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TNMP High-Performance Homes Insider

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TNMP HPH Program Builders and Raters,

We are almost at the end of the 2023 Program. Thank you to the homebuilders and HERS Raters that help make this program successful!

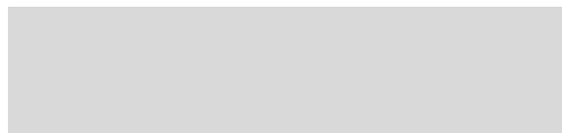
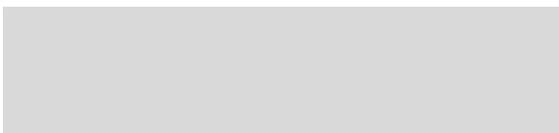
As always, we are here to help so please reach out to the Program Implementation team with any questions.

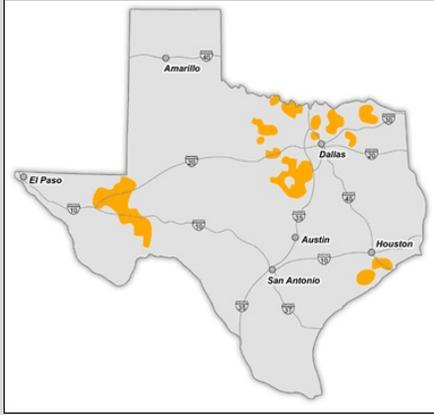
We have listed several resources and industry training opportunities throughout the newsletter, in hopes that you, your staff, or colleagues are able to attend.

Best,

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Building Homes in West Texas?





Calling all Homebuilders!

If you are building homes in West Texas, specifically **Kermit, Pecos, Fort Stockton and Sanderson**, you have an opportunity to participate in the TNMP HPH Program!

Please refer to the [TNMP Efficiency Website](#) to download a Program Guide and review requirements. Alternatively, feel free to reach out to ICF Program Staff to discuss eligibility and requirements.

Tax Credits for Builders of Energy Efficient Homes

New Guidance

We're excited to see more builders showing interest in ENERGY STAR certification. Not only do you get the benefits of tax credits, but it's also a great way to make your homes stand out while adding more value for buyers.



As part of the Inflation Reduction Act, the Section 45L Tax Credit for Energy Efficient Homes has been updated and extended through 2032. For eligible homes and apartments (referred to as dwelling units) acquired on or after January 1, 2023, the tax credit is now specifically tied to certification to an eligible version of the relevant ENERGY STAR program requirements. On September 27, 2023, the IRS issued [Notice 2023-65](#), which contained [guidance for taxpayers on the § 45L credit as amended by IRA](#).

The base-level tax credit is tied to meeting ENERGY STAR program requirements. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Credits are available for the following eligible homes:

- Single-family new homes: \$2,500
- Multifamily homes: \$500; or \$2,500 when wage requirements are met

Eligible contractors can submit **Form 8908** to claim a credit for each energy-efficient home that was sold or leased to another person.

2023 Program Milestones

Date	Performance Milestone Date Requirements
May 30, 2023	At least 20% of total committed homes/systems must be entered on the Program's online system; Homebuilder must have selected at least one preferred HERS Rater or Contractor to the online system.
July 30, 2023	At least 60% of total committed homes/systems must be entered on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.
September 30, 2023	At least 85% of total committed homes/systems must be invoiced on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.
November 30, 2023	100% of total committed homes/systems must be invoiced on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.

GHBA Events

Witches Who Trivia - PWB

October 24

To learn more and register, go to [GHBA Website](#).

Bay Area Builders Association Luncheon

November 7

To learn more and register, go to [GHBA Website](#).

Young Professionals Happy Hour

November 30

To learn more and register, go to [GHBA Website](#).

2021 IECC Energy Codes Training



There are several trainings all over Texas coming up in 2023 and 2024. Please visit <https://esl.tamu.edu/secocodestraining/> for all dates/locations and registration.

Residential Sections Training in the DFW area:

Arlington - February 6 and March 7, 2024

Frisco - February 7, 2024

Plano - March 5, 2024

Flower Mound - March 6, 2024

Residential Sections Training in the Greater Houston area:

Deer Park - May 14 2024

Pearland - May 15 2024

Houston - May 16 2024

Upcoming TACCA Training

Share these training sessions with HVAC Contractors and check out their website for more featured events this year: [TTACCA Greater Houston Area Calendar](#)

Training on Heat Pumps & Ductless Systems - October 19, 2023

Tech Training - Critical Charging & Tech Codes - October 20, 2023

Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center

As a participating contractor, you have free access to the Energy Efficiency Learning Center (EELC).

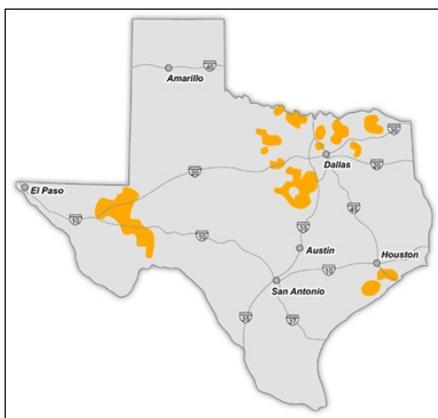
The EELC is an online distance-learning portal where contractors can login to take trainings on Sales and Marketing, Technical Topics, and Best Practices. Contractors are also able to view recorded webinars, demonstrations, and other program related training materials.

Many courses can also be used to meet Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements for common industry certifications, including NATE, RESNET, and BPI. All courses eligible for CEUs have a short exam and require an 80% or higher score to pass. Once you click on Catalog, you can filter courses under the "CEU Accredited" category.

Here are some examples of CEU accredited sales & marketing courses that could be valuable to you:

- Master Marketing
- Master Customer Service
- Customer Personality Types

Click on the link to go to the [EELC](#) register and take an online course today!



Find a Homebuilder

All participating builders are listed along with their websites on the [TNMP Efficiency Website](#), including who is building ENERGY STAR Certified Homes. Please send updates to the ICF team.

Meet the Program Team

Stefani Case

Stefani Case is the energy efficiency manager for Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP). Ms. Case has been employed in the electric utility industry since 2009, when she accepted a position as a regulatory affairs research analyst with TNMP. In this capacity, she was responsible



for providing support to the regulatory department and preparing compliance reports for energy efficiency. In 2011, Ms. Case was promoted to energy efficiency project manager, and in 2015 accepted her current position as energy efficiency manager. She is responsible for TNMP's portfolio of programs as well as regulatory and EM&V compliance. Ms. Case also is a supporter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by fundraising and participating in events through Team and Training since 2011.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact our program support team.

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