



EARN AIA CREDIT FOR ENERGY STAR VERIFICATION

The simple choice for energy efficiency.



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AIA now offers CEUs for pro bono services

The **American Institute of Architects (AIA)**, **Public Architecture**, and the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** have partnered to connect building owners seeking ENERGY STAR certification with licensed professionals willing to provide pro bono verification services.

AIA is offering participating architects **up to 8 Health, Safety, Welfare (HSW) continuing education units (CEUs)** – representing a major proportion of their annual requirement for continuing professional licensure. Engineers in licensure states with education requirements may also be eligible for credits.

Licensed professionals can further use this opportunity to:

- Build relationships and name recognition with nonprofit and public sector building owners and managers.
- Receive national recognition through a listing on the [ENERGY STAR Licensed Professional Directory](#).
- Earn eligibility for [ENERGY STAR SPP partnership](#) for your company.
- Help an organization of your choice by performing a visible public service.
- Build a marketable skill verifying ENERGY STAR certification applications.

How to earn your CEUs

1. View a no-cost, on-demand ENERGY STAR recorded training provided by EPA about how to verify an application. Complete a short quiz.
2. Use the **instructions on the back of this page** to find a project (or find one independently) and validate one or more ENERGY STAR applications. Note: The AIA provides credit for verifying any eligible building, regardless of ownership status (e.g. nonprofit, for-profit).
3. Secure letter by building owner confirming pro bono work.

The value of ENERGY STAR for buildings

EPA's ENERGY STAR is the only third-party verified building certification for energy efficiency, and a path to receive Energy and Atmosphere credits in the USGBC's LEED for Existing Buildings rating system. Helping schools, houses of worship, hospitals, and other facilities earn the ENERGY STAR is an effective way to encourage energy efficiency in U.S. buildings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Benchmarking in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager®

Portfolio Manager is the industry standard for measuring and tracking energy, water, and waste in commercial buildings. Over 40 percent of U.S. commercial building space is already benchmarked in the tool.

Portfolio Manager calculates a 1-100 ENERGY STAR score for certain building types that allows users to compare the performance of their buildings to similar ones nationally. Buildings that score a 75 or higher are eligible to apply for ENERGY STAR certification, which requires that a professional engineer or registered architect verify that the information contained within the application is accurate.

About American Institute of Architects (AIA)

AIA is a professional organization for U.S. architects, offering education, advocacy, community redevelopment, and public outreach to support the architecture profession. www.aia.org

About Public Architecture

Public Architecture's 1+ program challenges A/E firms to pledge 1% of their time to pro bono service. 1+ connects firms willing to give nonprofit organizations ENERGY STAR verification and other services. www.publicarchitecture.org

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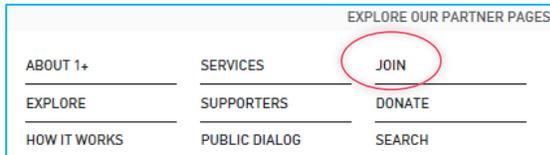
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Use 1+ to Find a Project Seeking Pro Bono Verification Services

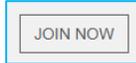
These instructions help registered architects and professional engineers create an account with Public Architecture's 1+ program to find a match with Nonprofits and Public Agencies seeking pro bono ENERGY STAR verification services.

1 Create an account.

Go to www.theoneplus.org and select "Join."



- Under "Designer Membership," click "Join Now". This membership category applies to both PEs and RAs. Memberships are free but donations are accepted.
- Fill out Parts 1 and 2 with information about your firm, including the primary contact.



2 Take the Pro Bono Pledge

- Decide how many staff at your firm will pledge to spend twenty hours per year providing pro bono services.
- Check the "Accepting Requests" box to allow nonprofits and public agencies to contact you about their projects. If you have used up your pledge for the year, this feature can be turned off until next year.
- Check the box "Sustainability & More" to allow nonprofits and public agencies to contact you with requests for ENERGY STAR verification projects.
- Check the box "ENERGY STAR" if your firm has experience in this area.
- Click "Create New Account."



As a participant of the 1+ network, you have the ability to connect with any nonprofit or public agency seeking a partner, and they have the ability to contact your firm.

3a Actively search for a Match.

- Select "Explore" from the top menu.
- Select "Projects" or "Nonprofits" and use the interface to search projects or organizations. Public agencies will be listed under "Nonprofits".

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- Click a project or nonprofit name to view its overview page. Click "Connect" to send a message.



- At any time, you can view responses and incoming messages in "My Messages," and view matches in the "My Matching" section.

3b Respond to Tool Generated Matches

- Periodically review incoming messages in "My Messages" and review tool generated matches in the "My Matching" section.



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