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News Update

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Building Energy Labels

Cities and states across the country are initiating this year a building energy labeling program. The labeling program follows closely the building labeling program passed by the Congress in the Clean Energy Act Section 204 but not passed by the Senate.

- *Building Energy Performance Labeling Program:* Establishes an EPA program to develop procedures to label buildings for their energy performance characteristics, using building type and consumption data to be developed by the Energy Information Administration. The program would be implemented by states in a manner suited to increasing public knowledge of building energy performance.

New rules that are being implemented by states and local communities will generally exempt small business. The labeling program will be close to what consumers would find on food products or energy ratings for appliances. The cost of energy will not be included but rather an energy relative efficiency rating.

New York City has mandated 16,000 large buildings must comply or face \$500 quarterly fines. Washing State, San Francisco and Washington D.C. all have programs underway with another six states to follow.

Officials believe this will give consumers a heads up when making purchase or rental decisions but building owners and facility managers are concerned the new laws will red-line their facilities.

Contractors May Want to Consider Using the Free NRCA Energy Wise Calculator to Help Determine the Energy Efficiency of Proposed Roof Systems

<http://energywise.nrca.net/>

This is a good opportunity for contractors to add value to their proposal process by providing customers with information they may not have from less professional contractors.



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