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Recovery Through Retrofit: Empowered Energy Solutions's New Rapid Residential Audit Program Saves Homeowners Money On Utility Bills

Building on the *Recovery Through Retrofit* report presented by Vice President Biden, Empowered Energy Solutions announces the new Rapid Residential Audit program, designed to save homeowners money on utility bills through reduced energy use and renewable energy.

The Empowered Rapid Residential Audit program consists of a comprehensive energy use audit and an optimized proposal for energy-saving upgrades. Homeowners will then receive a report of problem energy waste areas and a list of simple solutions to plug leaks and reduce or eliminate their power bills, including installation of solar PV and/or hot water heating.

In about 2 hours, a Rapid Residential Audit seeks out areas of energy waste energy in the average home, including poorly sealed windows and doors, inadequate insulation, lighting inefficiencies, phantom loads from appliances and lifestyle habits that result in higher power bills. Additionally, the Empowered audit examines water use to come up with a plan to reduce water use both inside and outside the home. The homeowner then receives an optimized proposal that details the efficiency upgrades with the best financial return on investment.

As part of a comprehensive service package, Empowered Energy Solutions personnel can perform the suggested upgrades. Empowered can provide financing and incentive/rebate management to help homeowners complete

energy efficiency upgrades quickly and easily, with little or no money out of pocket and lower monthly payments.

“Right now in San Diego, thousands of homes are running inefficiently, wasting their owners’ money” says Ted Torre-Bueno, founder and president of Empowered Energy Solutions. “Dollars spent on energy efficiency have the highest return on investment, and in effect, are free money for the homeowner and for the community. If we can reduce power use, we save on utility bills and help eliminate the need for new power plants in the future.”

The *Recovery Through Retrofit* report presented by Vice President Biden, recommends

- **Provide American Homeowners with Straightforward and Reliable Home Energy Retrofit Information:** Consumers need consistent, accessible and trusted information that provides a reliable benchmark of energy efficiency and sound estimates of the costs and benefits of home energy retrofits.
- **Reduce High Upfront Costs, Making Energy Retrofits More Accessible:** Access to retrofit financing should be more transparent, more accessible, repayable over a longer time period and more consumer-friendly.

The Empowered Rapid Residential Audit Program presents homeowners a simple, easy-to-read report detailing ways they can save on their utility bills, as well a bid to fulfill these recommendations. Empowered can provide financing for many energy efficiency projects, eliminating the barrier of high up-front costs that keeps many from taking advantage of the savings that energy efficiency can bring.

An Empowered Energy Solutions Rapid Residential Audit costs \$275 for houses below 1500 sq. ft. and \$475 above 1500 sq. ft., capped at 5000 sq. ft. Homes with utility bills over \$500 per month may qualify for a free Rapid Residential Audit. The cost of the audit will be rebated for homeowners who contract Empowered Energy Solutions to perform the energy efficiency upgrades. Additionally, Empowered Energy Solutions Inc. can provide homeowners or real estate professionals a HERS home energy rating

Currently Empowered Energy Solutions services San Diego and Orange Counties, with service set to expand nationwide over the next three years. Homeowners interested in taking advantage of the Rapid Residential Audit program can contact Empowered Energy Solutions at 858-245-1239 or visit www.empoweredenergysolutions.com

About Empowered Energy Solutions, Inc.

Empowered Energy Solutions, Inc is a San Diego company founded to provide optimized building energy efficiency upgrades for maximum client return on investment. For more information, visit www.EmpoweredEnergySolutions.com

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