



# New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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## **New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™ Announces Summer Promotion for New Jersey Residents**

**– Additional incentives are available to New Jersey homeowners to help make homes more energy efficient –**

TRENTON, N.J. – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) recently announced a special summer promotion for homeowners interested in making home energy efficiency improvements. New Jersey residents may be eligible to receive an additional discount of up to \$1,000 as well as the maximum \$4,000 in incentives and zero interest financing to help pay for home improvements through New Jersey's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program. The additional summer discounts are in effect for projects enrolled through September 30, 2011. Original program incentives of up to \$4,000 and zero interest financing will still be available to New Jersey residents after September 30, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, which is a part of *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*, enables New Jersey residents to work with specially trained and accredited Building Performance Institute (BPI) contractors, who assess where and how energy is wasted in a home. After an assessment is conducted, the contractor provides the homeowner with a list of recommended, comprehensive energy efficient upgrades to improve the comfort, safety, quality, and durability of their home. Homeowners may save up to 30% of their energy use, which helps lower their electric bills.

Below is a table explaining the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR incentives and the summer promotion. The incentives offered are based on total energy savings, which are determined after the assessment.

Total Energy Savings	Regular Incentive*	Additional Summer Discount
10-19.99%	\$1,000	\$500
20-24.99%	\$3,000	\$750
25%+	\$4,000	\$1,000

\*Not to exceed 50% of cost of the measures used to calculate total energy savings.

Over 170 BPI contractors participate in New Jersey’s Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program. Twelve were recently acknowledged with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2010 Century Award for their exceptional performance. The award recognizes contractors that have completed 100 or more comprehensive, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR jobs in one year. Only 53 Building Performance Institute accredited companies were honored with this award throughout the nation. New Jersey contractor, Hutchinson Plumbing-Heating-Cooling, ranked first in the nation, with 713 completed HPwES comprehensive home projects in 2010.

The New Jersey honorees, their national rankings, and number of job completions in 2010 are as follows:

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Contractor Organization</b>	<b>Number of Jobs in 2010</b>
<b>1</b>	Hutchinson Plumbing-Heating-Cooling	<b>713</b>
<b>15</b>	BC Express, Inc.	<b>224</b>
<b>16</b>	Laury Heating	<b>222</b>
<b>19</b>	Optimal Energy	<b>198</b>
<b>20</b>	Air Group	<b>189</b>
<b>21</b>	Rubino Service Company	<b>189</b>
<b>28</b>	Quality Air Specialists	<b>164</b>
<b>33</b>	NJR Home Services	<b>151</b>
<b>35</b>	Princeton Air Conditioning	<b>144</b>
<b>41</b>	Bovio Advanced Comfort and Energy Solutions	<b>126</b>
<b>48</b>	Alber Service Co.	<b>113</b>
<b>49</b>	Green Living Solutions, LLC	<b>112</b>

Anyone interested in having a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR assessment conducted on their home should call at least three contractors listed on [NJCleanEnergy.com/hp](http://NJCleanEnergy.com/hp) to discuss pricing before committing to one contractor.

For more information about the NJBPU, *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program*, or Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, visit [NJCleanEnergy.com](http://NJCleanEnergy.com) or call 866-NJSMART.

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**About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)**

*The NJBPU is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at [www.nj.gov/bpu](http://www.nj.gov/bpu).*

**About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)**

*NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State’s residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers’ energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is [www.NJCleanEnergy.com](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com).*