

# YES... We Qualify!



# APPLEBY SYSTEMS, INC

## Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency

***How has the new Stimulus bill affected the tax credits for energy efficient home improvements?***



On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed a stimulus bill (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) that made some significant changes to the energy efficiency tax credits. The highlights are:

- \* The tax credits that were previously effective for 2009, have been extended to 2010 as well.
- \* The tax credit has been raised from **10% to 30%**.
- \* The tax credits that were for a specific dollar amount (ex \$300 for a CAC), have been converted to **30% of the cost**.
- \* The maximum credit has been raised from **\$500 to \$1500** for the two years (2009–2010). However, some improvements such as geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, and solar panels are not subject to the \$1,500 maximum.
- \* The **\$200 cap on windows has been removed**.

| Product Category | Product Type                   | Tax Credit Specification                 | Tax Credit                 |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Windows & Doors  | Exterior Windows and Skylights | U factor $\leq$ 0.30<br>SHGC $\leq$ 0.30 | 30% of cost, up to \$1,500 |
|                  | Exterior Doors                 | U factor $\leq$ 0.30<br>SHGC $\leq$ 0.30 | 30% of cost, up to \$1,500 |

**\*\*Please note, not all ENERGY STAR qualified homes and products qualify for a tax credit. These tax credits are available for a number of products at the highest efficiency levels, which typically cost much more than standard products.**