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## Announcement: ENERGY STAR Partnership Changes for Service and Product Providers

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making important changes in the ENERGY STAR program in 2009 to make it easier for building owners and managers to find experts with a track record of helping their clients through using ENERGY STAR tools and resources. The new partnership requirements for service and product providers are designed to strengthen the relationship between service and product providers and building owners and managers – particularly the thousands of ENERGY STAR partners who are committed to energy efficiency and interested in professional assistance with assessing the energy performance of their buildings, implementing upgrades, measuring results, and recognizing and communicating accomplishments.

Starting in June 2009, the Service and Product Provider Directory will list only those companies that are the “Most Active” in delivering ENERGY STAR to their clients, helping building owners and managers to find companies that have demonstrated experience and success with ENERGY STAR. Service and product providers will be required to demonstrate to EPA that they have had experience in delivering the ENERGY STAR approach to clients to become or remain a Service and Product Provider partner.

### New Requirements for ENERGY STAR Partnership

Starting June 1, 2009, any service and product provider<sup>1</sup> interested in joining ENERGY STAR as a partner will be required to demonstrate active use of the ENERGY STAR approach to help clients achieve their energy management goals in the following ways:

- Provide at least 10 benchmarks for client commercial buildings in the last 12 months using Portfolio Manager, or
- Earn the ENERGY STAR for at least 1 client commercial building in the last 12 months, using Portfolio Manager and meeting other program requirements.

To receive credit for activity, you must identify your organization as a service and product provider when creating your Portfolio Manager account. When submitting an application for the ENERGY STAR label for a client building, be sure your company is named as the primary service and product provider for the facility.

Companies submitting new partnership applications must attach a Statement of Energy Performance for at least 5 buildings tracked in Portfolio Manager, or appear in a Building Profile for a client commercial building that has earned the ENERGY STAR in order to demonstrate adherence to these requirements.

Current ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider partners will need to meet these new requirements by December 31, 2009 to maintain partnership status. EPA will automatically track current partner progress in meeting these requirements through Portfolio Manager. In the event current partners are not able to meet the requirements when an activity review is conducted on January 1, 2010, they will no longer be an ENERGY STAR partner and will be informed of this outcome.

To remain connected to the ENERGY STAR network of energy users and maintain a company listing on the list of Most Active Service and Product Providers, it will be necessary to demonstrate *ongoing* involvement in ENERGY STAR through benchmarking client buildings and/or helping clients earn the ENERGY STAR label.

For service and product providers not familiar with the ENERGY STAR program, EPA's Portfolio Manager, or how to help a client earn the ENERGY STAR, please visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for guidance and training opportunities, which are available to all businesses offering energy efficiency related products or services.

Please visit [www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=join.spp\\_agree](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=join.spp_agree) on or after June 1, 2009 or contact [spp@energystar.gov](mailto:spp@energystar.gov) for additional information.

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<sup>1</sup> Architecture firms with business exclusively in commercial building design will not be subject to these requirements, and will continue to receive support from the ENERGY STAR Commercial Building Design program. Service and product providers working exclusively with industrial clientele will also be subject to different requirements.