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## TNMP High-Performance Homes Insider

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TNMP HPH Program Builders and Raters,

On behalf of the TNMP High-Performance Homes Program team, I would like to welcome you to the new program year! We have some minor changes to our structure in 2024, including expanded participation paths for ENERGY STAR Certified homes, so please review, and let our team know if you have any questions.

We have also listed several resources and industry training opportunities throughout the newsletter in hopes that you, your staff, or colleagues are able to attend.

We are here to help, please reach out to the Program Implementation team if you need any assistance. We appreciate your continued support and partnership!

Best,

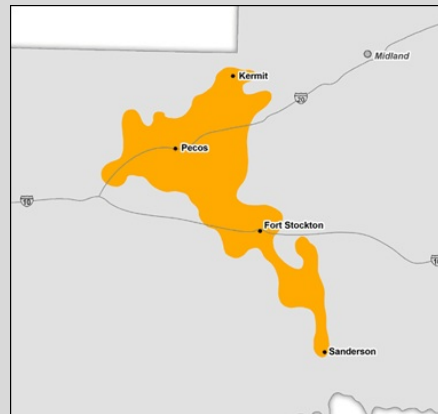
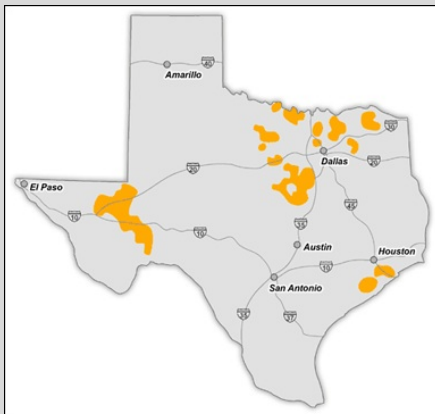
**Morgan Nielsen**

## 2024 Program Design

As mentioned above, there are a few changes to the program structure. Please visit [TNMP Efficiency](#) to download the full Program Guide.

Mandatory Program Requirements		
	Tier 1	Tier 2
Minimum SEER2	15.2 – 15.9	16.0 +
Grade 1 Wall Insulation	Yes	Yes
Grade 1 Ceiling Insulation	Yes	Yes
Submit an Ekotrope File	Yes	Yes
5% savings over 2024 TBRH	Yes	Yes
Elective Requirements		
	Meet 2	Meet 3
Duct Leakage CFM/100 sq. ft.	≤ 4	≤ 4
Infiltration ACH50	≤ 4.5	≤ 4.5
Average Window SHGC	≤ 0.24	≤ 0.24
Avg. Rated Wall + Sheathing R Value	≥ 15	≥ 15
<i>Or Choose an Innovation Option</i>		
	Optional	Optional (Meet 1)
If you choose an Innovation Option, it will replace the Elective Requirements.	ENERGY STAR v3.1 Certification	Foam encapsulated envelope (R-13 walls and R-21 ceiling)  ENERGY STAR v3.1 Certification
Incentive Amount	\$225	\$425
Bonus Incentives		
<b>Limit of one Bonus Incentive of each type per home.</b>		
Right Sized HVAC (Submit Manual J)		\$50
ENERGY STAR Certified Smart Thermostat (Submit Model and Serial Number)		\$50

## Building Homes in West Texas?



## Calling all Homebuilders!

If you are building homes in West Texas, specifically **Kermit, Pecos, Fort Stockton and Sanderson**, you have an opportunity to participate in the TNMP HPH Program!

Please refer to the [TNMP Efficiency Website](#) to download a Program Guide and review requirements. Alternatively, feel free to reach out to ICF Program Staff to discuss eligibility and requirements.

## Tax Credits for Builders of Energy Efficient Homes

We're excited to see more builders showing interest in ENERGY STAR certification. Not only do you get the benefits of tax credits, but it's also a great way to make your homes stand out while adding more value for buyers.



As part of the Inflation Reduction Act, the Section 45L Tax Credit for Energy Efficient Homes has been updated and extended through 2032. The base-level tax credit is tied to meeting ENERGY STAR program requirements. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Credits are available for the following eligible homes:

- Single-family new homes: \$2,500
- Multifamily homes: \$500; or \$2,500 when wage requirements are met

Eligible contractors can submit **Form 8908** to claim a credit for each energy-efficient home that was sold or leased to another person.

## 2024 Program Milestones

Date	Performance Milestone Date Requirements
April 30, 2024	At least 20% of total committed homes/systems must be entered on the Program's online system; Homebuilder must have selected at least one preferred HERS Rater or Contractor to the online system.
June 30, 2024	At least 60% of total committed homes/systems must be entered on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.
September 30, 2024	At least 85% of total committed homes/systems must be invoiced on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.
November 30, 2024	100% of total committed homes/systems must be invoiced on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.

## 2021 IECC Energy Codes Training



There are several trainings all over Texas coming up in 2024. Please visit <https://esl.tamu.edu/secocodestraining/> for all dates/locations and registration.

### **Residential Sections Training in the Greater Houston Area:**

**Houston Area** - May 14 2024

**Pearland** - May 15 2024

**Deer Park** - May 16 2024

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## **GHBA Events**

### **BABA Crawfish Boil (Rescheduled)**

April 4

To learn more and register, go to [GHBA Website](#).

### **Fajita Fiesta Tex-Mex Cookoff**

April 12

To learn more and register, go to [GHBA Website](#).

### **BABA Luncheon: State of the Bay Area**

May 7

To learn more and register, go to [GHBA Website](#).

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## **Networking Opportunities**



### **BS (Building Science) + Beer**

Join other building science enthusiasts at local breweries every month!

DFW Chapter - [DFW Instagram](#)

Houston Chapter - [Houston Instagram](#)

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## **Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center**

As a participating contractor, you have free access to the Energy Efficiency Learning Center (EELC).

The EELC is an online distance-learning

portal where contractors can login to take trainings on Sales and Marketing, Technical Topics, and Best Practices. Contractors are also able to view recorded webinars, demonstrations, and other program related training materials.

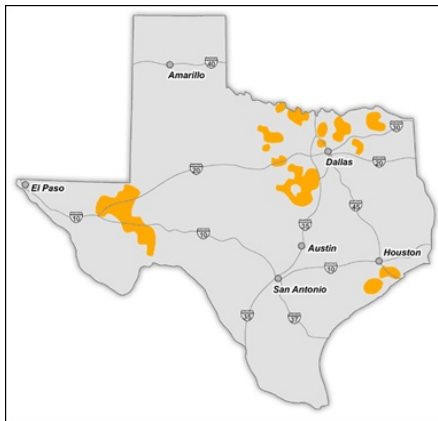


Many courses can also be used to meet Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements for common industry certifications, including NATE, RESNET, and BPI. All courses eligible for CEUs have a short exam and require an 80% or higher score to pass. Once you click on Catalog, you can filter courses under the "CEU Accredited" category.

Here are some examples of CEU accredited sales & marketing courses that could be valuable to you:

- Master Marketing
- Master Customer Service
- Customer Personality Types

Click on the link to go to the **EELC** register and take an online course today!



## Find a Homebuilder

All participating builders are listed along with their websites on the [TNMP Efficiency Website](#), including who is building ENERGY STAR Certified Homes. Please send updates to the ICF team.

## Meet the Program Team



### Andrea Palmer

Portfolio Director, ICF

Andrea is a seasoned professional who brings 16 years of expertise in the EE industry. She supports residential new construction and retrofit programs across ICF, bringing best practices and innovative strategies in support of local implementation teams.

When she's not shaping the future of sustainable housing, you'll find her shuttling her three children aged 9, 7, and 5 to baseball and soccer games. Andrea also enjoys tending to her flower garden and trying her best to keep houseplants alive.

## Questions?

We're here to help. Contact our program support team.

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