

New Classification Construction Trade – Energy Savings Program

Governor Corzine signed legislation on January 21, 2009 regarding Energy Savings Improvement Projects. The bill (A1185/S1537), now P.L. 2009, c.4 requires general contractors and energy service companies (also known as ESCO's) performing public works activities under an energy savings improvement program, to be classified with the NJ Division of Property Management and Construction (DPMC). Therefore, the DPMC has added the ENERGY SERVICES (ESCO) class code (C036) to its listing of construction classification trades.

Through this new energy savings legislation, school districts, higher education institutions, counties and municipalities, as well as State agencies, may now implement energy savings programs for its facilities. Energy audits are required to be performed by an independent "energy auditing" consultant prequalified by the DPMC. The energy audit will identify the current energy use of a building or facility and energy conservation measures that can be implemented in which the energy savings can be realized and maximized. Once an energy savings improvement plan is developed, verified and approved, it will be advertised by the organization or agency for bid to a DPMC classified ENERGY SERVICES Company or ESCO. The Energy Services Company, acting as a general contractor, will be responsible for overseeing the development, design and implementation of the energy services conservation measures chosen to improve the energy savings and efficiency of the facility.

Firms currently classified by DPMC may submit to add this new class code to include the new ENERGY SERVICES trade. The submission for the new trade requires an addendum to the firm's DPMC Form 27 which provides supplementary information to enable the DPMC to make a responsibility determination in order to assign classification approval for the new ENERGY SERVICES trade. The ENERGY SERVICES COMPANY Addendum form can be found on the DPMC website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/dpmc/forms

Firms seeking initial or renewal classification would need to complete the entire DPMC Contractor Classification (DPMC Form 27) which is also available on our website, www.state.nj.us/treasury/dpmc/forms

If you have any questions on this obtaining this new ENERGY SERVICES trade, please contact DPMC Contractor Classification at 609.943.3400.