

ENERGY STAR® Partnership Agreement

For Home Builders and Verification Organizations



Organization Name¹: _____

Address: _____ City/State¹/Zip: _____

Telephone¹: _____ Fax: _____ Web site¹: _____

Major metro area served¹: _____ ¹ To be displayed on the ENERGY STAR Web site

For HOMEBUILDERS: Please Complete the Following Section

Note: A separate Partnership Agreement should be completed for each regional office or division.

- Please specify your partner type (select only one):

Site-built Home Builder:

Local Builder/Developer

Division/Subsidiary

Corporate (National)

Manufactured Home Builder:

Plant

Retailer/Community

Corporate (HQ/Division)

- Parent company, if applicable: _____
- Average number of homes built per year: _____
- **100% Commitment Option.** EPA offers special recognition to builders who commit to building and labeling 100% of their homes as ENERGY STAR. This commitment will be denoted with a special 100% icon on the ENERGY STAR for Homes partner locator when more than one ENERGY STAR qualified homes has been reported to EPA. To make this commitment, please initial here: _____

For VERIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS: Please Complete the Following Section

- Please specify your partner type:

Accredited HERS/BOP Provider

Certified HERS Rater/BOP Inspector

- If you are a Rater or Inspector, please name the Accredited Provider with whom you are affiliated:

Marketing / Sales Contact

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail²: _____

²A valid e-mail address is required for online access to the ENERGY STAR marks

Purchasing / Construction Contact

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail²: _____

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Authorized Company Representative (printed name): _____

Title: _____ E-mail²: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by US EPA:

Kathleen Hogan; Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Mail this form to:

ENERGY STAR for Homes
US EPA (mail code 6202J)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Or

Fax this form to:

202-343-2200

For more information please call the ENERGY STAR Hotline at 1-888-STAR-YES or visit: www.energystar.gov/homes

ENERGY STAR Background Information

EPA's **ENERGY STAR** helps consumers, businesses, and public organizations protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. **ENERGY STAR for Homes** promotes energy-efficient homes that can improve builder profitability, improve home quality and homeowner comfort, lower energy demand, and reduce air pollution. ENERGY STAR qualified homes are third party verified to be at least 30% more energy efficient than homes built to the 1993 national Model Energy Code or 15% more efficient than state energy code, whichever is more rigorous. These savings are based on heating, cooling, and hot water energy use. Savings are typically achieved through a combination of: envelope upgrades, high performance windows, controlled air infiltration, upgraded heating and air conditioning systems, tight duct systems and upgraded water-heating equipment. EPA encourages partners to equip ENERGY STAR qualified homes with energy-efficient lighting and appliances and with features that will improve indoor air quality to protect occupant health.

ENERGY STAR's Commitments to Partners

1. Increase awareness of the ENERGY STAR label by distributing key messages on the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified homes and homes-related products.
2. Provide (via the ENERGY STAR Web site, Hotline, e-mail or other means) current ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents.
3. Provide ENERGY STAR Partners with public recognition through the online ENERGY STAR partner locator tool, special awards, and other media for their involvement in ENERGY STAR and role in protecting the environment.
4. Respond expeditiously to any Partner requests for information or clarification on ENERGY STAR policies.

General Commitments for ENERGY STAR Partners

1. Use the Partnership and the ENERGY STAR label to promote energy efficiency as an easy and desirable option for new homebuyers to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save on energy bills.
2. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines* (available at www.energystar.gov/marks) and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, distributors, and subcontractors, also comply.
3. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines* (available at www.energystar.gov/partners). Failure to do so can result in the loss of linking privileges from the ENERGY STAR Web site.
4. Qualify at least one ENERGY STAR labeled home within any ongoing 12-month period. Partners not fulfilling this requirement will be deemed 'inactive,' thereby forfeiting all rights to the ENERGY STAR name and mark, their listing on the online ENERGY STAR partner locator tool, and any inclusion in ENERGY STAR promotional materials.
5. Affix an ENERGY STAR label to all homes that are independently verified to meet the ENERGY STAR performance guidelines.
6. BUILDER PARTNERS: Clearly inform homebuyers when their new homes have qualified for the ENERGY STAR label and be able to describe the features and benefits of these ENERGY STAR labeled homes.
7. BUILDER PARTNERS: Provide a home energy rating report or relevant Builder Option Package for any labeled home upon EPA's request.
8. ACCREDITED HERS or BOP PROVIDERS and CERTIFIED MANUFACTURED HOME PLANTS: Submit quarterly reports to ENERGY STAR specifying the number of homes verified as meeting ENERGY STAR performance guidelines.
9. MANUFACTURED HOME PARTNERS: Comply with the terms set forth in *ENERGY STAR Labeled Manufactured Homes: Design, Manufacturing, Installation and Certification Procedures* (available at www.energystar.gov/homes).

General Terms and Disclaimers

1. Partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in ENERGY STAR constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to ENERGY STAR. Partnership does not constitute federal government endorsement of the Partner or its homes or services.
2. Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with ENERGY STAR are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. As such, the Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
3. Partner 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 for any reason, with no penalty.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Partnership Agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of ENERGY STAR, including use of the marks.
6. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the ENERGY STAR marks.