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Dear Participating Home Performance Contractors and Program Partners,

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has announced increased levels of support through Renewable Heat NY for high-efficiency, low-emission wood heating systems to improve the return-on-investment for homeowners and businesses. The full announcement can be found at [NYSERDA Announcements 2015](#).

\$1,500 in financial support is available for installing a qualified pellet stove with recycling of an existing wood stove, pellet stove, or fireplace insert (with firebox). The financial support is only available for primary residences without existing natural gas service (which would significantly reduce the potential environmental benefits). Income eligible households are not required to recycle an existing wood stove, pellet stove, or fireplace insert (with firebox) to qualify for the \$2,000 support. These households have the option to recycle an existing installed unit to receive an additional \$500 in support (\$2,500 total).

Financial support can be summarized as follows:

- \$1,500 with existing stove or insert recycling required
- \$2,000 income eligible, no stove or insert recycled
- \$2,500 income eligible, with allowance of stove or insert recycling



Subject to the availability of funds, the new levels of support will be for applications received by September 30, 2016 at which time funding will be reassessed in light of market conditions.

Participating HPwES contractors providing BPI Heating Services to consumers are encouraged to engage in the Pellet Stove program. Financial support will be paid to contractors to reduce the out-of-pocket expense for clients. Pellet stove projects are loan eligible but are not eligible for HEMI or AHP subsidies. Where recycling is required, the financial support will be paid to the contractor only upon proof of proper disposal. The contractor will keep the payment for the scrap metal.

For details on income eligibility, applying for financing, and eligible pellet stoves, please go to www.nyserda.ny.gov/renewableheatny/pelletstoves.

Updated documentation for Participating Contractors who are engaging in this program can be found on the [Contractor Support Site](#).

Thank you.

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