

## Board Candidate Application

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### **1. Please describe in light of the responsibilities of the RESNET Board why you are the right person to be a member of the RESNET Board of Directors**

Over the years, I have supported RESNET in a wide variety of roles. I became a HERS rater in 2004 and steadily expanded my skills to include both HERS QAD and Trainer. I have conducted HERS trainings for hundreds of Raters throughout the country and in Puerto Rico. I have attended every RESNET conference since 2005 and presented every year except one. Beginning in 2006, I became an active member of numerous committees and working groups, including the former Training & Certification and Technical Committees and the Multifamily Working Group. RESNET has hired me to assist with the annual Provider QA review twice, and in 2015, I became the chair of the Quality Agent Training Working Group, which is tasked with developing the training program for new Quality Agents.

Being a HERS Rater, trainer, and QAD is only one way that I am involved with the high performance construction industry. I am also active in the broader green building community, frequently certifying projects and conducting trainings on LEED for Homes, National Green Building Standard (NGBS), Enterprise Green Communities, and EarthCraft programs.

I am committed to growing the HERS rating industry and have worked to improve consistency and quality within the industry for over 13 years. Serving on a variety of committees and working groups, working with RESNET as a contractor, and being a HERS Rater, trainer, and QAD have given me a unique perspective and holistic understanding of RESNET. This, combined with my extensive industry experience, has prepared me for a new role as RESNET Board Member.

### **2. Why is this the right time for you to serve on the RESNET Board?**

I am excited about the opportunity to promote change and continued improvement through a Board position. I feel this is a logical next step in my continued involvement with the organization. As a small business owner, I want to ensure that the Board is truly representative of the diverse HERS Industry and our collective needs. If elected, I have the available time and drive to dedicate myself to this position.

### **3. Please explain your knowledge and/or experience in terms of each of the primary responsibilities of the RESNET Board**

I am an industry-recognized expert with over a decade of experience as a HERS Rater, Trainer, and QAD. I have a clear vision for the essential role RESNET plays in improving our built environment. This experience has made me keenly aware of the need for great national consistency of HERS ratings as well as the value in increasing the adoption of the Energy Rating Index option in energy codes.

As a small business owner I have a deep understanding of all facets of running a company. I am engaged in the process of strategic planning for my own company with an eye toward the present and future of green building, our vision for the business, and the needs of the market. I am familiar with RESNET's Strategic Plan and look forward to helping to craft the annual priorities.

I'm comfortable reviewing budgets and financial statements; designing and implementing marketing plans; working in a team; and managing employees. The Board has the important role of providing fiduciary oversight of RESNET. I have the skills to do this and, as a principal in my own company, I have shouldered this responsibility and understand the importance of oversight.

My involvement with RESNET as a committee member, contractor, and now chairperson of a working group has provided me with a thorough understanding of RESNET's operation and governance structure. While I have limited experience with the laws and regulations of the State of California and the IRS rules for (501)c3 organizations, I am

committed to learning as much as possible to ensure RESNET compliance. My experience providing QA has given me a thorough knowledge of rules and guidelines as well as the ways in which they can be implemented in real life.

**4. Describe your experience in either leadership and/or serving on the board of a non-profit organization.**

As the co-founder and principal of my own company, I am responsible for day-to-day leadership decisions. These skills will provide me a solid foundation to build upon as a Board member.

I am currently a member of the US Green Building Council's Georgia Chapter Branch Leadership Group (BLG). The BLG is responsible for scheduling educational and networking events, setting the strategic vision for the organization, and growing industry impact.

From 2011 to 2015 I served on the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association Education Committee. The committee was responsible for identifying and scheduling education events and managing the committee's budget.

**5. What would you contribute to the RESNET Board?**

If elected, I will be able to evaluate Board decisions from multiple points of view, particularly as a small business owner with a company that performs HERS Ratings and independent QA for other QA Providers. Over the years, I have contributed to the establishment of multiple HERS Training Providers, consulted on numerous electric and gas utility incentive programs, and trained hundreds of HERS Raters.

Since 2004, I have attended conferences and collaborated with other organizations and developed positive professional working relationships with a wide range of RESNET constituents. I am excited about the opportunity to work with RESNET staff, Board members, and the industry as a whole to further advance high performance construction. I understand how RESNET has real impact on Rater businesses and I believe that appropriate efforts to improve the quality and consistency of Ratings will strengthen the industry as a whole.