



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
AIR AND RADIATION

September 1, 2009

Dear Professional Engineer,

For the past decade, the Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has been awarding the ENERGY STAR label to buildings that demonstrate superior energy efficiency. To date, nearly 8,000 buildings have been awarded the ENERGY STAR label. These buildings use on average 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and generate 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and their recognition as ENERGY STAR qualified buildings is a very public reminder of how commercial buildings are an integral part of the solution to the climate change problem.

The U.S. EPA requires a Professional Engineer to qualify buildings to earn the ENERGY STAR label, and maintains a Directory of Professional Engineers who have performed these verifications for buildings. This directory provides professional engineer contact information to organizations that are seeking building verifications to accompany applications to the U.S. EPA for ENERGY STAR label recognition.

Recently, it has come to our attention that K-12 schools have a special need for volunteer professional engineers who are willing to provide the label verification service "free of charge" on a limited basis. This need arises because many schools that may qualify for ENERGY STAR recognition from the U.S. EPA do not have the budgets to pay for a professional engineer to verify the label application. Our nation's schools are unique public buildings that are used by many in the local community and offer an opportunity to showcase and communicate effective management and environmental protection.

The Environmental Protection Agency seeks to identify professional engineer volunteers who are willing to provide a "free of charge" service for up to 5 building label application verifications between October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010 for K-12 schools.

As a volunteer, this is an opportunity to gain additional exposure by assisting schools and donating your time. Those PEs who are not currently listed on the ENERGY STAR Professional Engineer Directory, will become listed once they have completed their first verification and the building earns the ENERGY STAR label. Your listing in the ENERGY STAR Professional Engineer Directory will be highlighted to indicate your participation in this initiative and willingness to offer this limited free service.

If you are interested in joining this initiative, **please contact Melissa Totten at mtotten@sentech.org AND FAX a signed copy of this letter to 240-223-5501 by September 30, 2009.**

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To review the latest guidance for conducting Professional Engineer verifications, please go to http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/evaluate_performance/pm_pe_guide.pdf. You can also participate in several trainings offered by ENERGY STAR, including a pre-recorded training titled: [Professional Engineer Guidance: ENERGY STAR for Commercial Buildings](#). To access ENERGY STAR trainings, go to http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus_internet_presentations.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Totten at mtotten@sentech.org.

Thank you for your efforts to help improve the energy efficiency of our nation's schools.

Sincerely,



Robert Sauchelli
U.S. EPA
ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider Program Manager

PE Volunteer Sign-up Form

By signing below, I understand that I am offering to provide "free of charge" service for up to 5 building label application verifications during the next year (October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010) for K-12 schools and that I may not seek reimbursement from EPA or the federal government for these services.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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