

HOME STAR Is Coming!

Attention All Contractors: *If you have been considering getting into the residential energy retrofit business or are currently involved in conducting energy upgrades on existing homes, you might want to get prepared for the approaching “Home Star” program. Here are some basic details for you:*

OVERVIEW

On March 2nd, 2010, President Obama announced the new “Home Star” program through all major news media outlets. Home Star is a legislative proposal and drafted bill designed to create jobs by providing short-term incentives for residential energy efficiency improvements. The program is designed to drive new private investment into the hard hit construction and manufacturing sectors, while saving consumers money on their energy bills. The bill provides \$6 billion dollars of incentives to the American people, coupled with private investment, to generate an estimated three million home retrofits and tens of thousands of jobs.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SUPPORT

- **Contractor certification.** Contractors are required to be certified to install the retrofits.
- **Independent quality assurance providers:** are responsible for field audits after job completion in order to ensure proper installation and measurable energy savings for consumers. States oversee the quality assurance implementation.
- **Financing support.** Funding is included in the proposal to support State and local financing programs.

Contractors interested in financially benefitting from the Home Star program will soon be hearing from the media and other sources that they need to become “BPI” certified in order to participate in this program. **BPI** stands for: **B**uilding **P**erformance **I**nstitute.

Where Can You Find Details and **BPI** Training for The **Home Star** Program?



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