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ENERGY STAR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

ENERGY STAR FOR HOMES

ENERGY STAR is a broad partnership designed to promote products, buildings, and homes that use less energy without sacrificing quality.

ENERGY STAR FOR HOMES seeks to demonstrate that energy-efficient homes can improve builder profitability, improve home quality and home owner comfort, lower energy demand, and reduce air pollution.

ENERGY STAR labeled homes use 30 percent less energy than the DOE Voluntary Residential Energy Efficiency Rating Guidelines' Reference House based on 1993 Model Energy Code (MEC) requirements. A home built to these levels would achieve a score of 86 under the Home Energy Rating System.

Through this agreement _____ (organization name), joins in partnership with ENERGY STAR. Through this partnership, the ENERGY STAR name and/or labels can be used in association with qualified homes.

Authorized Company Representative: _____ (name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Paul Stolpman; Director, Atmospheric Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Partner's Designated Responsible Key Contact:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ Web Site: _____

- Your organization type: Builder
 Accredited HERS/BOP Provider
 Certified HERS Rater / BOP Inspector*

*If you are a Rater/Inspector, name of provider with whom you are affiliated: _____

What organization referred you to ENERGY STAR?

Would you like to receive information about improving the energy performance of your office space or building? Yes No

Would you like to receive information about ENERGY STAR labeled products? Yes No

ENERGY STAR Commitments to Partners

- Increase awareness of the ENERGY STAR label across the residential and commercial sectors by distributing key messages on the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified buildings, homes, and products.
- Provide (through the Internet or other means) current ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents, including
 - ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines,
 - Criteria for ENERGY STAR Qualified Buildings, Homes, and Products, and
 - ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement and Supplemental Commitments
- Provide ENERGY STAR partners with public recognition through the Internet, special awards, and media campaigns for their efforts in ENERGY STAR and role in protecting the environment.
- Respond expediently to any partner requests for information or clarification on ENERGY STAR policy.

General Commitments for ENERGY STAR Partners

- Use the partnership and the ENERGY STAR label to promote energy efficiency as an easy and desirable option for new home buyers to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save on energy bills.
- Build and maintain the meaning of ENERGY STAR as a trustworthy symbol that makes it easy to make a difference for the environment while saving money.
- Adhere to the ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, distributors, and subcontractors, also comply.
- Submit all planned marketing campaigns that utilize ENERGY STAR logo marks for review to ensure accuracy and consistency with ENERGY STAR logo and message use guidelines (Note that this does not apply to basic advertisements showcasing a labeled product). Allow a minimum of five full business days for ENERGY STAR to review and approve campaigns.
- Fulfill all supplemental commitments for the ENERGY STAR program areas which partner is joining.

Please mail or fax this form to:

ENERGY STAR
Attn: Brian Ng
Customer Service Coordinator
US EPA (mail code 6202J)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Fax: 202-565-2079
Ph: 202-564-9162

Address any questions to the ENERGY STAR Hotline at 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937)

Or visit our Web site at: www.energystar.gov



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The ENERGY STAR labeled home performance target can be met through any combination of:

- Envelope upgrades beyond the MEC requirements;
- Controlled air infiltration;
- Upgraded heating and air conditioning systems' and
- Upgraded water heating equipment.

To receive an ENERGY STAR label, the home must be verified by an accredited, independent third party and shown to meet the performance targets specific above.

EPA encourages builder partners to protect the health of occupants by equipping ENERGY STAR labeled homes with features that will improve indoor air quality. The partner is encouraged to use the Improve Indoor Air Quality Fact Sheets included in the ENERGY STAR Builder Guide.

ENERGY STAR builder partners are encouraged to equip ENERGY STAR labeled homes with energy-efficient lighting and appliances or to offer such equipment as upgrades.

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Supplemental Commitments for Builder Partners

Average number of homes built per year: _____

1. Construct homes that meet the ENERGY STAR for Homes performance guidelines.
2. Build and label at least one ENERGY STAR labeled home within any ongoing 12-month period.
 - Builder partners not fulfilling this requirement will be placed on 'Inactive' status, thereby forfeiting all rights to: the ENERGY STAR name, logo, and other related materials; eligibility for ENERGY STAR awards; and inclusion on lists of ENERGY STAR partners used on the ENERGY STAR Web site and in advertising materials.
 - Partners placed on 'Inactive' status who build and label an ENERGY STAR labeled home can be reinstated and regain all benefits of participation.

100% Commitment Option

For builders interested in special recognition, you have the option of committing to build and label 100% of your homes with the ENERGY STAR label. If you choose the 100% Commitment Option, initial here: _____

Supplemental Commitments for Accredited HERS/BOP Provider and Certified Rater/Inspector Partners

1. Promote ENERGY STAR to home builders and developers, including recruitment as new ENERGY STAR partners.
2. As an accredited HERS or BOP provider, provide builders with an ENERGY STAR label or certificate for each ENERGY STAR qualified home.
3. Submit quarterly reports to ENERGY STAR specifying the number of homes verified as meeting ENERGY STAR performance specifications, by builder.
4. Verify at least one ENERGY STAR labeled home within any ongoing 12-month period.
 - Rating partners not fulfilling this requirement will be placed on 'Inactive' status, thereby forfeiting all rights to: the ENERGY STAR name, logo, and other related materials; eligibility for ENERGY STAR awards; and inclusion on lists of ENERGY STAR partners used on the ENERGY STAR Web site and in advertising materials.
 - Partners placed on 'Inactive' status who verify an ENERGY STAR labeled home can be reinstated and regain all benefits of participation.

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 Partner's commitment to ENERGY STAR.
2. Partner understands that its participation in ENERGY STAR does not constitute federal government endorsement of the Partner or its homes or services.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. This agreement is wholly voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time or any reason, with no penalty.
6. Failure to comply with this Partnership Agreement and the ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines can result in termination of this Agreement and authorization to use the logo marks.
7. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue actions for resolving issues of logo use noncompliance.

ENERGY STAR Logo Mark Usage Summary

This information is presented for reference only. Please refer to the ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines for a complete explanation of the authorized usage of each logo mark.



Certification Mark
Used to label an ENERGY STAR qualified home



Partnership Mark
Used to highlight your ENERGY STAR Partnership



Promotional Mark
Used to educate the public about ENERGY STAR



Linkage Phrase Marks
Used to promote your services and products and link to ENERGY STAR