



## Energy Analyst & Home Performance Comparison Form

Sources: RESNET (natresnet.org), ENERGY STAR® (energystar.gov)

*Be sure you are present during the on-site inspection. You will receive much more benefit from seeing how the analysis is done. Ask for a thorough debriefing after the onsite work is done, and again when you receive the written report.*

**Company 1                      Company 2                      Company 3**

| <b>Energy Raters &amp; Auditors &amp; Contractors</b>   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Which areas does the evaluation cover?  |  |  |  |
| Energy use  |  |  |  |
| Comfort   |  |  |  |
| Indoor air quality  |  |  |  |
| Moisture  |  |  |  |
| Will the service include on-site evaluation of . . .  |  |  |  |
| Utility bills?  |  |  |  |
| Solar gains?  |  |  |  |
| Windows?  |  |  |  |
| Insulation (including R-values and installation)?   |  |  |  |
| Air leakage evaluation including blower door test?  |  |  |  |
| Installed performance of furnace (including measured heat rise, external static pressure, air flow)?  |  |  |  |
| Installed performance of air conditioner (including indoor coil condition, outdoor coil condition, measured air flow and refrigerant charge)? |  |  |  |
| Installed performance of ductwork (including measured leakage and flow at registers)?   |  |  |  |
| Combustion safety (including measured CO in flue gases, combustion appliance zone pressures, backdrafting)?                                   |  |  |  |
| Appliances?   |  |  |  |
| Lighting?   |  |  |  |
| Does the service include an infrared scan?  |  |  |  |
| How long will the on-site evaluation take?  |  |  |  |
| Will the report include . . .   |  |  |  |
| Energy rating or other computerized energy analysis?  |  |  |  |
| Prioritized list of improvements?   |  |  |  |
| Estimated costs to do the improvements?   |  |  |  |
| Estimated energy savings?   |  |  |  |
| How much will the audit/inspection/reporting  |  |  |  |

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| services cost? Options for specific services?   |  |  |  |
| Supplemental services beyond audit / inspection   |  |  |  |
| What kinds of problems can your company fix?  |  |  |  |
| Can you manage other contractors to do work that you don't do yourself?   |  |  |  |
| Can you provide independent quality assurance for work done by other contractors I hire myself?                           |  |  |  |
| Background and credentials  |  |  |  |
| What other services does your company offer?  |  |  |  |
| What experience do you have related to this evaluation?   |  |  |  |
| How long have you been in business?   |  |  |  |
| What training and certifications do you have? (RESNET, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, Building Performance Institute) |  |  |  |
| Better Business Bureau status   |  |  |  |
| Licensing & Insurance   |  |  |  |
| Customer References   |  |  |  |
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