NEIGHBORHOOD FINANCE CORPORATION

Energy Advantage Contractor Process

The Energy Advantage Program has unique reporting requirements which requires collecting more detailed information on contractor's bids. Please use this guide to assist you.

Why are there more requirements for Energy Advantage?

Due to our funding source, NFC must confirm that all equipment added to the home (AC, Furnace, HVAC, Windows, Doors, etc.) utilizing the Energy Advantage funds are Energy Star approved for the Northern Climate Zone.
This requires more detailed bids than NFC traditionally requires, which can result in contractors resubmitting bids, lengthening the process. *Reading these requirements and including these details in your initial bid will ease this process!*

How does NFC confirm an item is Energy Star approved?

NFC matches the Make/Model # on the bid to the Energy Star database.

OR

Examines the item's specifications to ensure they meet Energy Star standards.

What are the Energy Advantage Contractor Bid requirements?

Doors/Windows: Make/Model Number and Specs Required

- NFC must be able to confirm Doors and Windows are Energy Star Compliant in the Northern Climate Zone (often Windows/Doors are compliant in the Southern zone but not Northern). These are the bids we most often return due to a lack of information.
- U-Factor and Solar Heat-Gain Coefficient (SHCG) specs determine if a window meets Energy Star requirements.
- CPD Numbers (Certified Product Directory Numbers) from the NFRC allow us to easily search each Window/Door.

Furnaces: Make/Model Number Required

- To meet requirements, must have 95% AFUE or greater for Gas and 85% AFUE in Oil Furnaces.

Heat Pumps/AC: Make/Model Number Required

- Split vs. single package system
- HSPF, SEER, and EER factor specs required (if not found on Energy Star Database).

Water Heaters: Make/Model Number Required

- UEF, Warranty Duration, and Safety Standard specs required (if not found on Energy Star Database).

What if I don't have this information?

Confirm with your distributor the model is Energy Star Certified for the Northern Climate Zone.
Company provided literature is also helpful in confirming the item is Energy Star Certified. However, we cannot accept any literature that does not confirm the exact model provided meets requirements.

If needed, NFC can provide you with approved Energy Star models we regularly use!

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