



NEWPORT'S PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY CODE TRAINING ACCEPTED BY NYSERDA

MARCH 5TH, 2014- Newport Ventures has been notified by NYSERDA that our proposal to provide Energy Code training for Building Code Officials and Builders in New York State has been accepted. New York has developed and will soon be implementing a new Energy Code for both residential and commercial buildings. While the new code is based on the 2012 IECC, certain sections are amended making the code more specific to New York.

While amendments for commercial buildings have not yet been finalized, changes for residential buildings include:

- More stringent prescriptive insulation requirements for wall and attic assemblies
- Maximum building envelope leakage of 5 ACH₅₀
- Mandatory whole house mechanical ventilation system

With over 5,000 code officials and even more commercial builders and trade contractors in the State, Newport will be conducting over 250 training sessions over the next three years. Training topics will include detailed instruction on code provisions for residential and commercial buildings as well as best practices and strategies for field inspections and plan reviews. While training will be tailored to better serve the two target audiences, building science principles and best practices will be at the core of every course. Newport has put together a strong team of partners and trainers including Steven Winter Associates, T. Y. Lin International, EG2 Engineering, the Capital Region and Rochester Home Builder and Remodeler Associations. Trainers include the Building Performance Contractors Association, Steve Easley, Peter Yost, and Hamid Naderi and Shirley Ellis from the ICC. Newport can offer the training for your group at no cost.



In addition to being committed to the goal of achieving 90% compliance by 2017, New York has expedited its Energy Code adoption cycle at the directive of Governor Andrew Cuomo. More stringent energy codes will go into effect about a year ahead of the typical three year cycle. This initiative is a strong indication that New York is committed to energy efficiency and advanced building codes. While setting new standards and goals is essential in order to raise the bar regarding energy efficient building,

without training and education it is often difficult to reach the desired state of compliance. At Newport Ventures, we are confident that our efforts to provide training and education to code officials and builders will be an extremely valuable resource that will help aid compliance and assist New York State in reaching its goals.

[Watch videos](#) from some of the past trainings conducted by Newport Ventures.