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NYSERDA Residential Program Announcements

For the period of: 4/8/2021 to 4/14/2021

Dear Participating Contractors, Vendors, and Interested Parties:

The following document contains the combined Program Announcement(s) related to NYSERDA small residential (1 to 4 family) energy efficiency programs supported by the Energy Affordability and Equity, Single Family Residential, Clean Heating and Cooling, Finance, Standards and Quality Assurance and Workforce Development teams. We will be seeking to coordinate with additional teams in future program announcements.

Please read carefully to determine which notice(s) apply to your company. This announcement covers updates from the programs listed below. All contractors and interested parties are receiving this update and be aware that some notices may be for programs your company does not participate in or pertain to you.

Energy Affordability & Equity Team	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR 	See Reminder
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EmPower New York 	See Reminder
Single Family Residential Team	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comfort Home 	No Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Energy Audit 	No Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Energy Ratings 	No Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) 	No Update
Coordinated Program and Support Teams	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Financing 	No Update

• Clean Heating and Cooling	No Update
• Workforce Development	No Update
• Standards and Quality Assurance	No Update

To	EmPower/AHP Contractors, Stakeholders, NYSERDA & CR
Regarding Program(s)	EmPower New York & Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR
Summary	NYSERDA Single Family Programs Update

Full Announcement:

NYSERDA Single Family Programs Update

Friday, May 7, 2021

8:30am - 9:30am

<https://nyserdany.webex.com/nyserdany/onstage/g.php?MTID=ead14c49ca7f74fff3bc34a8494d326c6>

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NYSERDA staff will continue to host webinars on rotating topics, the next date and topic will be announced soon. All webinars are recorded and links to the recordings are found below. The recorded webinars are also available on the [Contractor Support website](#).

To	EmPower Contractors
Regarding Program(s)	EmPower New York
Summary	EmPower Pricing Increase for Foam Insulation Measures & Rim Joist Insulation
Comments/Questions or More Information	Please reach out to your account manager for additional questions.

Full Announcement:

EmPower contractors have provided NYSERDA with documentation from suppliers stating that additional price increases are coming soon, specifically on foam products. After a review, NYSERDA will be increasing the material component of foam insulation measures and rim joist insulation. Please note that updated pricing may impact a measure's SIR and measures that may have been approved previously may now be

denied. In those cases, a lower cost alternative may be required.

[Section 7.7](#) of the Contractor Resource Manual has been updated and a revised [EmPCalc v6.3](#) has been released with updated pricing.

Updated Price Guidance - Effective April 8, 2021

- **New Projects**
 - Projects not yet submitted for approval are required to be modeled using the revised EmPCalc to utilize the updated pricing.
- **Previously Approved Projects**
 - *Option 1:* Projects with an approved workscope are not required to be remodeled in EmPCalc v6.3 and will be processed at the previously approved pricing.
 - *Option 2:* Projects approved on or after April 8, 2021 with updated pricing or a change order less than \$500 may be resubmitted using EmPCalc v6.1+.
 - How to Submit: Remodel the project with the revised EmPCalc v6.3 upload to the Final Project Submission stage for processing.
 - *Option 3:* Projects approved on or after April 8, 2021 with updated pricing or a change order greater than \$500 may be resubmitted using EmPCalc v6.3.
 - How to Submit: Remodel project with revised EmPCalc v6.3 to utilize the updated pricing. Select 'This Task Cannot Be Completed' at the Final Project Submission stage with the reason "Changing Workscope." The project will be returned to Workscope Submission and reupload program documents with the revised EmPCalc v6.3 for program review.
 - If the Project is not returned to Workscope Submission and has a price change over \$500, the project is subject to further review and may be returned.

Pricing will not be adjusted by the review team at project approval or review. To utilize the updated pricing projects must be submitted using the revised EmPCalc v6.3 following the guidance provided.

In the upcoming months, NYSERDA will be performing a deeper review of EmPower pricing, which will include surveying contractors and analyzing current industry and labor cost trends. Following the analysis, the EmPower pricing may be updated again as needed.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact your Account Manager.

To	EmPower/AHP Contractors, Stakeholders, NYSERDA & CLEAResult
Regarding Program(s)	EmPower New York, Assisted Home Performance
Summary	Mandatory EmPCalc Updated to v6.3 by May 1, 2021
Comments/Questions or More Information	Please reach out to your Account Manager or contact Contractor Support at 800-284-9069 or support.residential@nyserda.ny.gov

Full Announcement:

[EmPCalc Version v6.3](#) is now available on the Contractor Support website. This version

includes all recent EmPower pricing updates and fuel pricing since the start of the year.

This is a mandatory update to EmPCalc v6.3. New projects submitted after May 1, 2021 using version 6.2 or earlier will be returned for resubmission. Approved in-progress projects may continue through project completion using the EmPCalc version of the initial submission.

For the best experience working with EmPCalc please download the latest version of EmPCalc directly from the Contractor Support website and remember to keep Microsoft Excel updated.

If you have any questions regarding this upgrade, please reach out to your Account Manager or contact Contractor Support at 800-284-9069 or support.residential@nyserda.ny.gov

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