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Over the next few months, NYSERDA will implement changes to the Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and EmPower New York programs to address the need to substantially accelerate the adoption of clean energy solutions in homes across the state, advancing Governor Andrew M Cuomo's Green New Deal and New York's clean energy and environmental goals.

On November 13, 2019 NYSERDA and the Building Performance Institute (BPI) provided notice that after June 30, 2020, Assisted Home Performance and EmPower New York participating contractors will no longer be required to hold BPI GoldStar Accreditation. We would like to provide you with an update on the modifications to the accreditation and credential requirements outlined in November.

As outlined in the November 13, 2019 communication, effective July 1, 2020:

- Existing contractors with an active Assisted Home Performance and EmPower New York participation agreement may elect to maintain BPI GoldStar status as the qualifying credential through December 31, 2020.
- Newly participating contractors and contractors not electing to maintain their BPI GoldStar status must meet a new additional credentialing requirement, which is currently under development.

The new credential requirement will be a **certificate** that **at least one individual** on-site will be required to hold for each completed project. The certificate holder will be responsible for ensuring the quality of all measures included in a workscope are installed correctly and completely.

NYSERDA and BPI continue to work together to develop credentials and other contractor supports to ensure the industry is appropriately skilled and qualified. Additional information on this certificate will be announced in the near future with updated timelines for implementation, course descriptions, and associated transition activities.

Happy New Year!

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