

LA PROPANE / MARKET DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD 2012-13 BUILDER REBATE PROGRAM FOR PROPANE CENTRAL HEATERS

I. Purpose

The purpose of Market Development Advisory Board (MDAB) 2012-13 Builder rebate program is to promote use of propane central heating by offering a \$500 rebate upon installation of a propane-fueled central heater in a new home (or re-modeled home), provided proper documentation is provided and a safety inspection is performed.

II. Availability of Funds

A. This program is funded through assessments paid by propane marketers. At the beginning of each fiscal year, MDAB will determine a budget allocation it deems sufficient to carry out the goals of the program (if the program is successful, the MDAB may elect to continue it.) Participating dealers should contact LA LP Gas Commission (LPGC) or periodically check the website www.LouisianaPropane.com to determine the adequacy of funding prior to implementing a campaign of widespread customer outreach. The program begins July 1, 2012 and will continue until June 30, 2015 or until funds are expended. Applications may be submitted up to 14 days after end date but purchase must be made on or before end date

B. For the 2012-13 year of Louisiana's propane appliance rebate program, the total number of eligible rebates shall be capped at \$300,000. The total number of rebates per marketer shall not be limited.

III. Eligibility

A. Marketers: Only Louisiana marketers who have completed a participation form and been accepted into the program are eligible to participate. The program is designed for propane marketers and is not available to the public except through marketers. The marketer is responsible for documenting that an eligible installation has been performed, that all appliances have been correctly identified, and that a safety inspection has been completed. Marketers are responsible for submitting the completed rebate application to LPGC for consideration; the rebate check will be issued and mailed directly to the Builder.

B. Contractors: Contractors (Builders) may only receive a rebate through a participating dealer and must agree to the regulations and conditions on the application form, including allowing an inspection of the installation and agreeing not to modify or move the installation for at least one year following the installation.

IV. Eligible Installations

A. The program authorizes a \$500 rebate for propane fired central heaters used in new construction or re-modeled homes. It also authorizes a \$200 rebate for upgrading from an electric or natural gas to propane water heater. Installations in travel trailers, mobile or manufactured homes not in permanent residential or commercial use are ineligible. Permanent is defined here as HUD approved and installed at least 1 year in current location. (Note: The intention is not that the unit must be installed for 1 year before applying for the rebate but that the unit is installed in a permanent location intended to remain in that location at least 1 year.)

B. The installation must take place on real property located within the State of Louisiana.

C. Eligible heaters must be propane-fueled, forced-air or hydronic, radiant type rated at not less than 1.5 "ton" capacity. The internal combustion of propane may take place in a furnace or boiler; but B.T.U. input must be a minimum of 40,000.

D. Maximum rebate per location is \$1,400 over a 3 year period. Only one rebate is paid per furnace serial number with a two appliance maximum.

E. All heater installations are subject to audit by the LPGC.

V. Compliance

A The LPGC will review each application individually, and will authorize final approval of all applications. Missing data or factual errors may delay or disqualify an application. Criteria for rejecting applications are as follows:

1. Postmarked more than 30 days after inspection.
2. Incomplete application: The marketer will be contacted to supply any missing information, such as missing signatures. Failure to submit missing items within 30 days of notification will disqualify application.
3. False or misleading information: The MDAB reserves the right to suspend a marketer's participation in the program if it adjudges the applicant submitted false information or otherwise violated program rules. An applicant may submit an appeal in writing within 30 days of notification. Actions taken by the MDAB with respect to such appeals will be final.
4. Purchase date of heater must be on or after start date of program but before end date of program.

B. Application: Rebates must be submitted on approved forms and applications to be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis according to receipt dates of complete and correct applications. Applications can be mailed, hand-delivered, electronic or faxed.

C. Payment: LPGC may approve rebates subject to availability of funds. Applicants have no legal right or entitlement to receive rebates under this program, and receipt of a complete and correct application does not bind LPGC to approve payment of a rebate to any applicant. LPGC will process rebate applications promptly and send checks to the Builder (Contractor) within 60 days of approval.

D. A safety inspection, conducted by or on behalf of the participating dealer, must be conducted prior to submission of any rebate application. An appropriate safety inspection consists of an on-site inspection, including any necessary pressure tests, of an operating eligible installation by a propane dealer or a propane dealer's designated agent, for the purpose of verifying that the LP-Gas system, including all equipment, is or was installed in compliance with Louisiana safety rules.

E. Complaints: Any person may file a complaint about an installation, an applicant, a propane dealer or another person regarding alleged violations of the rebate program rules. Complaints must be sent in writing to LA LIQUEFIED PROPANE GAS COMMISSION, PO BOX 66209, BATON ROUGE, LA. 70896.

For additional information, call, write or e-mail:
Louisiana LP Gas Commission
John Alario

P.O. Box 66209 – Baton Rouge, La. 70896
225-925-4895 • Fax 225-925-4898

John.Alario@dps.la.gov

<http://lpg.dps.louisiana.gov> or <http://www.louisianapropane.com>