

Dear Participating Contractors,

NYSERDA would like to address possible confusion regarding BPI Goldstar accreditation requirements for the residential energy efficiency programs. BPI Goldstar accreditation remains a requirement for program participation, as will be reflected in the new Home Performance/EmPower Participation Agreements for 2019, to be released to the network in early January.

Energy efficiency is a priority for New York State, as evidenced by Governor Cuomo's directive to establish an energy efficiency goal for the state, the New Efficiency: New York proposal, and the NYS Public Service Commission order from December 13, adopting an energy efficiency target and increasing funding for energy efficiency. To help realize these goals, NYSERDA projects that we will need to increase the capacity of the residential energy efficiency contractor network.

We are continuously exploring options for increasing production and administrative ease of the residential programs, while maintaining the "house as a system" approach to residential energy efficiency. As part of this process we consider multiple aspects of program design, including certification and accreditation requirements. NYSERDA values the role that BPI serves in advancing standards to ensure quality work and will rely on BPI standards for work completed through our residential energy efficiency programs. To inform our program design and requirements going forward, NYSERDA will work with BPCA, BPI, and other industry leaders over the coming months to gather additional input on our program design and contractor requirements from the participating network and non-participating contractors.

Thank you again for your efforts to advance the adoption of energy efficiency in New York State, we look forward to working with you in the new year to further grow the residential energy efficiency market in New York. As always, if you have any questions, please contact NYSERDA at hpwes@nyserda.ny.gov.

Thank you,

NY Residential Existing Homes Team