



2007 Contest Guidelines

Enter today for your chance to win a Quality Home Comfort Award!

A powerful symbol of your integrity, work ethic, and attention to detail, a **Quality Home Comfort Award** sets you apart from your competition.

Conversations with past winners reveal that the greatest value in winning a **Quality Home Comfort Award** comes in:

1. **The heightened perception of a contractor in the eyes of his customers**
2. **The increased business that follows**

If you recently completed an outstanding residential project, follow these simple guidelines for your chance to win a **Quality Home Comfort Award** – one of the most powerful marketing tools an HVAC contractor can possess.

2007 Quality Home Comfort Award winners can also look forward to:

- u Recognition in front of thousands of their contractor peers at **HVAC Comfortech 2007**, the premier national, residential and light commercial seminar and product showcase, to be held in St. Louis in September 2007
- u \$500 cash
- u Free registration to HVAC Comfortech 2007 (a \$600 value!)
- u National recognition through a detailed project profile in the July **Quality Home Comfort Awards** issue of **Contracting Business** and on **www.contractingbusiness.com**
- u A link to your company website from the posting of your award-winning article on **contractingbusiness.com** (and a link from your site to your article on **contractingbusiness.com**!)
- u A Marketing Kit, including
 - Press releases
 - QHCA truck decals
 - QHCA logos for use on your website and all company correspondence



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WHAT IS THE QUALITY HOME COMFORT AWARD PROGRAM?

Contracting Business Magazine created the **Quality Home Comfort Award** program to honor the best in residential comfort system design and application. These prestigious awards stress the importance and value of the HVAC system as a key component of a well-built home, and in doing so, set the standards of residential HVAC excellence.

WHAT ARE THE CONTEST CRITERIA?

There is no entry fee and you may enter as many projects as you like. **COMFORT** and **QUALITY WORK** are our foremost requirements (energy savings is also an important part of the overall consideration). **UNIQUE IDEAS** and **PROBLEM SOLVING** techniques are equally important.

- The projects must be implemented on residential single family homes.
- Entries should meet the highest possible quality standards.
- The HVAC contractor must be an established contractor with good credentials.
- The homes should be quality homes. They should have some interesting – unique, if possible – comfort demands.
- Any size home can qualify! Square footage of the home is irrelevant – there are categories for both small and large homes. The point is the HVAC industry offers a quality comfort system to match any home's requirements.
- You may enter as many different homes as you like.
- The homeowners must consent to being interviewed and having their home featured in *Contracting Business*.
- **Projects must be completed between November 2005 and November 2006.**

THE HVAC SYSTEM SHOULD MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS AND CRITERIA:

1. Use high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment on main system(s). Minimum 90% AFUE, 8 HSPF, or 13 SEER.
2. Include equipment to maintain indoor air quality, providing air purification and humidity control.
3. Be designed to meet ASHRAE or ACCA Manual J Standards on load calculation, equipment, and ductwork sizing.
4. Be accurately tested and balanced.

THE HVAC SYSTEM SHOULD INCLUDE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURES/SYSTEMS:

1. Zoning with multiple zone control of one or more central systems.
2. Dehumidification of high humidity areas such as indoor swimming pool, hot tub, etc.
3. Forced air cooling combined with hydronic and/or hot water heating.
4. Geothermal system(s).
5. Electronic programmable thermostats.
6. Indoor Air Quality System: electronic or mechanical.
7. Heat recovery system.

Deadline for entries is March 16, 2007

HOW DO I ENTER?

Use this form as a guideline in preparing your entry. Be sure to include **ALL** requested information. Feel free to include blueprints, load calculations, and any additional documentation that will give the judges a more complete picture of your project. The more information you provide, the better. Send your completed entry, along with all supporting documentation, to the address listed on the last page.

WHAT SHOULD MY ENTRY INCLUDE?

Your entry should include all of the following information, in the order listed, along with supporting documentation. **Entries with missing items or information will be disqualified.**

1. AWARD CATEGORY (On your entry, please specify the letter and category description for each project entered.)

- A. Retrofit/renovation in an existing home up to 3,000 sq. ft.
- B. Retrofit/renovation in an existing home more than 3,000 sq. ft.
- C. Newly constructed home up to 4,000 sq. ft.
- D. Newly constructed home 4,001 - 6,000 sq. ft.
- E. Newly constructed home more than 6,000 sq. ft.

2. HVAC CONTRACTOR – Your entry **MUST** include the following information. You are encouraged to attach company brochures/background information for support.

- Company Name
- Contact Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- E-mail
- Principals
- Years in Business
- Market Area
- Number of Employees

Also include the following information:

- A. Type of work your company is involved in (residential, commercial, service, new construction, etc.)
- B. Project responsibilities and key individuals directly responsible for the design and quality implementation of your project

3. HOME (Note: The home may not be the residence of the HVAC contractor or the builder.)

- Owner's name
- Phone
- Address
- Square footage
- At least six photos of home exterior, important interior rooms, and the HVAC system
- Floor plans of the home, clearly showing HVAC zones (include equipment locations, duct layout and register placement, if possible). Clearly marked blueprints are acceptable. Color coding to represent zones is preferred.
- Complete cooling and heating load calculations by zone (please indicate which equipment controls each zone).

Also include the following information:

- A. Type of home. Describe the area surrounding the building (for example, country setting, urban, suburban, vacation home, golf course, by the ocean, etc.).
- B. Describe the system design and installation in detail. Include information about controls, zoning, duct or piping design, accessories; special equipment to address unusual temperature, IAQ or humidity problems with indoor pools, spas, home offices, etc.
- C. What were the homeowner's requirements? Were there any unique problems or health-related issues? How did you address them?
- D. Describe how the system was tested and/or balanced. If there were any problems during the start-up, how were they resolved?
- E. Cost of home.
- F. Total comfort system investment. Explain what this investment includes.

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4. PRODUCTS

List the brand name, model number, and size/capacity of all products that were key to the success of the job (major equipment, humidifiers, air cleaners, heat recovery ventilators, controls, accessories, etc.). Include brand name, model #, equipment size/capacity.

5. BUILDER *(NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY!)*

Please include all of the following information. You may also attach company brochures or background information for support.

- Company Name
- Contact Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- E-mail
- Principals
- Years in Business
- Market Area

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Attach any other information or insight into why you consider this an award-winning project.

IMPORTANT: Before mailing in your entry, make sure it includes ALL of the following:

1. All of the information requested in these guidelines
2. At least 6 photographs of home exterior, important interior rooms, and HVAC system (if possible, also provide pictures of the HVAC distribution system and equipment areas, during and after construction).
3. Floor plans of the home, clearly showing HVAC zones.
4. Complete cooling and heating load calculations by zone.

Mail your entry, including all plans, photos, and supporting documentation to:

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Quality Home Comfort Awards Contest
c/o Penton Media, Inc.
The Penton Media Building
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