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### Program Updates

Hello Builders and Raters –

September 30 marked the halfway point in SRP's 2022-2023 program year. Thanks to all the builders and raters who are participating in this year's program. We're well on our way to meeting our goals for the year.

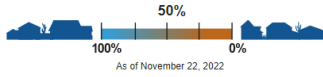
Thanks to all of you who stopped by and enjoyed the "living room" at the SRP booth at the Southwest Builders Show in October. It was great to have a few minutes with you during the show.

There are a couple of significant changes coming up in 2023 that all builders and raters should be aware of. First, EPA **ENERGY STAR Version 3.1** will go in effect for homes permitted in Arizona on or after 1/1/2023. Version 3.1 addresses several new requirements including ones that improve the HERS index of the home and some that do not. Our analysis indicates that many of the homes submitted to the program are already meeting the new threshold. The SRP ENERGY STAR Homes guidelines will be changed to reverence version 3.1 with our new program application on May 1, 2023. Builders should check with their energy raters to confirm that all their plans will be in compliance with version 3.1. Second, there are new Federal requirements going into effect for heat pumps and AC units installed in Arizona homes starting January 1, 2023. The minimum allowable rating will be **SEER 15**. There is a "sell-through" allowance for heat pumps, but not AC units. Be sure to check with your HVAC contractor and your energy rater about these upcoming changes.

Feel free to contact Kim or Rebecca with any questions about the program changes, or with any questions about pending rebates. And please let us know about new communities as soon as possible to ensure rebate eligibility.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

### Rebate Funds Available



Currently, the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program has 50% of the rebate funding available. Builders earn performance incentives by improving energy efficiency on each home at \$ .12 per kWh. Incentives are determined by the home's total estimated annual kWh savings as compared to a code-built home. The builder's rater shall determine the kWh savings using Ekotrope software. SRP will pay incentives for eligible homes on a first-come, first-served basis until all incentive funding has been depleted for the fiscal year.

Don't forget builders may earn an additional incentive of \$300 per home for Electric Vehicle-Ready homes.

### Announcements

## Save the date! ENERGY STAR Homes Lunch & Learn

Join the ENERGY STAR Homes Program Team

Wednesday, Jan. 25  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PERA Conference Center  
1 E. Continental Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85281

Formal invitation to follow



### Builder/Rater Spotlight

## A LEADER IN HOME PERFORMANCE



TopBuild Home Services is an EPA ENERGY STAR award winning company providing Home Energy Rater services across the country. Since 2001 TopBuild has verified over 250,000 ENERGY STAR compliant homes working with many of the largest national and regional home builders. TopBuild Home Services, is an innovative leader in home performance and creating energy-efficient, comfortable homes. Headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida, the company serves both homeowners and residential builders through the Environments For Living® and Environments For Living Certified Green® programs.

In the Phoenix market TopBuild Home Services has developed a strong partnership with SRP to support their new residential construction program for production home builders, SRP ENERGY STAR Homes. "TopBuild Home Services is proud to work with SRP and local builders," said Scott Haugen, Senior Regional Mgr at TopBuild. "By rating homes to verify ENERGY STAR standards are met, we are helping to deliver more homes to Arizona homebuyers that offer improved comfort and lower utility bills."

### Trade Ally Portal

Your one-stop-shop to access everything needed to actively participate in the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program. The website is interactive and gives improved access to download program documents, process rebates and print program marketing materials.

We will continually update our content with helpful information, newsletters and announcements. We hope you find the new website an easy place to access program information and resources. Please be on the lookout for an email with your user login credentials. If you have any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please email us at [energystarhomes@srpnet.com](mailto:energystarhomes@srpnet.com).

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### SRP Energy Learning Center

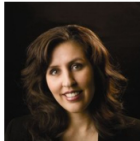
As an SRP builder or rater, you have free access to our Energy Learning Center, an online distance learning portal that offers trainings on sales and marketing, technical topics and program or industry best practices. Many courses can also be used to meet CEU requirements for common industry certifications, including North American Technician Excellence (NATE), Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET®) and Building Performance Institute (BPI). Examples of CEU accredited sales and marketing courses include:

- Master Marketing
- Master Customer Service
- Customer Personality Types

Builders are also able to share recorded webinars and trainings with their team. If you don't already have credentials for the Learning Center, please contact [sandi.anania@icf.com](mailto:sandi.anania@icf.com).

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### Meet the Program Team



Rebecca Smout started her career at SRP in 2000 as a bilingual customer service representative. During her first few years at SRP, Rebecca finished her studies at ASU, ultimately receiving a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Business and Psychology. Rebecca spent a few years as an SRP Account Manager for multi-family customers, earned her Certified Energy Manager (CEM) and HERS Rater Certifications and in 2008 started working directly with production home builders. Currently, Rebecca is the Senior Program Manager for the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes program. Rebecca's favorite things outside of work include spending time with family, home renovations (she is always looking for her next project!), and coaching youth basketball.

Thank you,

The SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Team

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