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TNMP High-Performance Homes Insider

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TNMP HPH Program Builders and Raters,

We are approaching the end of the 2024 Program Year. Thank you to all the homebuilders and HERS raters that help make this program successful year after year!

As always, we will have an End of Year webinar in December, where we will share program accomplishments and a sneak peek into the 2025 program. Look out for a calendar invite next month!

We are here to help, please reach out to the Program Implementation team if you need any assistance. We appreciate your continued support and partnership!

Best,

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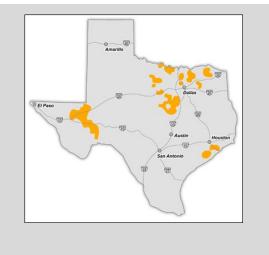
How to Help: Hurricane Relief and Recovery Efforts

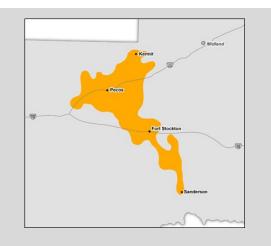
The National Association of Home Builders is working with state and local home builder associations to help communities affected by the recent storms.

Here is how you can help! They have put together a list of Disaster Recovery Resources: <u>NAHB Hurricane Relief</u>



Building Homes in West Texas?





Calling all Homebuilders and HERS Raters!

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

Please refer to the <u>TNMP Efficiency Website</u> 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

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. The base-level tax credit is tied to meeting ENERGY STAR program requirements. Click <u>here</u> 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.

2024 Program Milestones



The end of the year is approaching. If builders still have allocated funds left, **please submit homes as soon as possible!** We will be re-allocating funds next month if any funding is left unused.

We encourage all builders to work with their HERS raters to forecast Q4 and the 2025 program year.

Please reach out to the ICF Program Team for more information regarding allocations.

Date	Performance Milestone Date Requirements
April 30, 2024	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.
June 30, 2024	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, 2024	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, 2024	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.

In the News

No TWIA Rate Hike

Texas Windstorm Insurance Association

The Texas Insurance Commissioner issued an order disapproving the Association's filing for a 10% increase in rates for 2025.

Empower Your Vote: Essential Resources for Informed Voting Vote Smart

As election season approaches, it's crucial to equip yourself with accurate and unbiased information to make informed decisions at the polls. Vote Smart offers detailed, factual information about candidates, elected officials, and legislation, ensuring you have the knowledge you need to vote confidently.

NEW Heat Pump Training Available through the Texas EELC

We are thrilled to announce the addition of new technical training modules to the Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center (EELC)!

Dive into our comprehensive courses on heat pumps, expertly crafted and authorized by Lennox. Enhance your skills and knowledge with these valuable resources designed to

keep you at the forefront of energy efficiency.

If you or your team need access, please contact the ICF Program Team.

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 and 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** and take an online course today!

GHBA Events

Witches Who Bingo: Music Lovers (PWB)

October 30 To learn more and register, go to <u>GHBA Website</u>.

BBQ & Wild Game Cook-Off

November 8 To learn more and register, go to <u>GHBA Website</u>.

BABA December Luncheon

December 3 To learn more and register, go to <u>GHBA Website</u>.

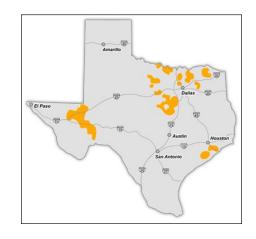
Networking Opportunities

BS (Building Science) + Beer

Join other building science enthusiasts at local breweries every month!

DFW Chapter - <u>DFW Instagram</u> Houston Chapter - <u>Houston Instagram</u>





Find a Homebuilder

All participating builders are listed along with their websites on the <u>TNMP Efficiency</u> <u>Website</u>, including who is building ENERGY STAR Certified Homes. Please send updates to the ICF team.

Questions?

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

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