



## December Trainer Community Updates

We've got some big December news in this last Trainer Community email of 2014! Gear up for the New Year with new resources, and sign up for the 2015 EPA ENERGY STAR National Building Competition.

Read on for the holiday news!

### Register for the 2015 EPA ENERGY STAR National Building Competition!

Back by popular demand, EPA is once again hosting the largest energy and water savings competition of its kind! Enter buildings to compete individually, or create your own dream team — any group of five or more buildings from one or several organizations. To win, you must be the team or building to reduce energy or water use the most, on a percentage basis, during 2015. **Registration runs from January 1 to May 31.** Rules of the game, FAQs, recognition categories, and other information is available at [www.energystar.gov/BattleoftheBuildings](http://www.energystar.gov/BattleoftheBuildings)

### Check out the new Portfolio Manager demonstration videos.

We've rounded out this set of 3- to 5-minute videos with some new additions. View and download the full suite of Portfolio Manager videos from our training site at [www.energystar.gov/buildings/training](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/training). They include:

- How to set up a property
- How to set up a meter
- How to generate standard reports
- How to respond to data requests
- How to create a data request
- How to connect with other users
- How to share properties

### Coming soon! New resource for small businesses.

In January of 2015, EPA will publish the ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Small Business, a free, online "how to" guide for strategic energy management that will save money, cut energy use, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Workbook and resources appendices include "sure energy savers" tips, checklists, worksheets, and ideas for no-cost, low-cost, and return-on-investment based savings. Information on SBA finance programs, hiring and managing contractors, and finding available rebates are included. Download the Workbook and appendices after January 15 at [www.energystar.gov/smallbiz](http://www.energystar.gov/smallbiz)

We look forward to bringing you news about ENERGY STAR resources and opportunities throughout the winter. Until next time, please direct any questions to [www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp](http://www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp). You can also follow us on Twitter at [@EnergyStarBldgs](https://twitter.com/EnergyStarBldgs).

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