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Dear ENERGY STAR® Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites your feedback on the following technology candidates for the 2012 ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award. The ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award was created to raise the profile of innovative technologies that may not yet meet key principles associated with the ENERGY STAR program (e.g. widely available, cost-effective), but have the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions once they are more widely adopted. As products in these categories become more mainstream, the relevant product categories then become candidates for ENERGY STAR specification development.

The one 2012 award candidate identified to date is heat pump clothes dryers. EPA is also accepting nominations for additional technology categories at this time. To be eligible, technologies must be:

- Commercially available, but not widely adopted (<5% market share);
- Offered by more than one supplier;
- Likely to significantly reduce greenhouse gases from the residential or commercial sector at competitive costs;
- Capable of delivering superior environmental performance, as demonstrated by independent third-party organizations;
- Environmentally acceptable (technology use is a net plus for the environment);
- Supported by capable partners with adequate financing and established business records;
- Well matched to EPA/ENERGY STAR competencies and appropriate roles.

There is no restriction on who may provide feedback or submit a nomination. However, nominations submitted by manufacturers must be accompanied by third-party performance data. Please note that EPA is accepting nominations for technology categories only; nominations for individual products will not be accepted.

For additional details, please visit www.energystar.gov/emergingtech. Comments and nominations are due to emergingtech@energystar.gov by **April 18, 2011**.

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