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LOCAL CONTRACTORS RECOGNIZED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT PROJECTS

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Four local contractors are being recognized for their dedication, professionalism and service assisting Central Coast residents in making energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. This year’s recipients of emPower Central Coast’s second annual Contractor Recognition Awards are Solarponics, CK Builders Inc., Halsell Builders and NRG Heating & Air Conditioning.

“We are recognizing these local companies for demonstrating their commitment to helping local homeowners create healthy homes while reducing energy costs and environmental impacts,” said Ashley Watkins, emPower Program Services Supervisor. “As emPower participating contractors, they work with clients to identify home energy upgrade projects with the most benefit that also align with and qualify for incentives and low-interest financing available through emPower.”

- [CK Builders Inc.](#), is owned and operated by contractor Cindy Edwards. The company prides itself in designs that reflect a client’s wants and needs, superior craftsmanship, use of green products and attention to energy efficiency and indoor air quality issues.
- [Halsell Builders](#) prides itself as designing and constructing heating and cooling systems to operate at peak efficiency and insulating walls and piping beyond industry norms, among many other practices.
- [NRG Heating & Air Conditioning](#) has been serving customers for 22 years, providing strong attention to detail and quality craftsmanship. In addition to climate control systems, NRG offers solar panel installation and repair.
- [Solarponics](#) was established in 1975 by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo engineering graduate Mike Emrich. Today, Solarponics designs and installs solar water heating, solar electric, solar pool heating, radiant heating and cooling, battery storage and more.

emPower offers free energy consultations from experienced Energy Coaches who can further connect homeowners with qualified contractors, utility incentives and low-interest unsecured financing. For more information for homeowners and the community, visit www.empowersbc.org.

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emPower qualified contractors may participate in one or more of the Tri-Counties. For more information about how to become a participating contractor, call (805) 568-3566 or go to www.empowersbc.org/contractors.

About emPower Central Coast

The emPower program offers voluntary incentives, financing and other services to help single-family homeowners in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties make home energy upgrades easier and more affordable. emPower was established by the County of Santa Barbara to help the community preserve the environment by helping to lower energy consumption and stimulate the economy by creating jobs through innovative, voluntary solutions to support a sustainable building performance market.