

2018 Texas-New Mexico Power Fall Newsletter



From The TNMP Program Manager, Ashley Mitchell:

Greetings!

This has been a great year and we want to thank all of the Builders and Raters for your participation. I would like to personally invite you to our end of the year luncheon to be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Fleming's River Oaks. To RSVP, **click the link below**, please note only two people from each company may attend.

TNMP End of the Year Luncheon¹

At the End of the year luncheon we will be presenting the 2018 award winners and unveil next year's program design. We are very excited about 2019!

Also included in this newsletter are some informative articles that cover the following:

- Industry Changes
- How to overcome labor shortages
- Modular building

Thank you and happy holidays from Texas-New Mexico Power!

¹<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-new-mexico-power-end-of-year-awards-luncheon-tickets-51943834407>

YOU ARE INVITED

2018 End-of-Year Awards Luncheon & 2019 Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2018

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

FLEMING'S STEAKHOUSE

2405 W. ALABAMA ST.

HOUSTON, TX 77098

The 2018 End-of-Year Awards Luncheon will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a fabulous lunch, the 2018 Awards Ceremony and a peak into the 2019 Program!

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Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEARNING CENTER - NEW HVAC Training



*As a participating contractor in Texas-New Mexico High-Performance Homes Program, we want to remind you that you have free access to the Energy Efficiency Learning Center (EELC). The EELC is an online distance learning portal where contractors can log-in to take trainings on Sales and Marketing, Technical Topics, and Best Practices. Contractors are also able to view recorded webinars, demonstrations, and other program related training materials. We have **NEW HVAC** training, and we also want to update you on the upcoming program highlights to prepare you for the 2019 Program.*

Click the link to go to the EELC² and take a course!

If you have questions on which training is mandatory, please contact George Cornwell.

If you do not have access to the EELC, please email nancy.nuche@icf.com³.

²https://texaseelc.learnupon.com/users/sign_in

³<mailto:nancy.nuche@icf.com>

EKOTROPE

Ekotrope was recently integrated into all of the Texas utility rebate programs, and raters using Ekotrope can now submit rebates within the product with a click of a button.

Click on this link to get the *EKOTROPE Tutorial for Submitting to the Program*⁴.

- Cloud based technology, allowing raters to use it on any computer anywhere (including iPads in the field)
 - Centralized library management – proving a more accurate, easier process
 - No-hassle upgrade process (including full backward compatibility)
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ENERGY STAR

Join the Program www.energystar.gov⁵

In the News

Modular Building Practices Are Changing the Construction Industry⁶

45L Federal Tax Credit for Builders who construct Energy Efficient Homes Extended to Cover Homes Sold in 2017⁷

Downlight Cylinder Adds a Touch of Class to High-Ceiling Lighting Design⁸

Contractors Expect More Change in Next 5 Years than Past 50⁹

⁴<https://ekotrope.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/17000074201>

⁵<http://www.energystar.gov>

⁶https://retrofitmagazine.com/modular-building-practices-are-changing-the-construction-industry/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_Weekly_Roundup:_Construction_Dive_09-15-2018&utm_term=Construction_Dive_Weekender

⁷<http://www.resnet.us/blog/45l-federal-tax-credit-for-builders-who-construct-energy-efficient-homes-extended-to-cover-homes-sold-in-2017/>

⁸<https://retrofitmagazine.com/downlight-cylinder-adds-a-touch-of-class-to-high-ceiling-lighting-design/>

⁹<https://www.constructiondive.com/news/contractors-expect-more-change-in-next-5-years-than-past-50/530454/>

BABA Speed Selling Event





Have you visited our program website lately?

Click on this link Residential Solutions New Homes: High-Performance Homes¹⁰

The screenshot displays the TNMP Energy Efficiency Programs website. The header includes the TNMP logo with the tagline "Helping You Save Energy" and the text "Energy Efficiency Programs". A navigation bar contains links for "Home", "FAQs & Resources", "News", and "Contact Us". The main content area is titled "Residential Solutions" and "New Homes: High-Performance Homes". It features a sidebar with navigation options: "Homes Overview", "New Homes", "Existing Homes", "Low Income Program", "CoolSaver & Efficiency Connection", and "Find a Homebuilder". The main text describes the High-Performance Homes program, which promotes the construction and certification of new High-Performance and ENERGY STAR® certified homes. It provides financial incentives and other types of assistance to production and custom Homebuilders. A photograph shows three people (two men and one woman) wearing hard hats and reviewing architectural plans on a construction site. A "Did You Know..." box states that ENERGY STAR® certified homes use 15-30 percent less energy than typical new homes, delivering better comfort, quality, and durability. The source is cited as www.energystar.gov. A "Participating Homebuilders Listing" button is also visible.

Contact Us



¹⁰http://tnmpefficiency.com/smartPage_newhomes.html?smartP=NHOverview



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