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Contractors invited to participate in Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program

Contractors now have an opportunity to increase their business while helping save energy and protect the environment with Sarasota County's Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program.

The Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program is a joint initiative between Sarasota County, the city of Sarasota and the city of North Port that will provide rebates to citizens who use prequalified local contractors to make home energy improvements. Categories for improvements include:

- Comprehensive Home Energy Audit
- Solar Hot Water Installation
- Energy Efficient Lighting Renovation
- Duct Repair/ Sealing
- HVAC: Central Air Conditioning
- HVAC: Heat Pump
- Attic/Roof/Floor Insulation
- Radiant Roof Barrier System
- Solar Attic Fan
- ENERGY STAR Windows and Doors
- ENERGY STAR Ceiling Fans

Contractors can apply to participate in the Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program online at www.scgov.net/retrofit.

Participating contractors must have a local or state contractor's license and be able to meet a list of criteria specific to the retrofit services being provided. A complete list of the requirements is available on the website.

"The Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program will help improve our local economy through job creation while at the same time helping homeowners save money through energy efficiency," said Sarasota County Sustainability Manager Lee Hayes Byron.

The Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. The program's goal is to encourage large-scale adoption of home energy efficiency retrofit strategies within the community. The campaign is aimed at lowering community energy

costs and greenhouse gas emissions while improving the economy through job creation and business opportunities.

For more information about Sarasota County's energy initiatives, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000, or visit www.scgov.net/retrofit.

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