DOE ZERO ENERGY READY HOME

Only a select group of the top builders in the country meet the extraordinary levels of excellence and quality specified by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Zero Energy Ready Home guidelines. The DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program represents a whole new level of home performance, with rigorous requirements that ensure outstanding levels of energy savings, comfort, health, and durability.

Lives Better.

**HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT**

Every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home has a comprehensive package of measures to minimize pollutants, provide continuous fresh air, and filter the air you breathe.

**COMFORT PLUS**

Superior insulation, windows, air sealing, and space conditioning systems surround you with even temperatures, low humidity, and quiet in every room on every floor.

Works Better.

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**

Every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home begins with the cold building science specified by the ENERGY STAR Certified Homes program, then adds advanced technologies and practices based on world-class research from DOE’s Building America program.

**ULTRA EFFICIENT**

DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes are so energy efficient, a small solar electric system can easily offset most or all of your annual energy consumption.

Lasts Better.

**QUALITY BUILT**

Advanced construction practices and technologies are specified. Independent verifiers test and inspect to make sure these are installed and operating as prescribed.

**DURABILITY**

The advanced levels of energy savings, comfort, health, durability, and quality in every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home provide value that will stand the test of time.


Since 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Housing Innovation Awards have recognized the very best in innovation on the path to Zero Energy Ready Homes. The Housing Innovation Awards honor those forward-thinking builders who are changing the way homes are designed and constructed to provide better places for Americans to live, stronger communities, and a more economically and environmentally resilient nation.

Winners and grand winners are selected by an esteemed panel of industry experts, then announced at the annual EEBA Excellence in Building Conference. Winning homes are featured on the DOE Tour of Zero website, in DOE case studies and news releases, and in the builder’s partner profile on the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home website. You can see past Housing Innovation Award winners at: buildings.energy.gov/zero.