perform comprehensive home energy assessment
- Commitment and ability to install energy efficiency improvements
- Commitment and ability to use quality management systems to record and track home performance and business metrics

Company Owner, President or CEO (printed name): _____

Title: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by EPA Representative:

David F Lee, U.S. EPA

Signature: _____ Date: _____

General Commitments for Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Participating Contractors

1. **Provide homeowners with a Home Performance Assessment (HPA) summary report that meets Home Performance with ENERGY STAR guidelines. The summary report includes findings from the HPA and fuel-neutral recommended improvements (i.e. scope of work) that will save at least 20% on total energy use. (A Home Energy Rating or audit procedures approved for this pilot can be used to estimate 20% reduction in total energy use.)**
2. **All home improvements must meet applicable state or local building codes and consensus-based building science standards.**
3. **Complete at least 20 HPAs and test-out inspections (requires that energy efficiency improvements were completed to homes) annually that meet Home Performance with ENERGY STAR guidelines during the pilot.**
4. **Report information about all home improvement projects completed to EPA through a designated third-party quality assurance provider for the purpose of quality assurance review.**
5. **Use the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR marketing graphic to promote a comprehensive, whole-house process for improving the energy efficiency of homes to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save money on energy bills.**
6. **Follow the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Marketing Graphic Guidelines (available at www.energystar.gov/marks) and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies also follow them.**

ENERGY STAR Commitments to Participating Contractors

1. Increase awareness of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR by distributing key messages on the benefits of a whole-house approach to improving energy efficiency.
2. Provide current Home Performance with ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents (via the ENERGY STAR Web site, e-mail or other means).
3. Respond swiftly to requests for information or clarification on Home Performance with ENERGY STAR policies.

General Terms and Disclaimers

1. The participant will not construe, claim or imply that its participation in Home Performance with ENERGY STAR constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the participant's commitment to Home Performance with ENERGY STAR. Participation does not constitute federal government endorsement of the contractor or its services.
2. The participant understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with Home Performance with ENERGY STAR are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. As such, the participant will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
3. The participant and ENERGY STAR will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in ENERGY STAR.
4. This agreement is voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time or any reason.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this participation agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, including use of the marketing graphic.
6. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR marketing graphic.
7. **For pilot testing purposes this agreement will terminate on January 31, 2012 and is limited to the metro area served that is designated in this agreement.**

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The government estimates the average time needed to fill out this form is 1.50 hours and welcomes suggestions for reducing this effort. Send comments (referencing OMB Control Number) to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. EPA (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.