



NYS Energy Audits named EmPower Contractor of the Year by NYSERDA

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The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has recognized NYS Energy Audits of Brooklyn as the EmPower New York Contractor of the Year. EmPower New York is a program that offers energy efficiency improvements to income-eligible homeowners and renters.

"Congratulations to NYS Energy Audits for its exemplary service to the community and dedication to helping low-income households save money and reduce their energy usage," said Francis Murray Jr., president and CEO, NYSERDA. "NYS is a national leader in energy efficiency because of partnerships like this one, and governor Cuomo's commitment to making energy efficiency a critical component to New York reaching its energy goals."

NYS Energy Audits received top honors as Contractor of the Year for its commitment to excellence, consummate professionalism and dedication to providing quality service, and its ability to reach the Russian speaking community. Yuri Polonsky, NYS Energy Audits Project Coordinator, recently accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

"We are honored to receive the EmPower New York Contractor of the Year award and would like to thank the EmPower implementation staff, including Carol Sweeney and Dan Kushnick, as well as the staff at NYSERDA, for their support and efforts to help NYS Energy Audits and all of the other participating contractors," said Yuri Polonsky, Project Coordinator of NYS Energy Audits. "The EmPower New York program is designed to assist low-income New Yorkers and we will continue to work hard to help them lower their energy bills and make their homes more energy efficient."

As a full-service energy solutions company, NYS Energy Audits utilizes a team of energy specialists who use state-of-the-art equipment to perform energy audits throughout the five boroughs. Once areas of concern in the home are identified, specialists recommend effective remedies and options as well as offer customers additional strategies for managing their energy costs.

With more than 100 contractors participating in EmPower New York, staff determines award winners by quality assurance scores, average completion time, work volume and overall commitment to the program. Other contractors who received Outstanding Contractor awards for 2012 are:

* Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Watertown

- * DA Goudreau, Mannsville
- * Energy Management Technical Services, New Hartford
- * Energy Savings Solutions, Cheektowaga
- * Green Home Logic, West Hempstead
- * Home Energy Consultants, Pleasant Valley
- * Ideal Energy Solutions, East Aurora
- * New Buffalo Impact, Tonawanda
- * Superior Energy Innovations, Jamestown
- * Town Building Systems, Sanborn

EmPower New York services are free to income-eligible households, and anyone eligible for HEAP (earning 60 percent of the state median household income) is eligible for EmPower. Services include high-efficiency lighting and replacement of inefficient refrigerators and freezers with new ENERGY STAR qualified models; heating efficiency services, such as insulation and air sealing; and health and safety testing to ensure the home is properly ventilated and gases are not escaping into the living space.

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