

EPA's <u>ENERGY STAR Verified</u> HVAC <u>Installation Program</u> (<u>ESVI</u>)

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EPA's ENERGY STAR Program

- Long history of successfully promoting high-efficiency HVAC equipment and other energyefficient consumer products
- Utilities, contractors, and consumers have all readily adopted the opportunity
- Why?
 - Utilities/Sponsors Cost-effective way to meet savings goals using a nationallyrecognized and trusted platform
 - Contractors Up-sell to higher efficiency equipment
 - Consumers Lower bills; greater comfort
- Plus, the power of the government-backed, trusted ENERGY STAR label

Everybody wins!







The QI Conundrum

- We all know there's a problem out there!
 - We've had the QI-5 Standards for while, but uptake has been limited
- In general, utilities, contractors, and consumers have NOT readily adopted the opportunity
- Why?
 - Utilities/Sponsors Too complicated, too expensive, too burdensome
 - Contractors Too complicated, too expensive, no consumer demand
 - Consumers Too complicated, too expensive, no one selling it
- Plus, no ENERGY STAR (maybe?)

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The Verification/QA Problem

- Historically, QI programs have had to rely on boots-on-the-ground to document compliance
 - This is a big driver of high programmatic costs and burden
- Today, technology solutions & smart tools are emerging as an opportunity to more costeffectively to deliver programs
- Ultimately, industry/stakeholder community need to define standard expectations to demonstrate for acceptance and use in our programs
- Positive signs:
 - ACCA's recent work revising the QI Verification Protocols (QIvP-9) Standard
 - DOE's Home Improvement Catalyst initiative (HI-Cat)
 - CEE's increased emphasis on cost-effective Quality Installation programs

But in the meantime...





EPA's ESVI Pilot Program

- Partnering with Program Sponsors to 'road-test' different technology solutions and tools to help deliver QI
- Participating programs must demonstrate compliance with both QI-5 & QIvP-9
 - Sizing, Selection, Installation, Commissioning, Ducts, Verification
- 3 Pilots recently launched; each based on a different technology approach
 - ACCA (mobile app)
 - Southface/Emerson/Reliable (ComfortGuard)
 - Cedar Falls Utilities (ESI, with additional requirements)
- Pilots must report jobs and data on technology performance to EPA
 - Results can be used to support DOE's HI-Cat effort

We're looking for more partners and technology solutions to work with!

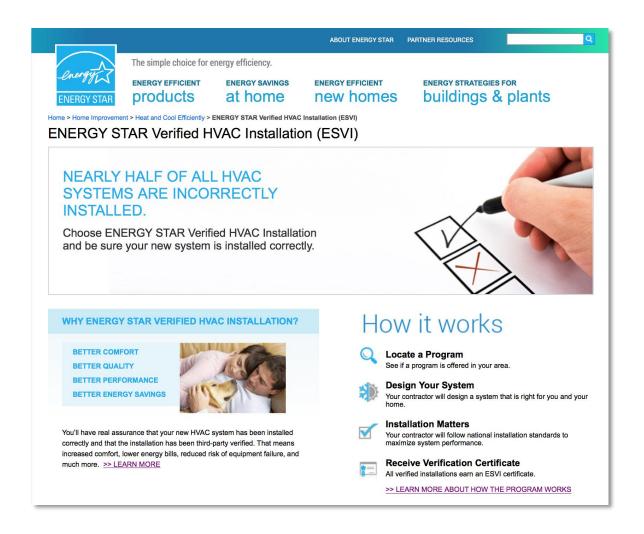


















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Insist on ENERGY STAR Verified HVAC Installation.

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HVAC system can mean less comfort
and higher utility bills.







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Checked airflow: Airflow measurement: Checked refrigerant for air conditioners and heat pumps Installed properly matched ENERGY STAR certified equipment Performed health and safety checks Your system has been designed and installed to meet ENERGY ST requirements. Once verified by your ESVI program sponsor, your	
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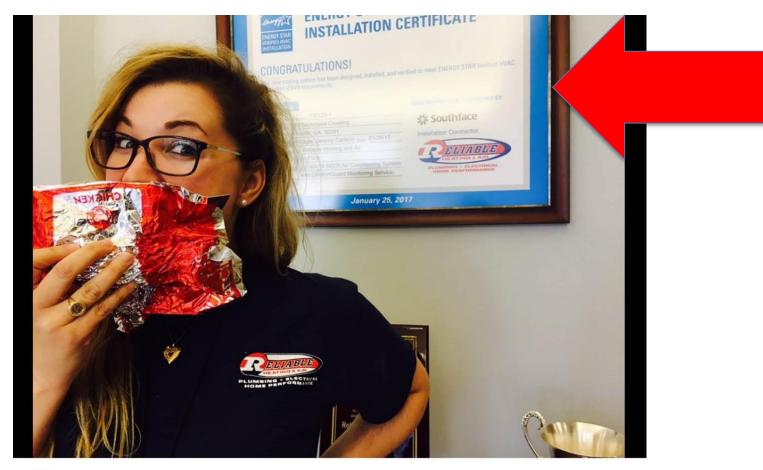
- An opportunity to deliver efficient equipment AND Quality Installation
- Utilities, contractors, and consumers can more readily adopt this opportunity (hopefully)
- Why?
 - Utilities/Sponsors Cost-effective way to REALLY meet savings goals
 - Contractors Up-sell efficiency AND verified performance
 - Fewer callbacks; happier customers; more referrals; greater profitability
 - Consumers Even lower bills; even greater comfort; peace of mind
- Plus, the power of the government-backed, trusted ENERGY STAR label



Everybody wins! (again)









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