



## 2020 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program Spring Newsletter





## Welcome from the TNMP Program Manager, Stefani Case

Program Participants,

Happy Spring! Welcome to the 2020 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program.

Our goal is to help builders continue to advance the performance of their homes through higher building standards. In 2020 we adjusted the incentive tiers to raise the bar and increase the performance of the homes submitted to the Program.

Work with your HERS Rater to ensure your homes starts are being submitted within 45 days of their permit date so we can see your progress in delivering on your allocation of incentive funds. We will be working closely with all of you as each program milestone approaches to make sure you are on track.

In this issue of the newsletter:

- **2019 Program Winners**
- **QA Pilot Program**
- **DOE Zero Ready Energy Homes**
- **RaterPRO**
- **Challenge yourself and your team by completing an online course at the EELC**
- **Check out the RESTalk Podcast and listen to the RESNET QA team discuss the Pilot Program implemented in 2019**

Hope you enjoy!

## COVID-19 Guidance

We will be sending a separate email with COVID-19 Guidance to our Program Participants in a separate email. Please feel free to reach out to our team if you have any questions.

You can also view the Guidance here<sup>1</sup>.

## Congratulations to the 2019 End of Year Award Winners below!



1 - Highest Whole House Program Average Savings

*MHI Homes*

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<sup>1</sup><https://sway.office.com/JDub0PlqYQFpSBZH?ref=Link>



2 - Highest Single Home Savings

*David Weekley Homes*

**David Weekley  
Homes**





3 - Highest Midstream Program Average Savings

*K. Hovnanian Homes*

*Hovnanian  
Enterprises, Inc.*



4 - Outstanding Performance

*DPIS Engineering*



**NEW! ENERGY STAR Awards**





**LENNAR<sup>®</sup>**



**David Weekley  
Homes**







**DPIS**  
**Engineering, LLC**  
*The Builder's Solution*

Pro-HVAC Solutions

Humble, TX

## QA Pilot Program



ICF partnered with RESNET in 2019 to develop a pilot program that allows reviews conducted by ICF to count towards the reviews required in the RESNET Standards. The purpose of the pilot is to identify and resolve any barriers to leveraging utility program QA with the intent of eliminating redundancy, reducing the field QA burden for Rating Providers and help to lessen costs associated with RESNET compliance.

We are happy to announce that this pilot program will continue in 2020!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Christine Couch.



## DOE Zero Energy Ready Home <sup>2</sup>



The program builds upon the comprehensive building science requirements of ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> for Homes, along with proven Building America<sup>3</sup> innovations and best practices. Other special attribute programs are incorporated to help builders reach unparalleled levels of performance with homes designed to last hundreds of years. DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes are verified by a qualified third-party and are at least 40%-50% more energy efficient than a typical new home. This generally corresponds to a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index Score<sup>4</sup> in the low- to mid-50s, depending on the size of the home and region in which it is built. Click on the link to find out more information about the Program.

## RaterPRO<sup>5</sup>



ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> RaterPRO<sup>™</sup>, is a free mobile app and web tool developed by the U.S. EPA to help home energy raters efficiently and effectively get their field work done. Raters can use RaterPRO<sup>™</sup> to verify homes to meet ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> program requirements or to facilitate data collection to generate Energy Rating Index scores.

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/guidelines-participating-doe-zero-energy-ready-home-program>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/building-america>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.resnet.us/home-energy-ratings>

<sup>5</sup><https://raterpro.net#!/login>

## Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center



### Challenge your team!

As a participating contractor in TNMP High-Performance Homes Program, you have free access to the Energy Efficiency Learning Center (EELC). The EELC is an online distance-learning portal where contractors can login 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 curated training for everyone in the program.

Click on the link to go to the EELC<sup>6</sup> register and take an online course today!

If you do not have access to the EELC or want access for additional staff, please email [christine.couch@icf.com](mailto:christine.couch@icf.com)<sup>7</sup>.

## Don't miss out on Tier Incentives with ENERGY STAR! It is easier to participate, ask your Rater about ENERGY STAR

### ENERGY STAR helps builders comply with Tiers using ENERGY STAR v 3.1

87% of consumers recognize the ENERGY STAR logo and associate it with energy-efficiency. Are you leveraging the marketing and building science benefits of being an ENERGY STAR builder? Become an ENERGY STAR Builder Partner today and join the thousands of builders across the US! Watch the video and click here<sup>8</sup> to learn more.

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<sup>6</sup>[https://texaseelc.learnupon.com/users/sign\\_in](https://texaseelc.learnupon.com/users/sign_in)

<sup>7</sup><mailto:nancy.nuche@icf.com>

<sup>8</sup>[https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs\\_lenders\\_raters.nh\\_v4\\_benefits\\_builders](https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_v4_benefits_builders)



<https://youtu.be/x5U1H2Jk10k>

## In the News

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*Beyond Energy Efficiency to Healthy Home Building<sup>9</sup>*

*How-Well-Do-You-Understand-Your-Buyers<sup>10</sup>*

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## REStalk Podcast! Check it out!

**NEW**

### **EPISODES:**

- **EP 39: RESNET QA Team update with Laurel Elam, Scott Doyle & Billy Giblin**
- EP 37: Jeff Bentley Shares his 5 Rules for High Performance Homes
- EP 36: Can BIM Grease the Path to Zero with Jay Epstein

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<sup>9</sup>[https://www.builderonline.com/building-forward/beyond-energy-efficiency-to-healthy-home-building?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_content=Advertorial&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=BP\\_012519\(1\)&he=](https://www.builderonline.com/building-forward/beyond-energy-efficiency-to-healthy-home-building?utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=Advertorial&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BP_012519(1)&he=)

<sup>10</sup><https://eeba.org/how-well-do-you-understand-your-buyers>



iTunes<sup>11</sup>

Stitcher<sup>12</sup>

Google Play<sup>13</sup>

Have you visited our program website lately?

[www.TNMPEfficiency.com](http://www.TNMPEfficiency.com)<sup>14</sup> [www.TNMPEfficiency.com](http://www.TNMPEfficiency.com)<sup>15</sup>

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**Homes Overview**

- New Homes
- Existing Homes
- Low Income Program

Find a Homebuilder

Participating Homebuilders Listing

**Residential Solutions**  
New Homes: High-Performance Homes

**High-Performance Homes**

TNMP's High-Performance Homes Program promotes the construction and certification of new High-Performance and ENERGY STAR® certified homes. This voluntary Program provides financial incentives and other types of assistance to production and custom Homebuilders. Homebuilders must commit to construct homes within the TNMP service territory that meet High-Performance and/or ENERGY STAR specifications.

The Program seeks to create a sustainable market that leads to:

- A continuous supply of High-Performance and ENERGY STAR certified homes
- Increased consumer awareness, demand, and perceived value of High-Performance and ENERGY STAR certified homes and their Homebuilders
- Increased improvements in home energy performance

TNMP is committed to working in partnership with key homebuilders and HERS Raters who can contribute to the creation of a sustainable market of energy-efficient homes. Find a homebuilder in your area.

TNMP administers this program through an **online tracking system**. For more information, please contact **Catalina Campos** ICF Program Manager, (516) 805-1890, or **Stefani Case**, TNMP Program Manager at (214) 222-4174.

For more information on ENERGY STAR certified homes, please visit the ENERGY STAR website ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)).

**Did You Know...**  
ENERGY STAR® certified homes use 15-30 percent less energy than typical new homes — delivering better comfort, quality, and durability.  
(Source: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov))  
LEARN MORE AT [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)

All participating builders will be listed along with their websites! Please be sure to send any updates to your ICF team below:

<sup>11</sup><https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/restalk/id1393675161?mt=2>

<sup>12</sup><https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/bryan-orr-3/restalk>

<sup>13</sup><https://play.google.com/music/listen#/ps/lm7ncpavfvcxnsyab3insnff52y>

<sup>14</sup>[http://www.tnmp efficiency.com/smartPage\\_newhomes.html?smartP=NHOverview#boxTabs](http://www.tnmp efficiency.com/smartPage_newhomes.html?smartP=NHOverview#boxTabs)

<sup>15</sup><https://www.TNMPEfficiency.com>



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