

*Newport Ventures, in conjunction with NYSERDA provides education and support for Energy Code stakeholders throughout New York State.*

## INSIDE THE ENERGY CODE



### Good News for Energy Efficient Homes!

There is good news for home builders of energy efficient homes. Last week, Congress passed legislation to extend federal tax credits for all new energy efficient homes through December 31, 2016. The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 established tax credits between \$1,000-\$2,000 depending on the home type and energy savings. The credit originally expired in 2014, but this is a text block has been extended several times. Last week's extension retroactively renewed this credit to January 1, 2015 and extends throughout 2016. All qualified homes constructed and purchased in 2015 and 2016 are eligible.

To qualify for this credit, homes must:

- Be located in the United States
- Have substantially completed construction before 12/31/16
- Meet the energy saving requirements (reduce heating and cooling consumption by at least 50% compared to the 2006 IECC)
- Purchased after 12/31/13 and before 1/1/17

Both site-built homes and manufactured homes can qualify for this tax credit. For more information and details on energy requirements and the credit amounts associated with them, [click here](#).

Additionally, legislation was also passed that extended tax credits for residential renewable technologies, including solar and other technologies. Credits for solar technologies were

extended to December 31st, 2021 while all other technologies were extended through Decemeber 31st, 2016. More information on this tax credit extension is [available here](#).

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## Home Energy Heroes!

The Home Energy Heroes program recognizes leading builders and trades, who are investing in education and training related to the ECCCNY. These industry professionals are going above and beyond the job requirements and understand the importance of building science and knowing code requirements, and the effect it has on the performance of the home.

Three courses are currently available. [Click here to find out more!](#)

To learn more about this program, and for training and sponsorship opportunities please contact us at [energyservices@newportventures.net](mailto:energyservices@newportventures.net) or call 518-377-9410.

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## The Code Coach

Our Energy Code experts are ready to answer your questions on both commercial and residential provisions of ECCCNY. Check out our [Code Coach Services!](#)

***Monday-Friday***

***8:30AM-4:30PM***

***518-377-9410***

**EMAIL**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Alan Benedict for correctly answering last month's trivia question. Alan will receive a Starbucks Gift Card for his correct response!

#### **January Trivia Question**

*What is the minimum AFUE rating for forced air gas furnace allowed in New York? What is the highest AFUE rating available? What is the benefit of a higher AFUE rating?*

Submit your answers to  
**[energyservices@newportventures.net](mailto:energyservices@newportventures.net)**  
**t** for your chance to win!



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