



September 5–7, 2018

Phoenix, Arizona

ENERGY STAR® PRODUCTS PARTNER MEETING



Appliances | Electronics | HVAC | Lighting | Smart Thermostats | Water Heaters

Dear ENERGY STAR® Partners and Stakeholders,

EPA is pleased to provide you with the following updates for the 2018 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting, which will be held **September 5 – 7, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ.**

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1. AGENDA COMPANION DOCUMENT AND UPDATED PRELIMINARY MEETING AGENDA

EPA is pleased to provide an updated [preliminary agenda](#) and [an initial companion document](#) with detailed session descriptions. A version of this companion document with speaker information will be circulated closer to the meeting. Please note that these documents are still subject to change.

Due to the growing number of topics of interest to ENERGY STAR stakeholders that are relevant to more than one product category, the 2018 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting agenda will not be organized by product-specific days with a plenary day in the middle as it has traditionally.

This year, the EPA opening plenary will be the first session on the first day of the meeting, and the ensuing sessions will address a range of timely topics, challenges, opportunities, and trends related to ENERGY STAR appliances, electronics, HVAC, lighting, smart thermostats, and water heaters. This new structure offers attendees the advantage of being able to participate in relevant sessions, while allowing for additional networking time between those sessions that are of particular interest to you.

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2. ENERGY STAR EXPO

A few spots are still available for the ENERGY STAR Expo!

EPA is offering ENERGY STAR retailer and manufacturing partners the opportunity to showcase their ENERGY STAR certified products at the meeting. If you are interested in exhibiting your ENERGY STAR certified appliances, electronics, HVAC, lighting, smart thermostats, and water heater products during the 2018 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting, please send an email to Katie Breen, ICF, at Katie.Breen@icf.com no later than **July 2, 2018**.

In order to accommodate as many requests as possible, exhibitors may initially only sign-up for one booth. If additional space is available after July 2nd, EPA will release the additional booths to those exhibitors that have requested multiple booths.

Please note that the ENERGY STAR Product Expo will be located in the center section of the main ballroom this year, where all meals and breaks will also take place. The booths will be placed around the perimeter of the room to allow for easy interaction with other stakeholders. The ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting and the ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Stakeholder Meeting will host their main sessions in the ballroom sections on either side of the ENERGY STAR Product Expo.

Exhibitors will be working with GES expo services for all their exhibitor-specific needs. While there is no upfront cost to exhibit at the meeting, GES will bill exhibitors for all labor and materials associated with their booths.

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3. MEETING REGISTRATION

Online registration will be announced in late June. For planning purposes, please note that this year's registration fee is expected to be in the range of \$600 - \$700. *The registration fee covers the option of food and beverages—breakfast, lunch, and meeting breaks—offered by the hotel for the duration of the three-day meeting.*

For sleeping room reservations, please see [section four \(4\)](#) below.

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4. LOCATION AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Meeting location: The Sheraton Grand Phoenix

340 North 3rd Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
(602) 262-2500

<http://www.sheratonphoenixdowntown.com/>

To book your rooms at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix:

- Call reservations directly at (800) 325-3535 and refer to “ENERGY STAR” or
- Go to [2018 ENERGY STAR Partner Meetings](#) to link to a personalized web site for the ENERGY STAR room block.

Sleeping room rates (all applicable state and local taxes are additional):

- \$139/night - single/double/triple/quad
- Rates will be available 3 days prior and 3 days after the event, subject to availability at the time of reservation.

The hotel's cut-off date for reserving rooms in the ENERGY STAR room block is **August 14, 2018**. Rooms are limited and available on a first come, first served basis so please make your arrangements as soon as possible.

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5. CO-SPONSORSHIP & EVENING EVENTS

Due to current administrative guidelines, EPA is unable to offer co-sponsorship opportunities for the 2018 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting.

However, partner-hosted events and other gatherings offered in conjunction with the ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting offer value-added networking opportunities for program stakeholders after each day's sessions have ended. With no official sponsor reception taking place as part of the meeting this year, EPA is happy to share information on any partner-hosted events offered to all meeting attendees in future meeting materials and communications. Interested partners should email elizabeth.caiafa@icf.com.

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6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Updates on the meeting will be provided as they become available and will also be posted on the ENERGY STAR meetings page at <https://www.energystar.gov/partnermeeting>.

Please contact Elizabeth Caiafa at elizabeth.caiafa@icf.com with any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Phoenix!

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