



# DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Better Business for Builders

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for

DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Program

By constructing DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes, you are:

- **in a select group of builders**

Only the **top one percent of builders** in the country meets the extraordinary energy efficiency, comfort, health, safety, durability and quality levels associated with the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home.

- **providing unprecedented value**

Your customers receive immediate energy savings of 40-50% easy to adapt to **zero net-energy performance** with a small renewable energy system.

- **differentiated from the competition**

About 12 in 13 homes sales nationwide are 'used' homes. In addition, the majority of new homes are constructed to minimum code. Based on a foundation of comprehensive home performance, including ENERGY STAR Qualified Home v.3 and the **latest proven innovations** from DOE Building America, the program provides a path to constructing zero energy ready that none of your competition has.

As a condition of partnership, all partners are required to complete an annual online training in order to be listed as a partner

This orientation training should take 1 hour to complete. After this training, you should understand:

- How Zero Energy Ready Homes respond to housing industry trends
- Key changes/updates to DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
- Communicating the value proposition to homebuyers
- Your roles and responsibilities and the benefits of being a DOE Zero Energy Ready Home partner
- The process for qualifying homes
- The technical specifications included in the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home National Program Requirements

**Section 1:** What's Changed?

**Section 2:** Visible Future, Value Proposition, & Bus. Case

**Section 3:** Roles, Responsibilities and Process

**Section 4:** National Program Requirements



# What's Changed?

## DOE Challenge Home is now DOE Zero Energy Ready Home



Leveraging the “Power of Zero” to engage consumers

## New Training and Resources

### Extensive Training Series

- Live trainings (usually webinar format)
- Recorded online training
- Covering technical and marketing topics

### Building America Solutions Center (BASC)

- The ZERH Checklist Manager is now available. BASC offers world-class expert guidance right at your fingertips.
- [Basc.pnnl.gov](http://Basc.pnnl.gov)



## Technical Specification Changes/Updates

- Full compliance with the **Indoor airPLUS program** (eliminating a lone exception on garage exhaust ventilation which wasn't needed following EPA's latest update of this spec in November 2013)
- Adding eligibility for some **multifamily buildings** four or five stories above grade (consistent with the ENERGY STAR Homes program);
- Adding a **dry climate design option for buried ducts**, to satisfy the ducts In Conditioned space requirement.
- Increased water efficiency through **adaptive scheduling** Hot Water recirculation systems
- Windows are now included in the home's UA calculation



## Zero Energy Ready Homes **Definition**

A DOE Zero Energy Ready Home is a **high performance** home which is so **energy efficient**, that a renewable energy system can offset all or most of its annual energy consumption.



## The Visible Future

*“You can predict the future accurately.*

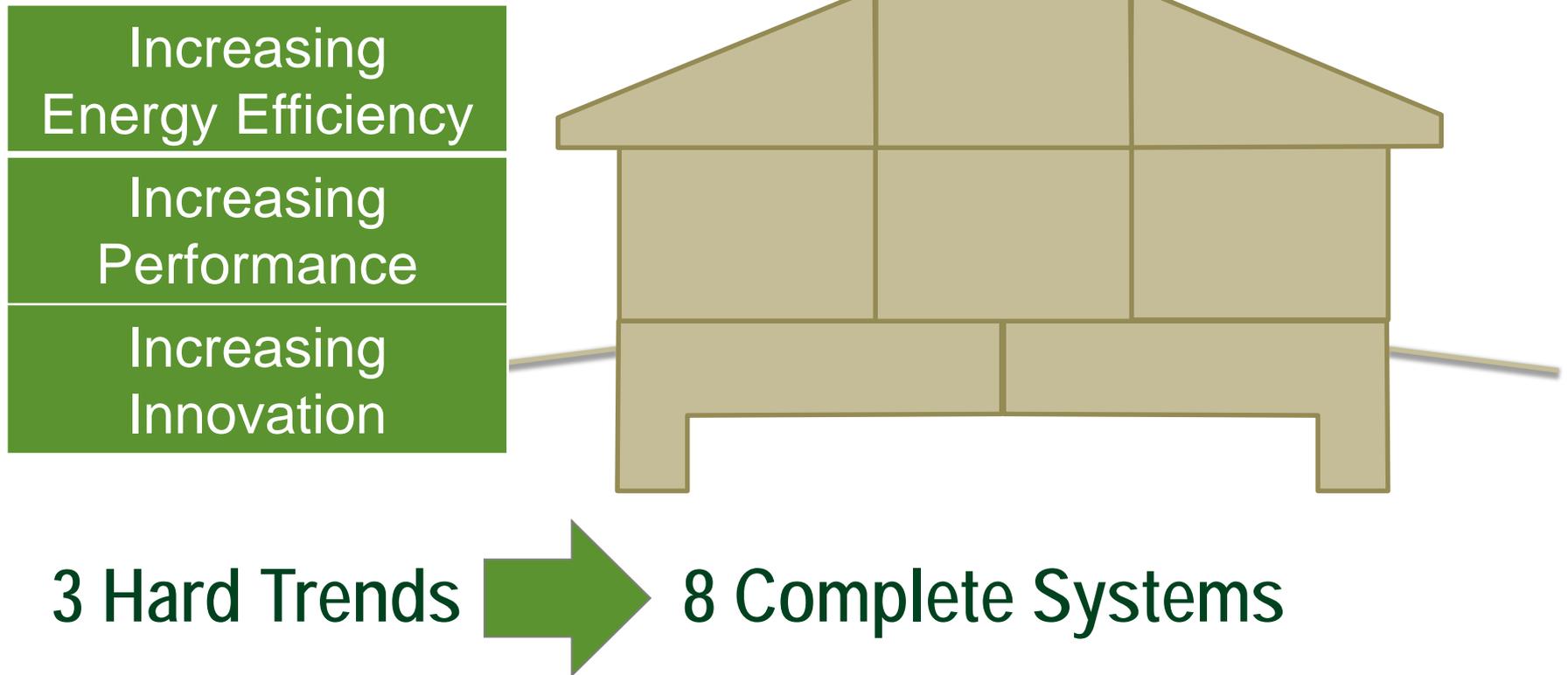
*All you have to do is leave out the parts  
you could be wrong about.”*

*“The key... is knowing how to distinguish a  
**soft trend** from a **hard trend**...*

***It’s knowing how to recognize certainty.”***

Daniel Burrus, *“Flash Foresight”*

# Predicting the Visible Future

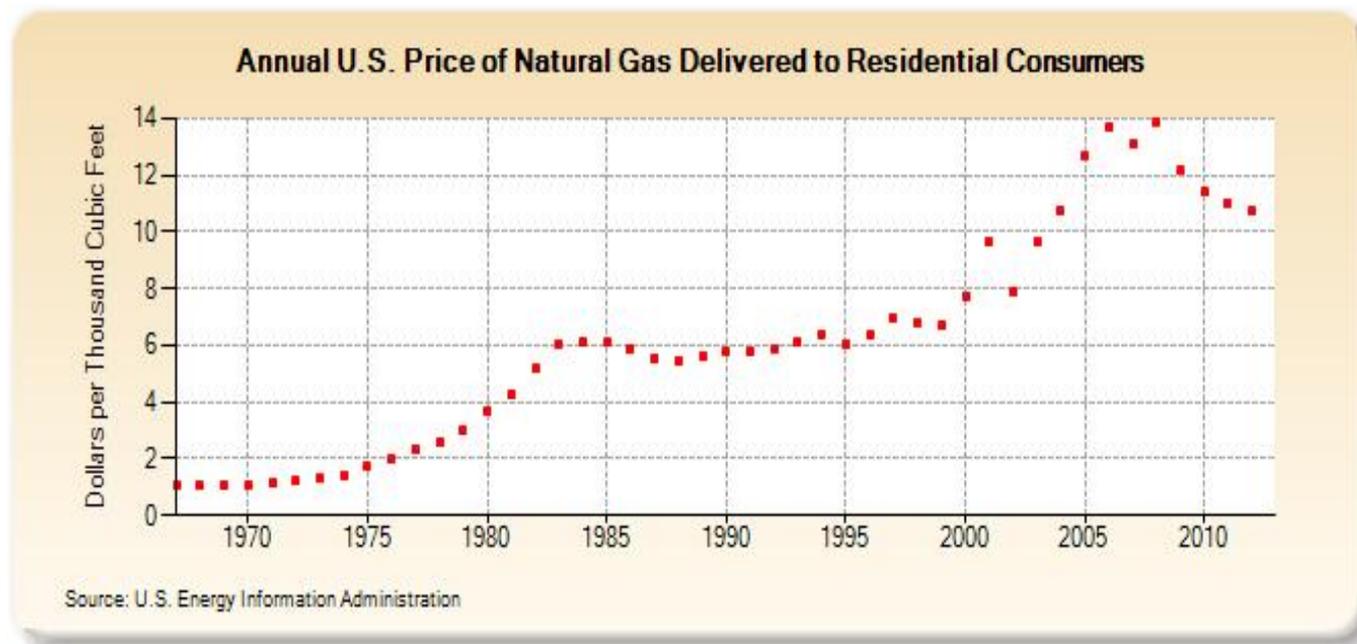


# Hard Trend: Increasing Energy Prices: Gas

> Energy Eff.

> Performance

> Innovation



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

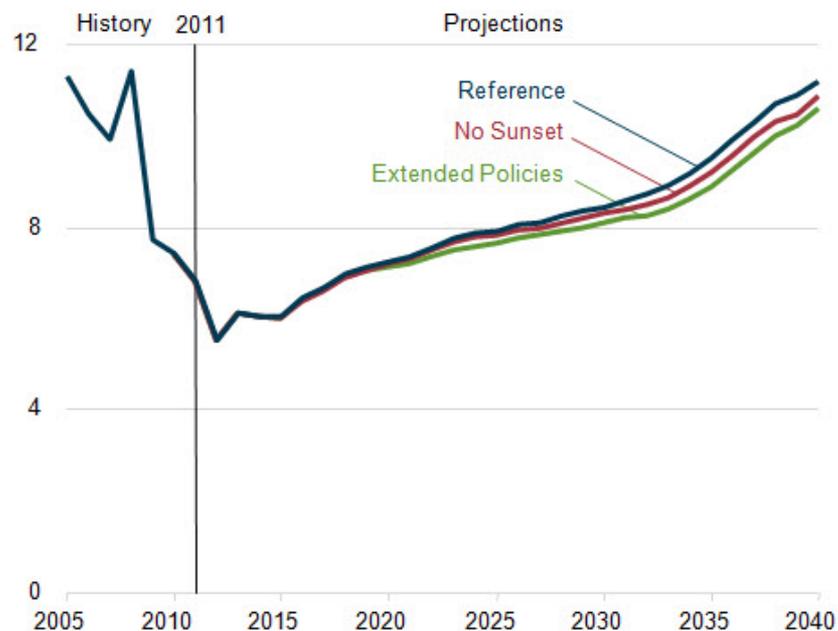
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Figure 19. Average delivered prices for natural gas in three cases, 2005-2040 (2011 dollars per million Btu)



Annual Energy Outlook 2013



# Hard Trend: Increasing Energy Prices

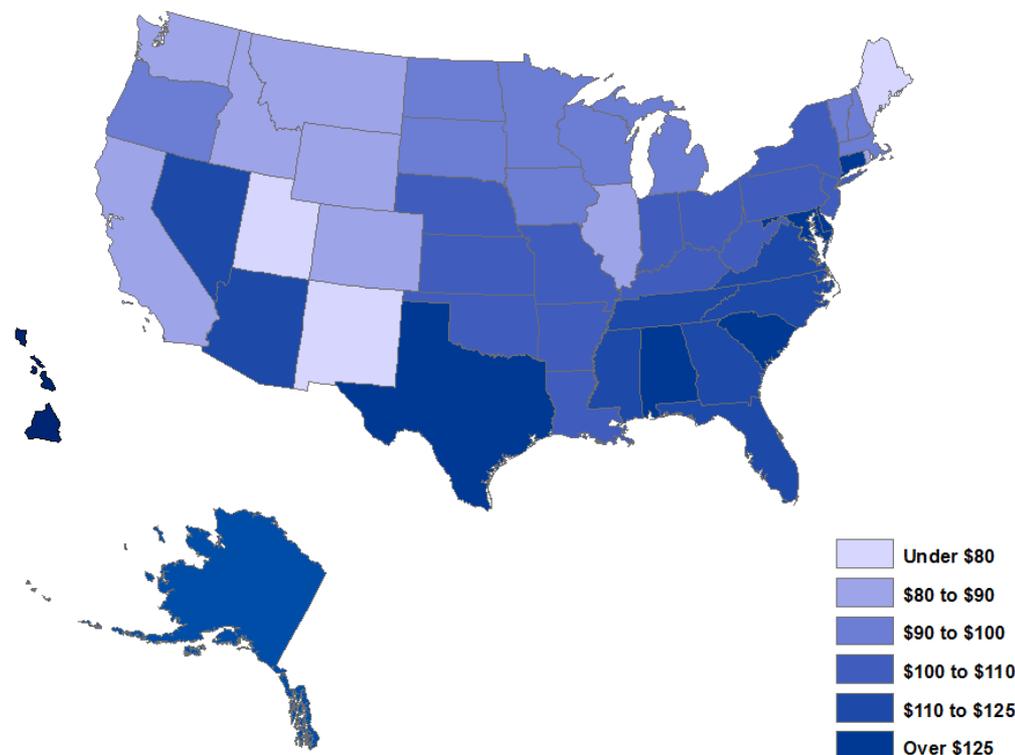
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National average electric bill has increased nearly 80% over the last ten years.

Average Monthly Residential Electric Bill  
2012



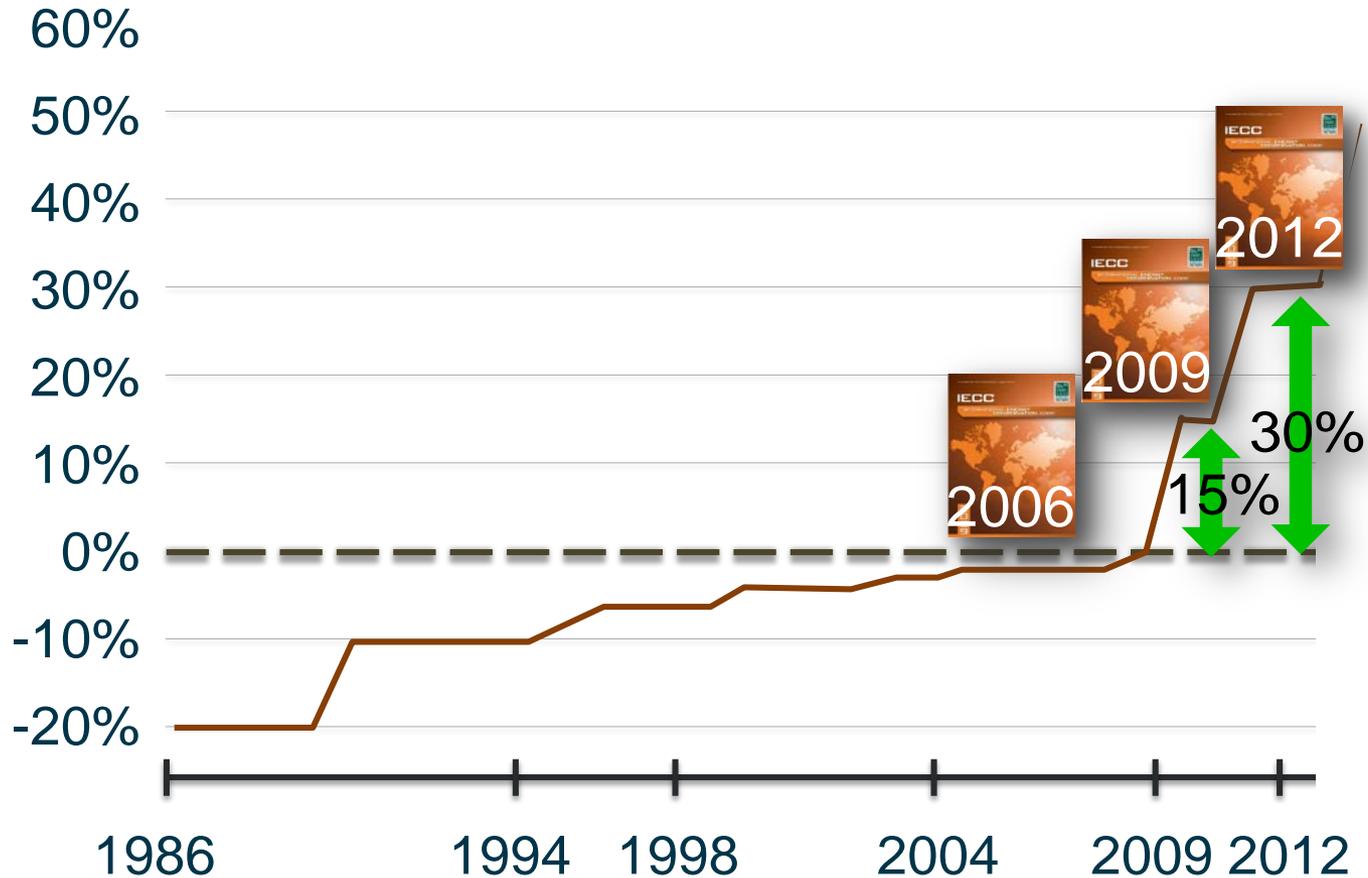
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# Hard Trend: Increasing Rigor of Energy Codes

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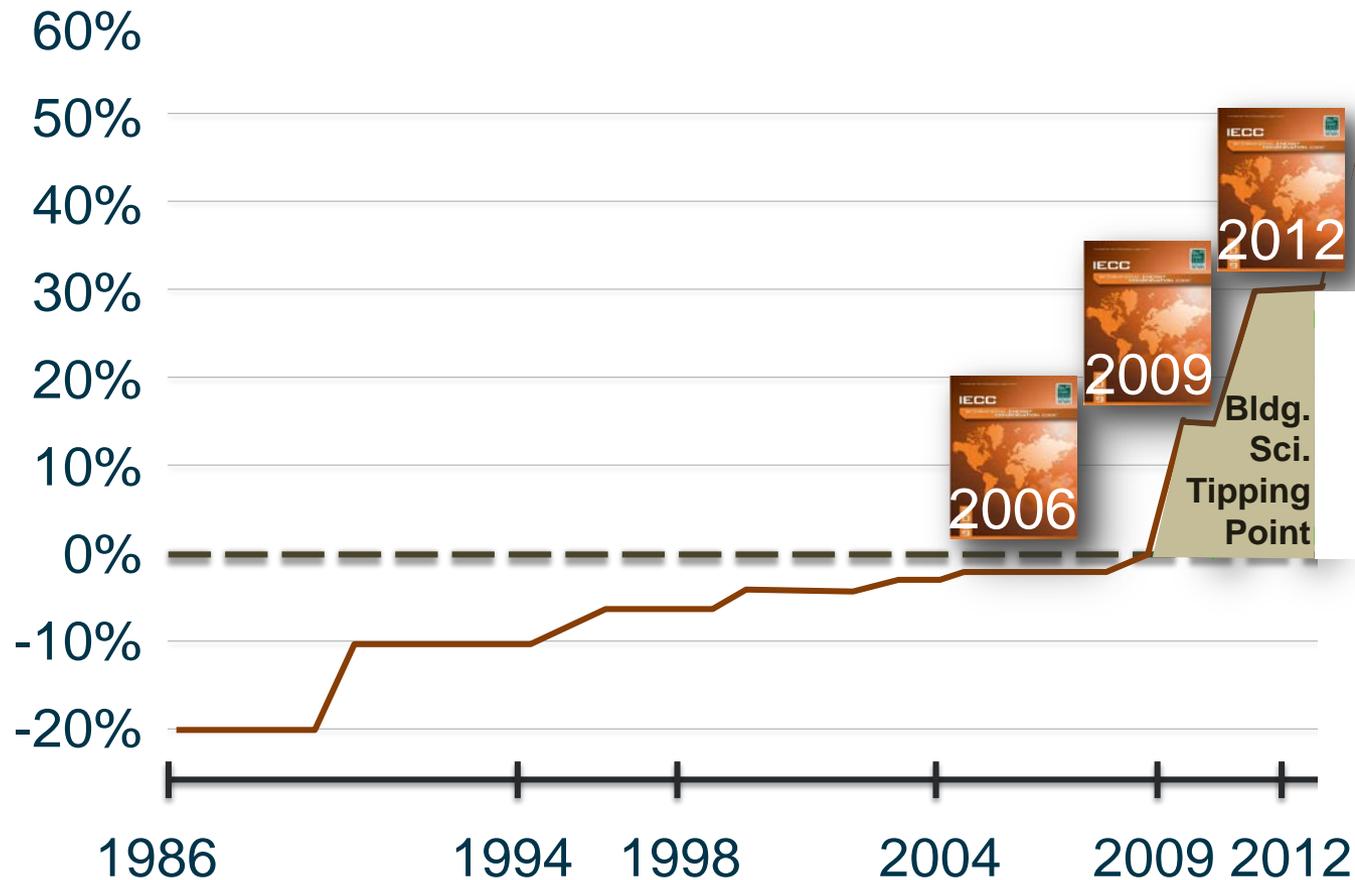


# Hard Trend: Increasing Builder Risk

> Energy Eff.

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> Innovation



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> Performance

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## **Building Science Tipping Point:**

- Homes No Longer Can Dry if They Get Wet
- Homes More Likely to Get Wet with Colder Condensing Surfaces
- Homes No Longer Ensure Fresh Air
- Greater Combustion Safety Risks

> Energy Eff.

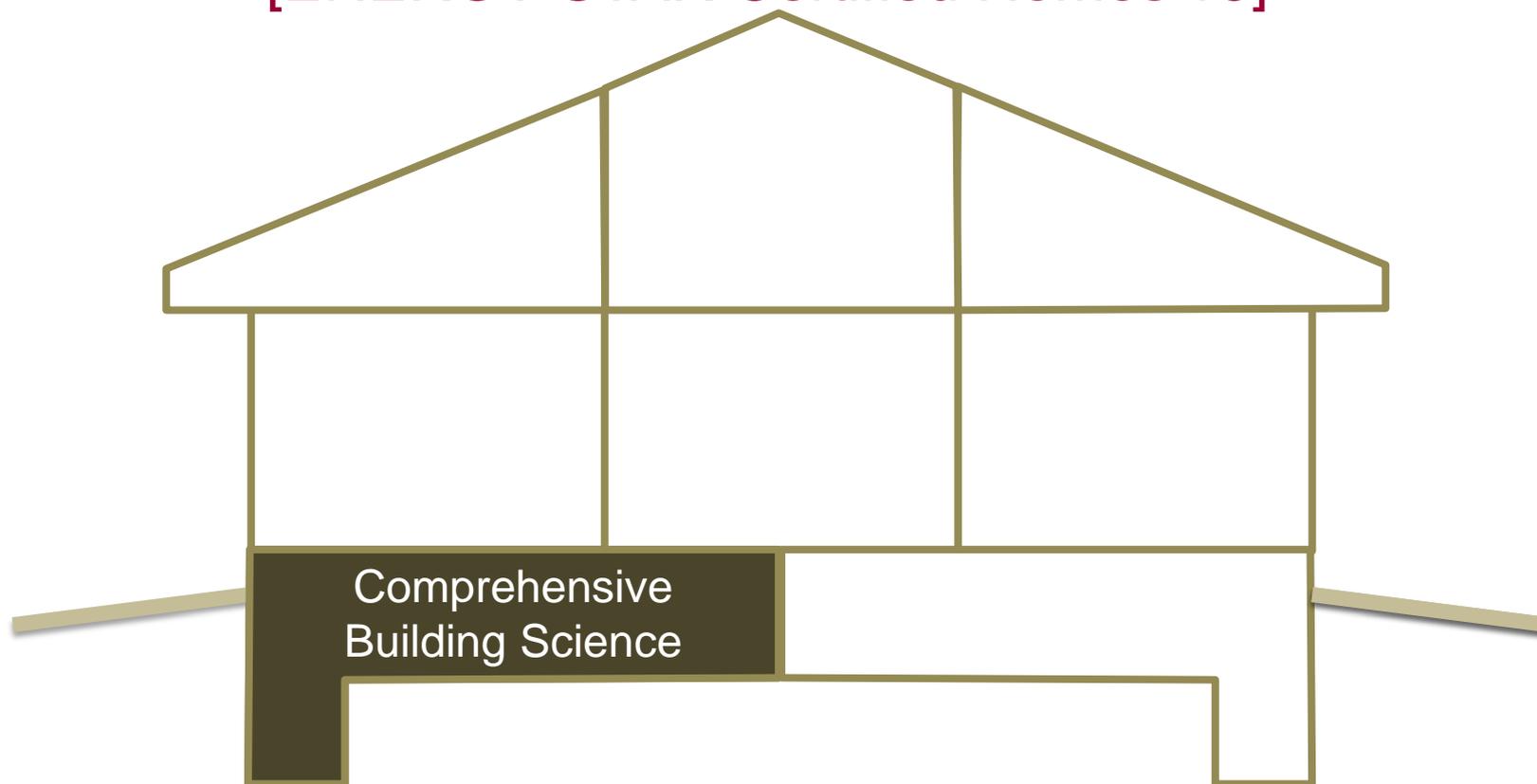
> Performance

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## Comprehensive Building Science:

Control Air, Thermal and Moisture Flow.

[ENERGY STAR Certified Homes v3]



# Hard Trend: Increasing Energy Eff. Homes

> Energy Eff.

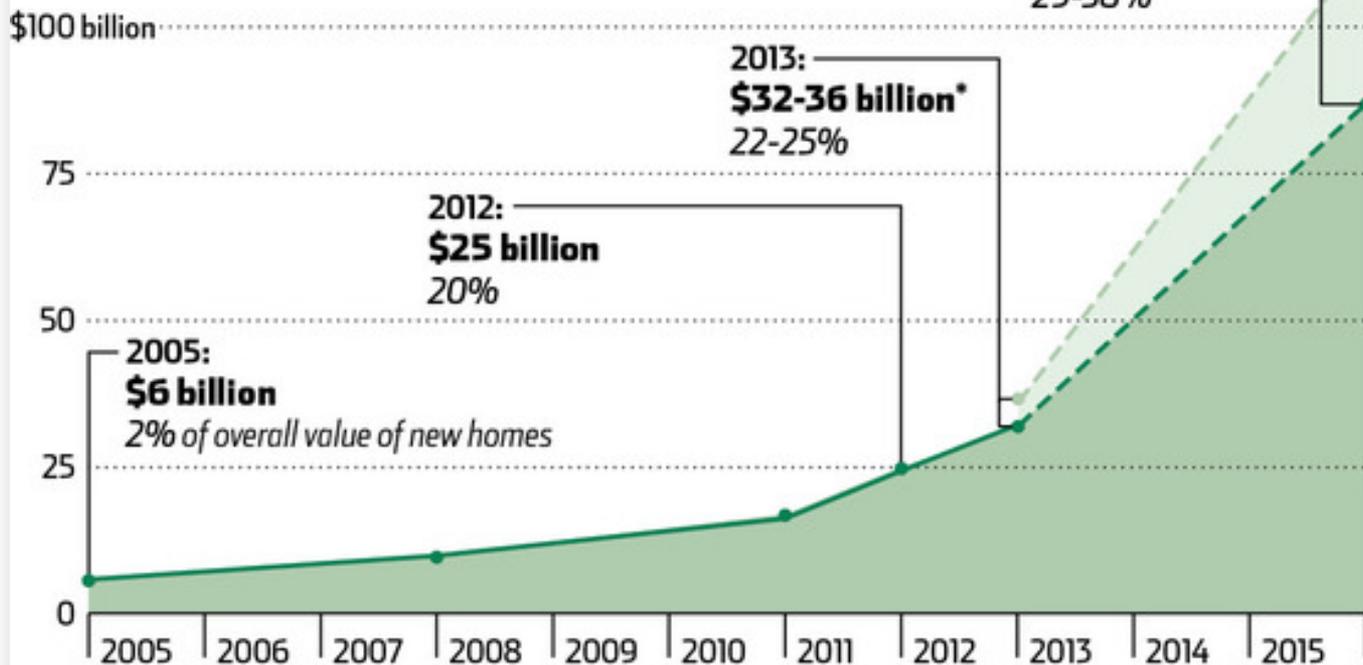
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## Green Growing

Green housing projects have been growing steadily, accounting for 20% of all newly built homes last year.

■ Base Estimate    ■ Upper Estimate



Source: McGraw Hill Construction

\* Projected

The Wall Street Journal

# 2013

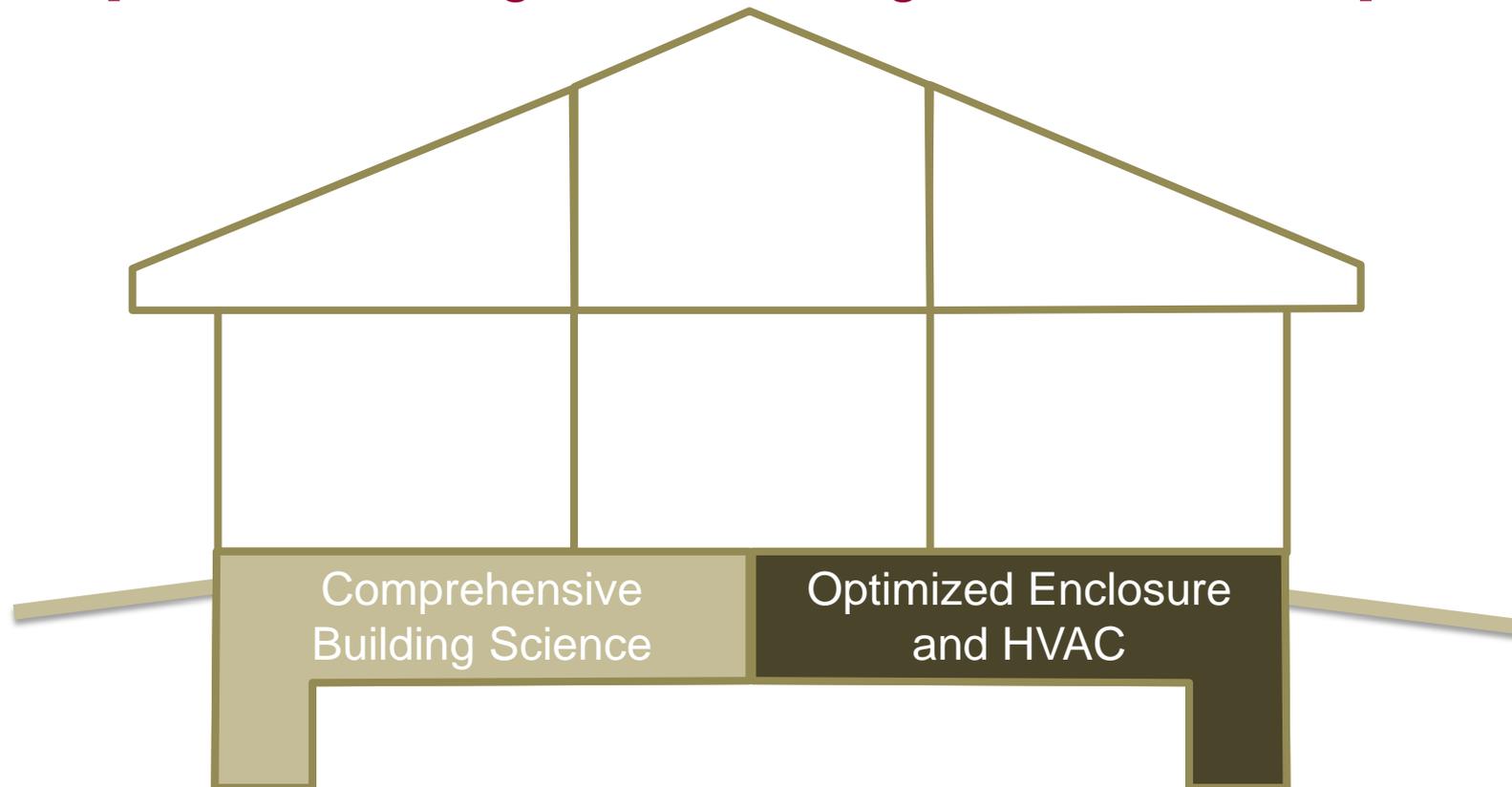
- ~220,000 HERS Ratings
- Average Score 64

> Energy Eff.

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## **Optimized Enclosure and HVAC:** Proven Technologies and Best Practices [DOE's Building America Program Innovations]

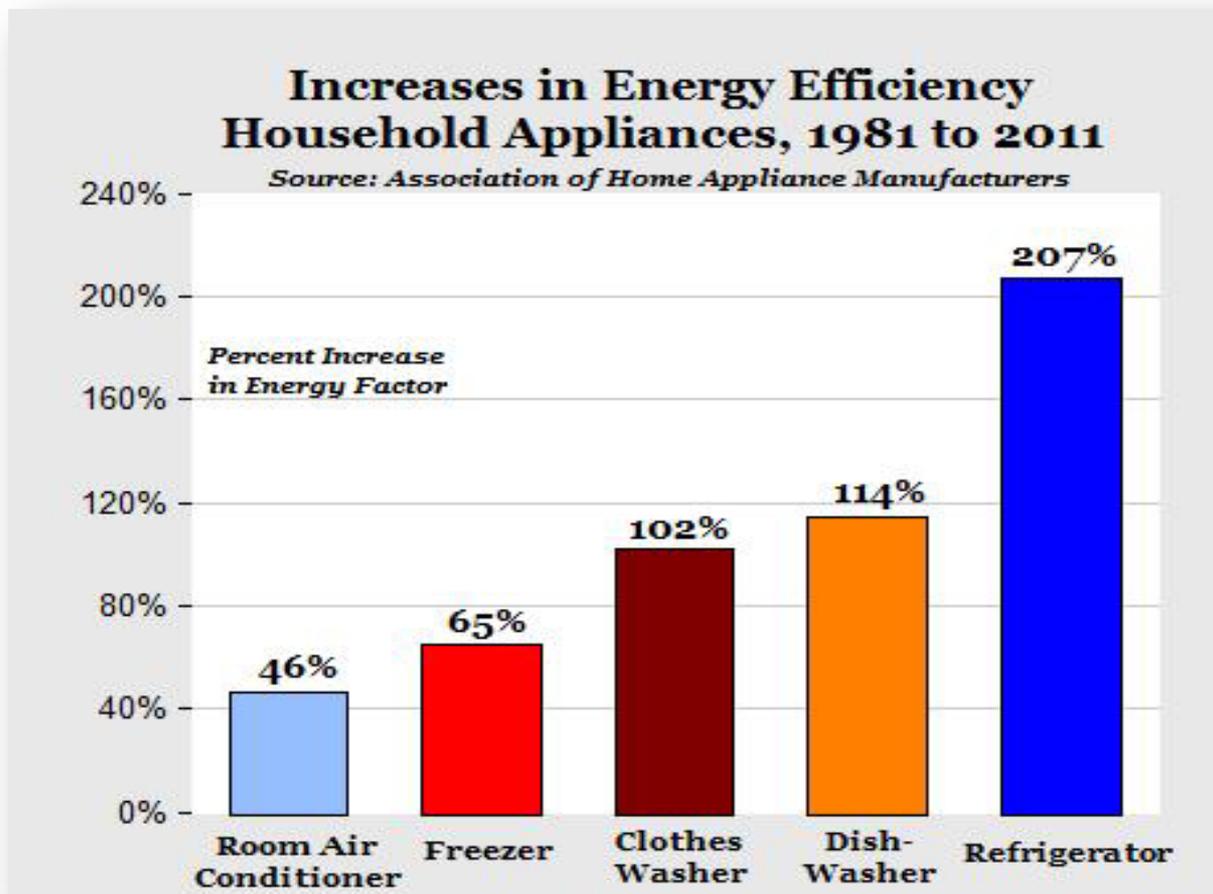


# Hard Trend: Increasing Energy Eff. Components

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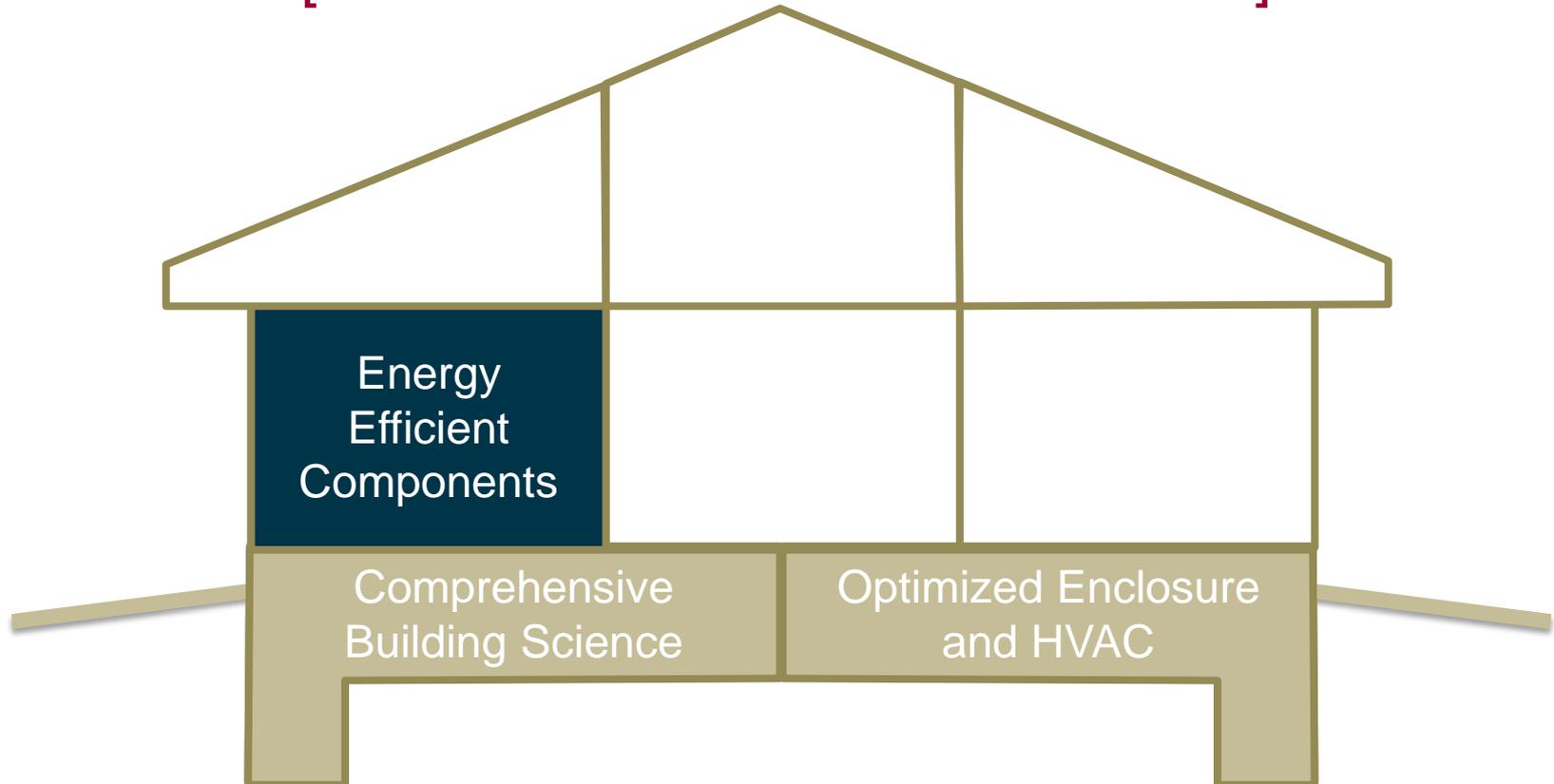
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## Energy Efficient Components:

High-Efficiency Appliances, Lighting, Fans  
[ENERGY STAR Certified Products]



# Hard Trend: Increasing Health Concerns

> Energy Eff.

> Performance

> Innovation



**\$40 Billion**



**\$20 Billion**

> Energy Eff.

> Performance

> Innovation

## **Indoor vs. Outdoor Air Pollutants:**

On average **2-5 times greater**

Up to **100 times greater**

While Americans Spend

**90% of time indoors**

> Energy Eff.

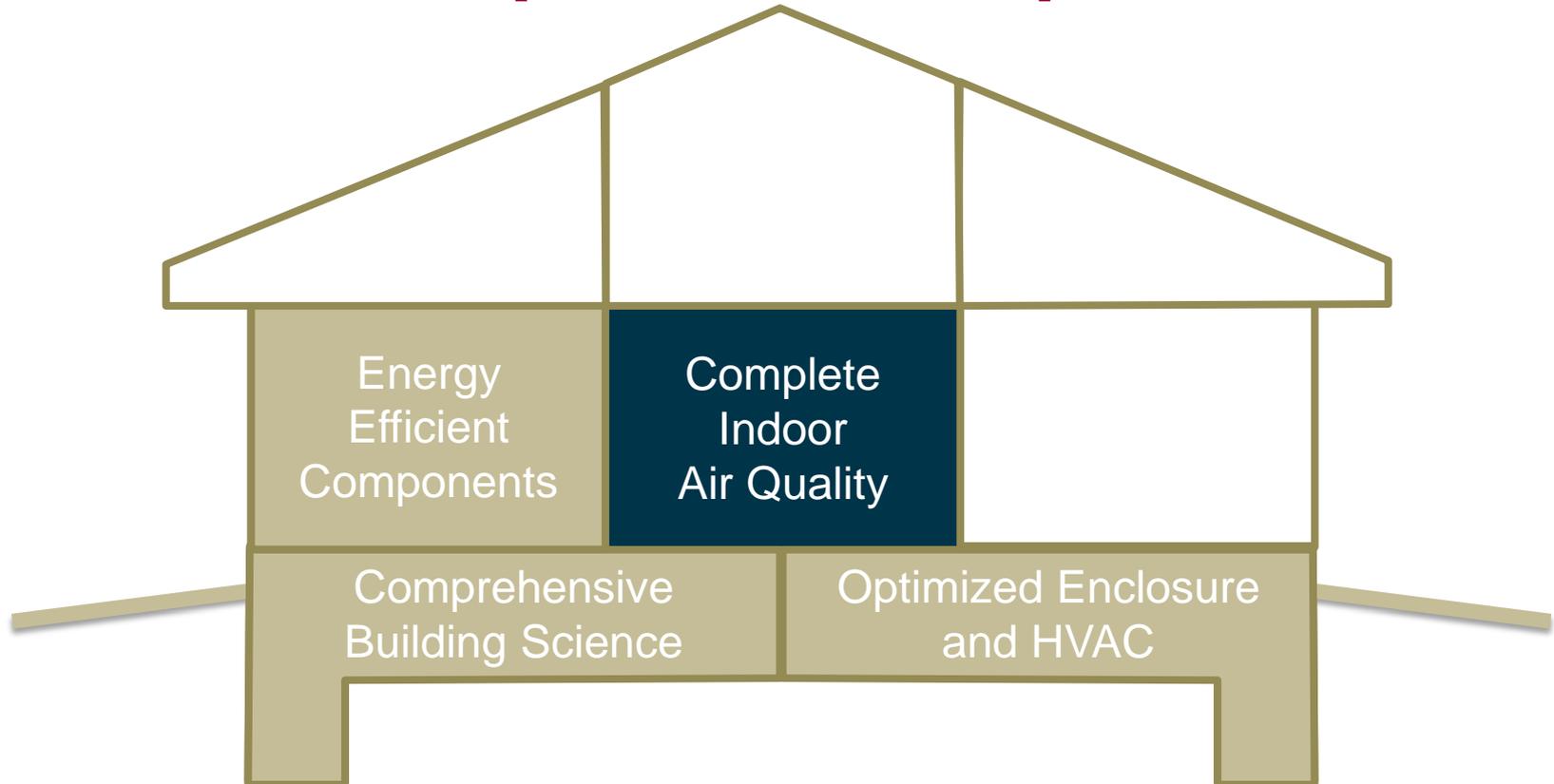
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## Comprehensive Indoor Air Quality:

Source Control, Dilution, and Filtration

[EPA Indoor airPlus]

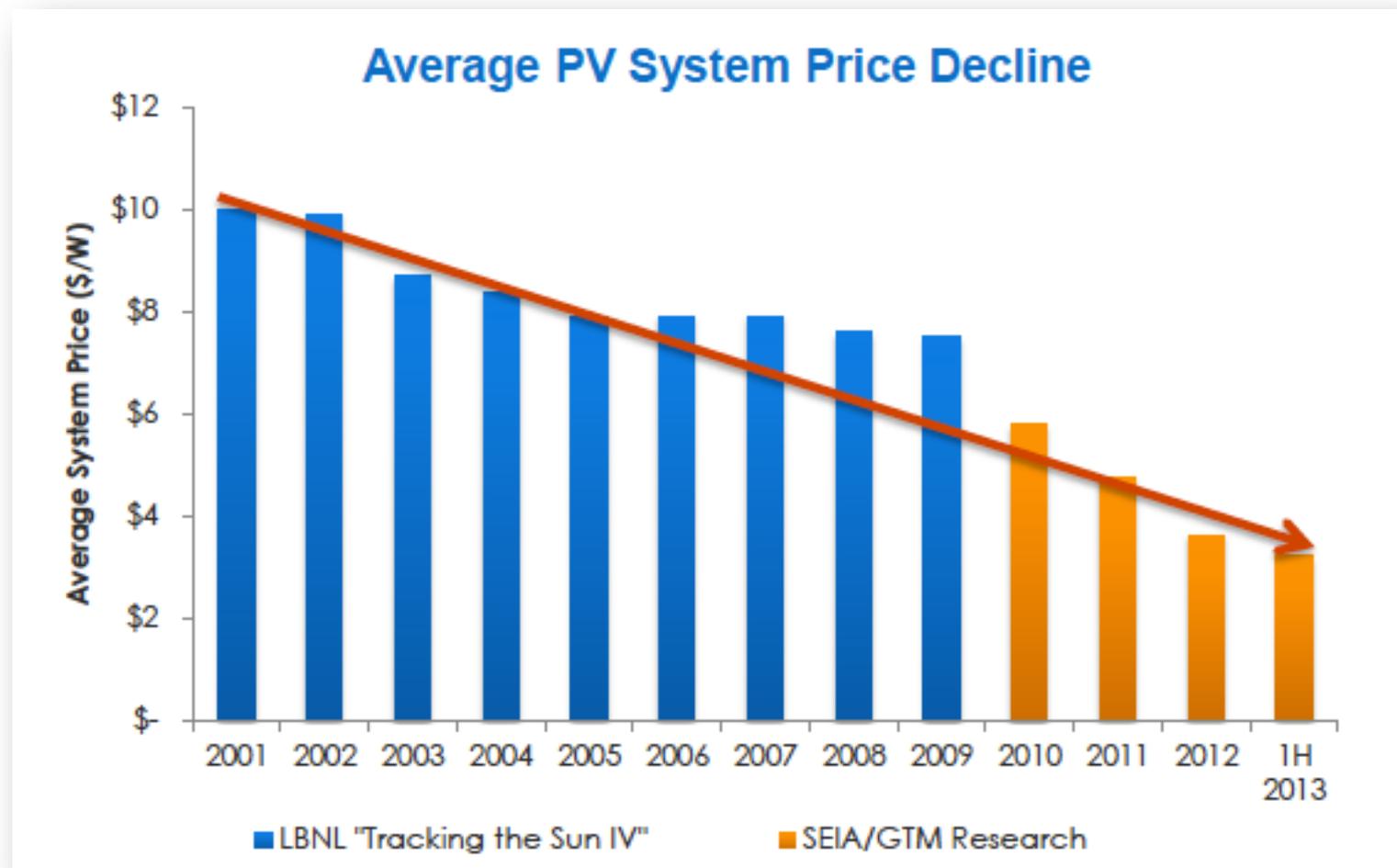


# Hard Trend: Decreasing Renewable Cost

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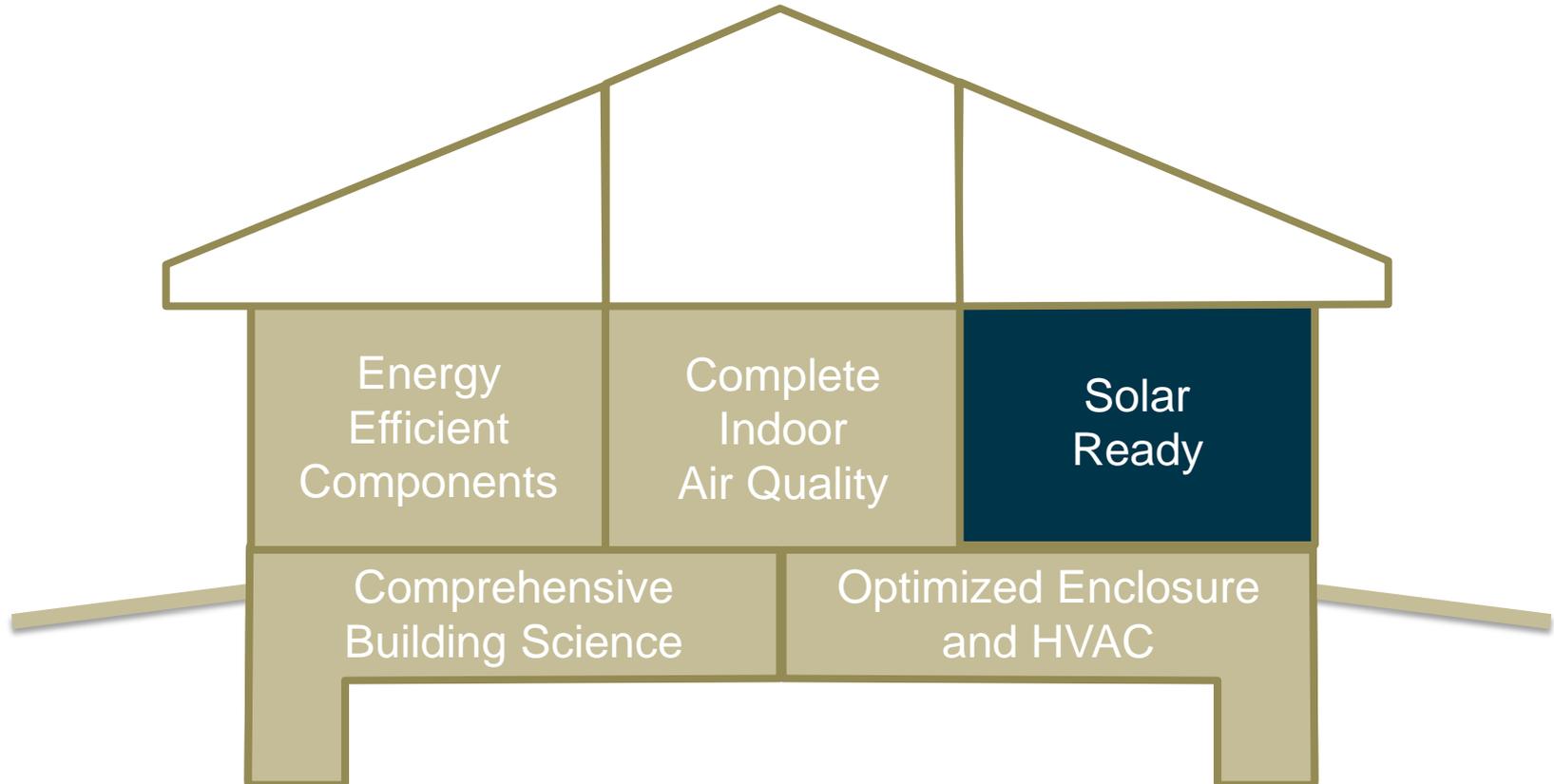
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## Solar Ready Package:

Low/No-Cost Details Can Save \$1,000's in Future  
[EPA Renewable Ready checklist]



# Hard Trend: Increasing Water Crisis

> Energy Eff.

> Performance

> Innovation



**1950 – 2000:**

U.S. Population Doubled  
Public Supply  
Water Demand  
More than Tripled

**Since 2011:**

> Half the U.S.  
Some Level of Drought.

# Hard Trend: Increasing Water Crisis

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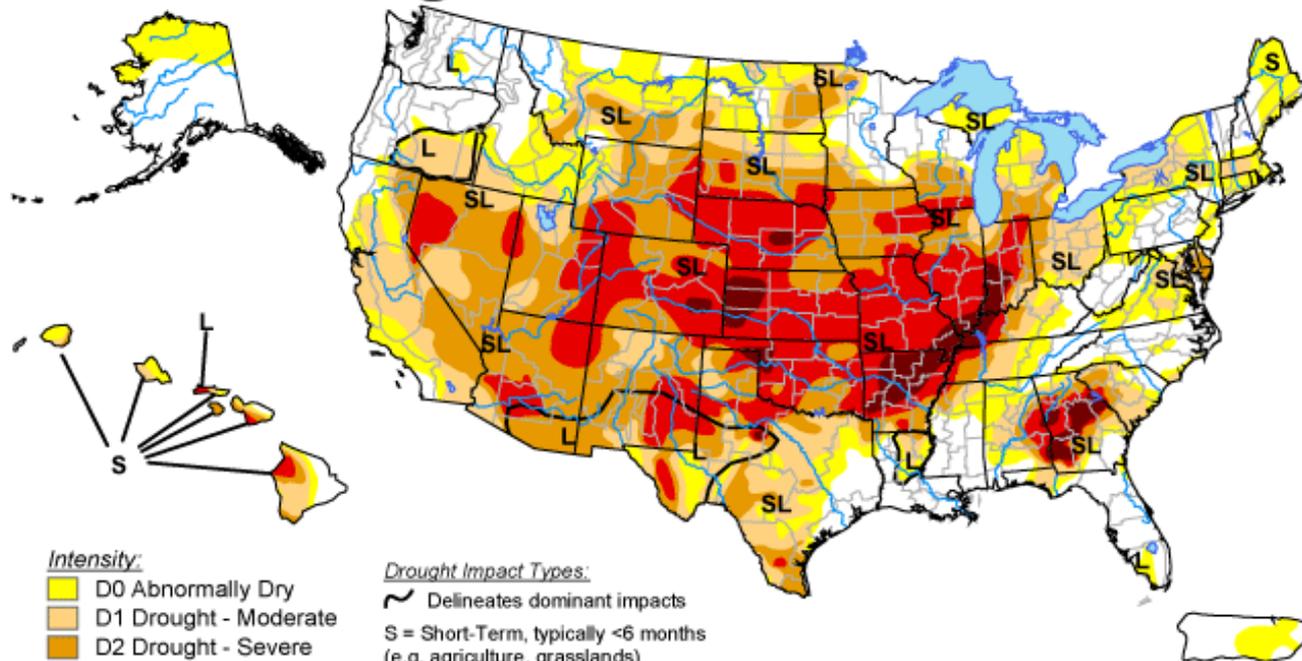
> Performance

> Innovation

## U.S. Drought Monitor

July 31, 2012

Valid 7 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

- Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months  
(e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months  
(e.g. hydrology, ecology)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.  
Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary  
for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



Released Thursday, August 2, 2012

Author: Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center

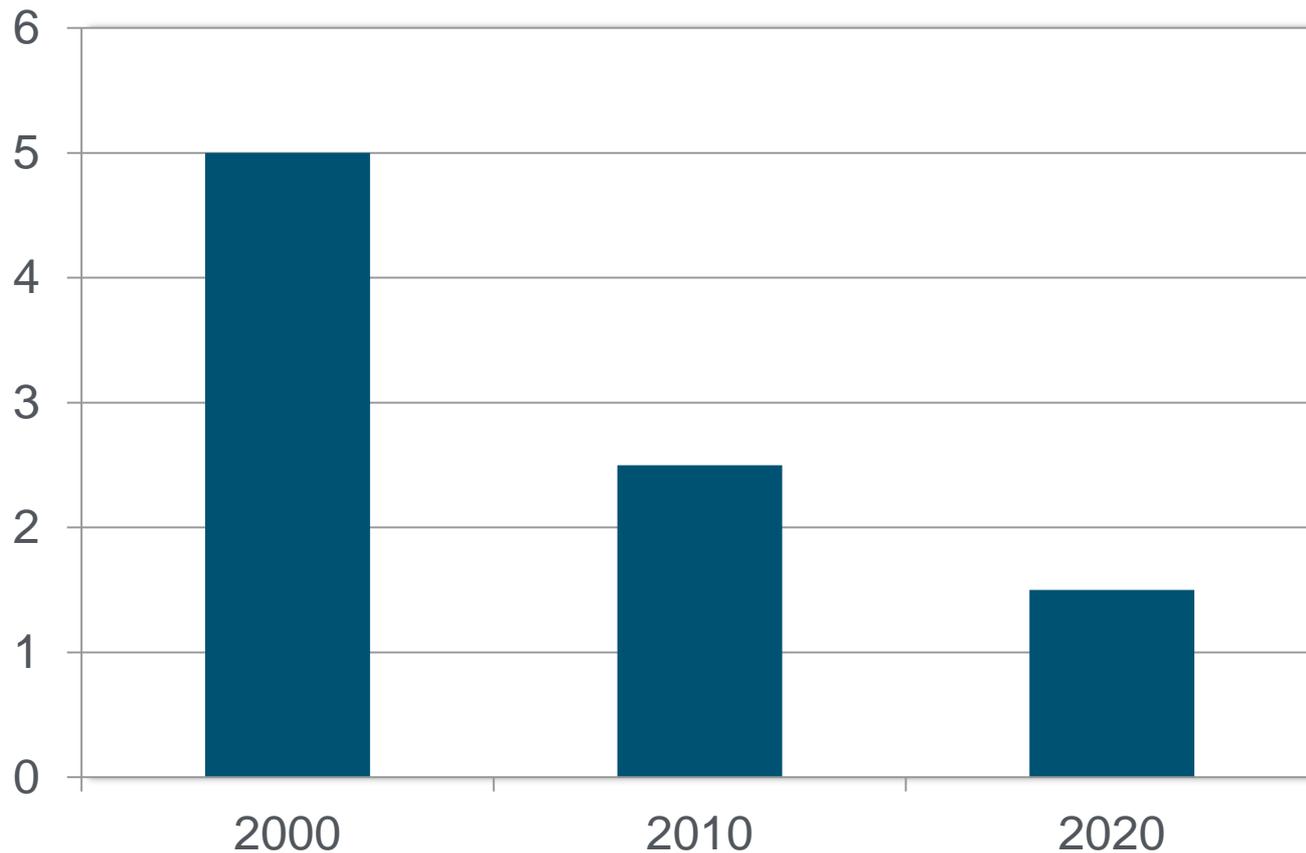
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## Shower/Faucet GPM Flow

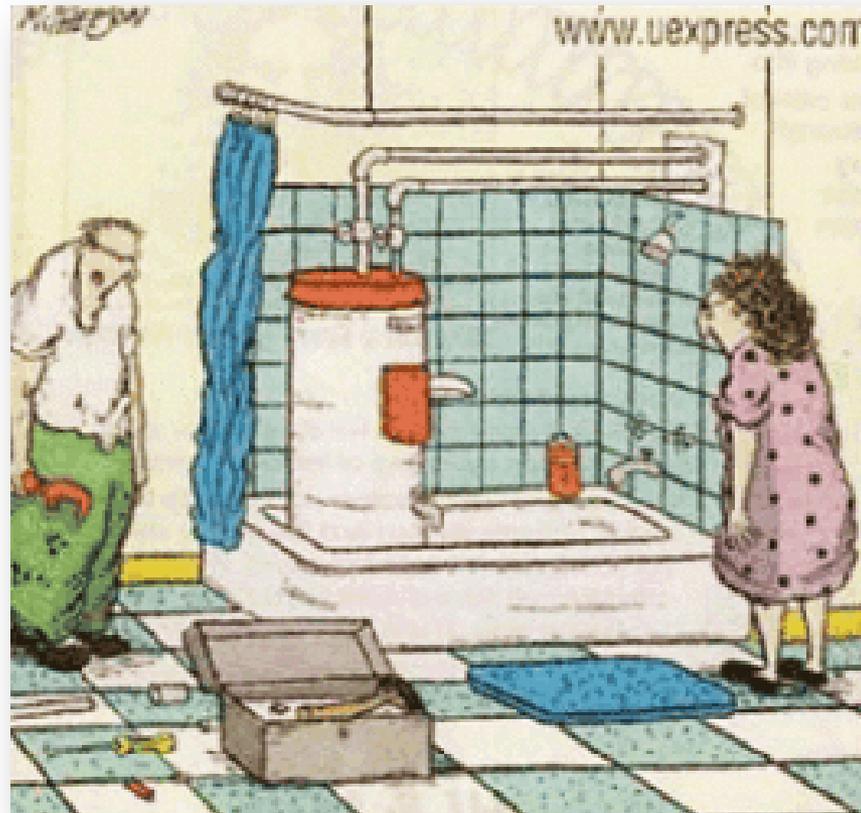


# Hard Trend: Decreasing Water Fixture Flow

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**“OK, there! I don’t want to hear anyone whining about how long it takes for the water to get hot!”**

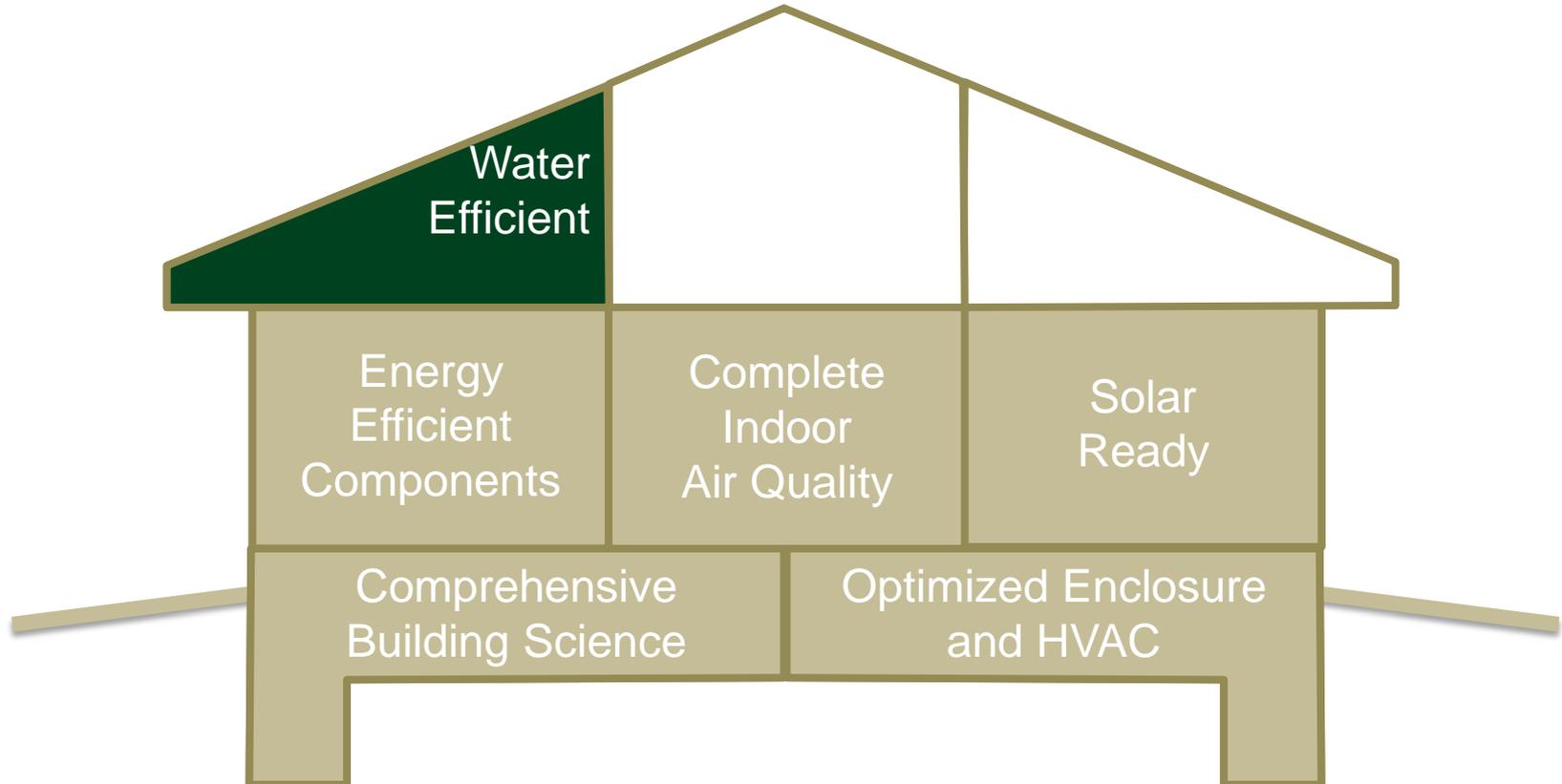
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## Water Efficiency:

Fixtures, Hot Water Distribution, & Landscaping  
[EPA WaterSense specifications]



# Hard Trend: Increasing Extreme Weather

> Energy Eff.

> Performance

> Innovation

## 2013 Highlights

### **Tornadoes:**

- Moore, OK:  
200 mph winds  
25 killed, 100's Injured,  
1,000+ homes destroyed
- El Reno, OK:  
widest tornado ever



# Hard Trend: Increasing Extreme Weather

> Energy Eff.

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## 2013 Highlights

### **Hurricane Sandy:**

- 285 killed
- 115 mph winds
- Record largest spanning 1,100 miles
- \$65 billion damage in the U.S.

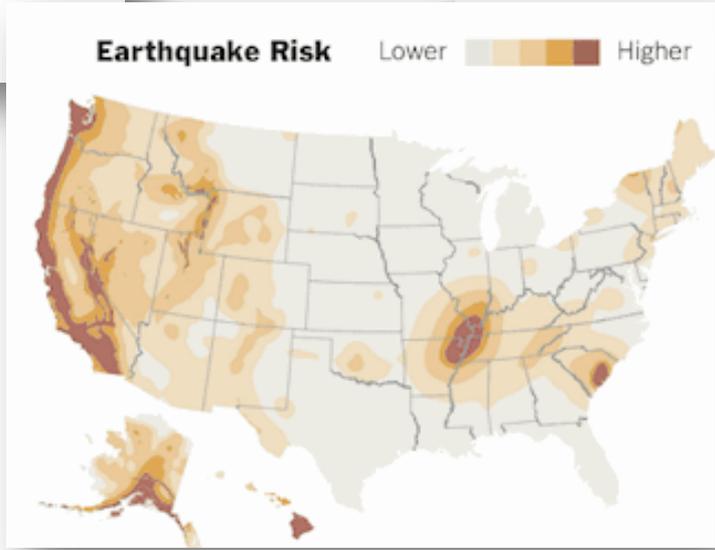
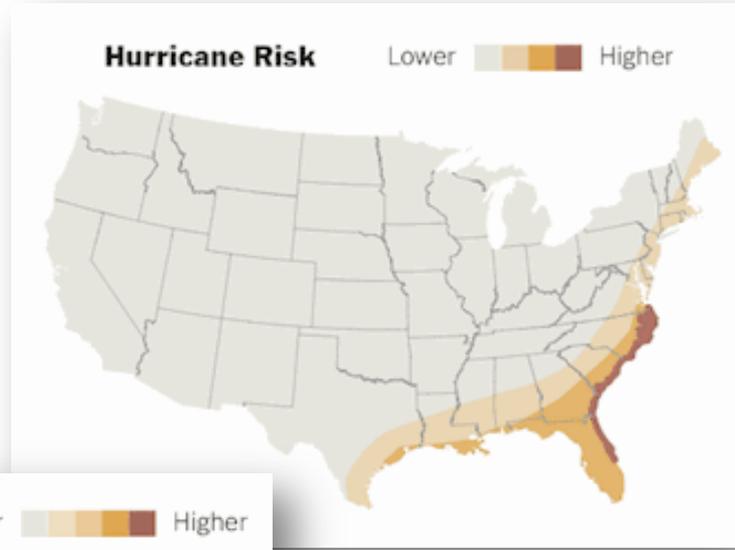
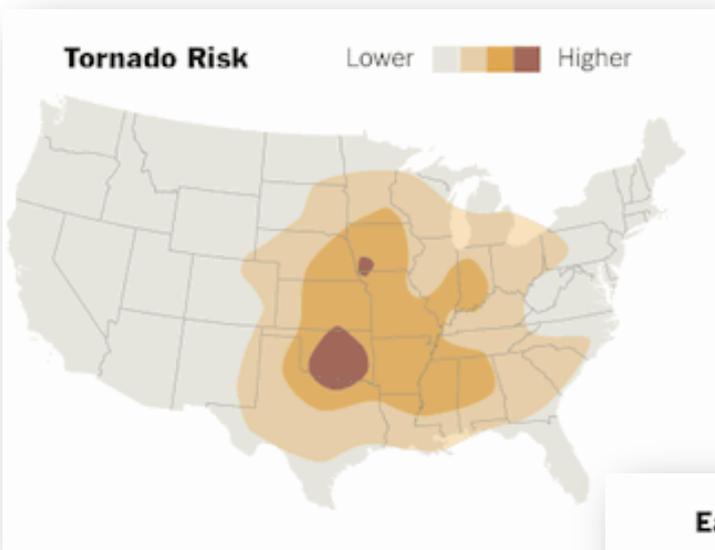


# Hard Trend: Increasing Disaster Risk

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**New York Times,  
April 30, 2011**

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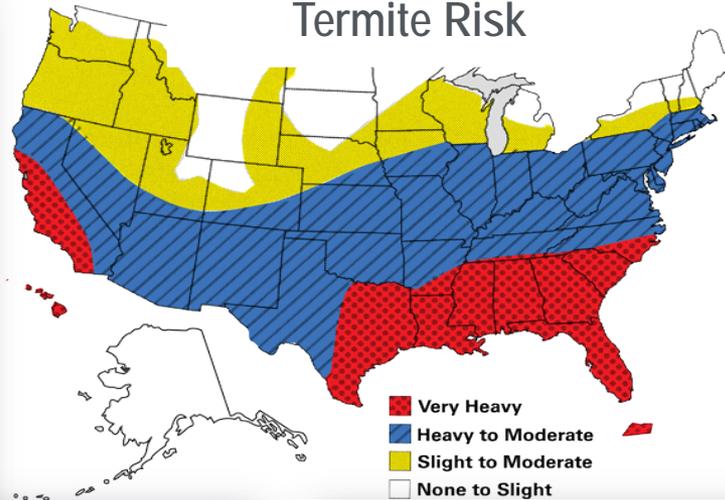
> Performance

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### Severe Winter Weather

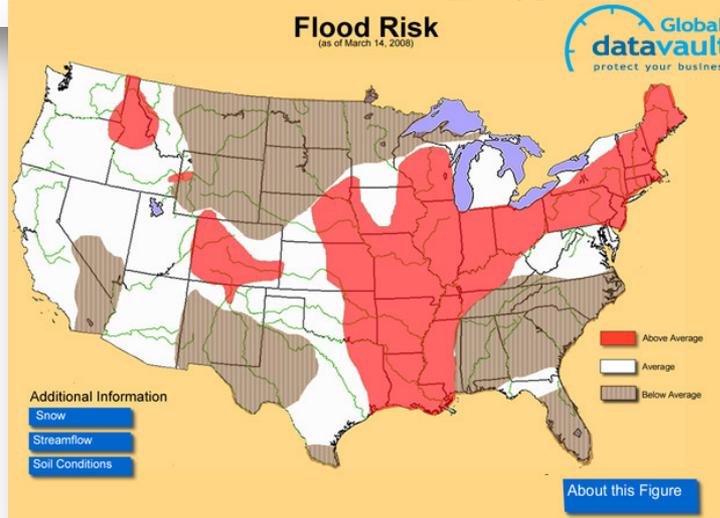


### Termite Risk



### Flood Risk

(as of March 14, 2008)



### Wild Fire Risk



> Energy Eff.

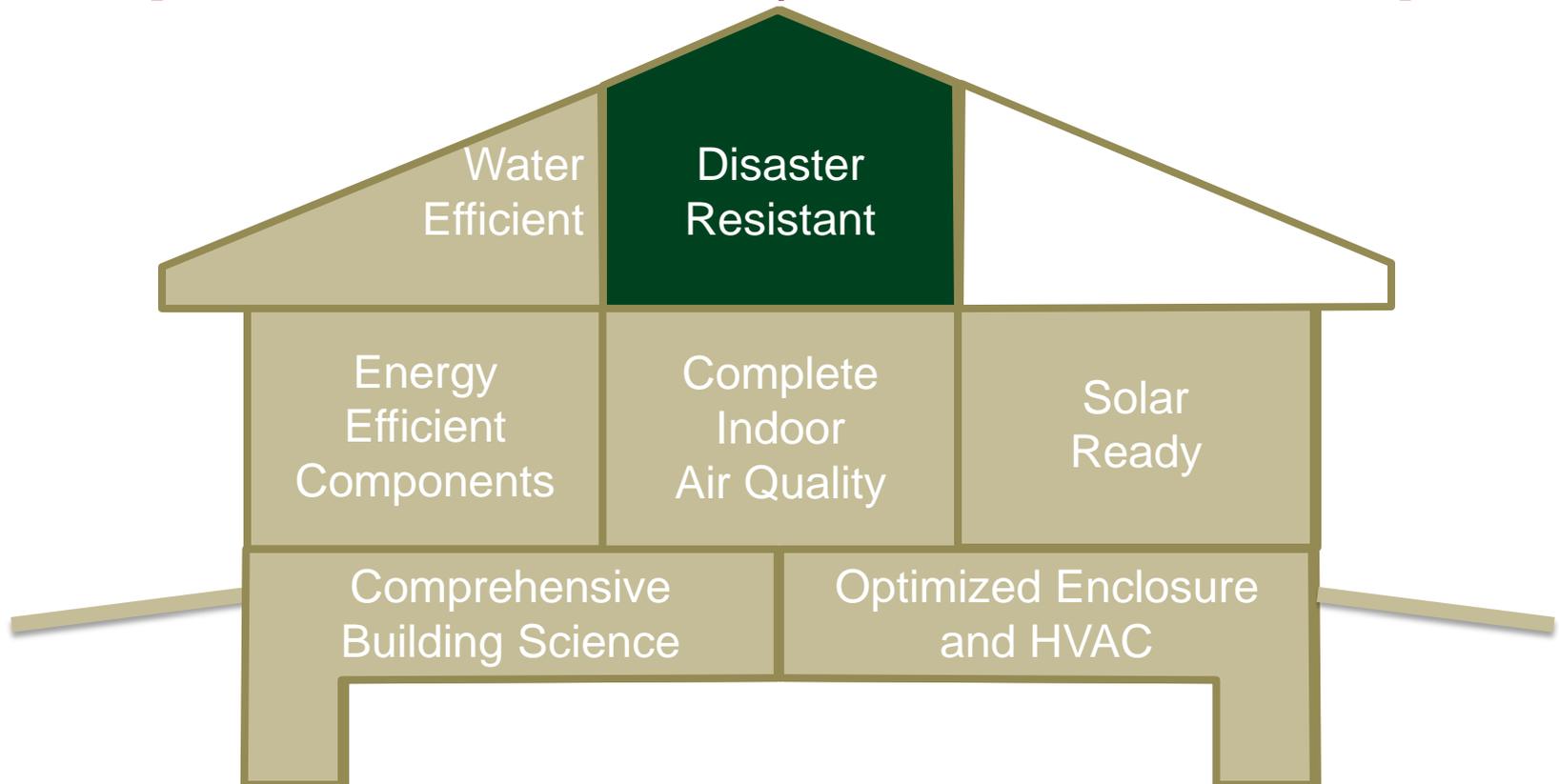
> Performance

> Innovation

## Disaster Resistance:

Weather, Natural Events, and Pests

[IBHS Fortified Homes plus Termite Protection]



# Hard Trend: Increasing Innovation Expectation

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## 78 Million Innovation Junkies

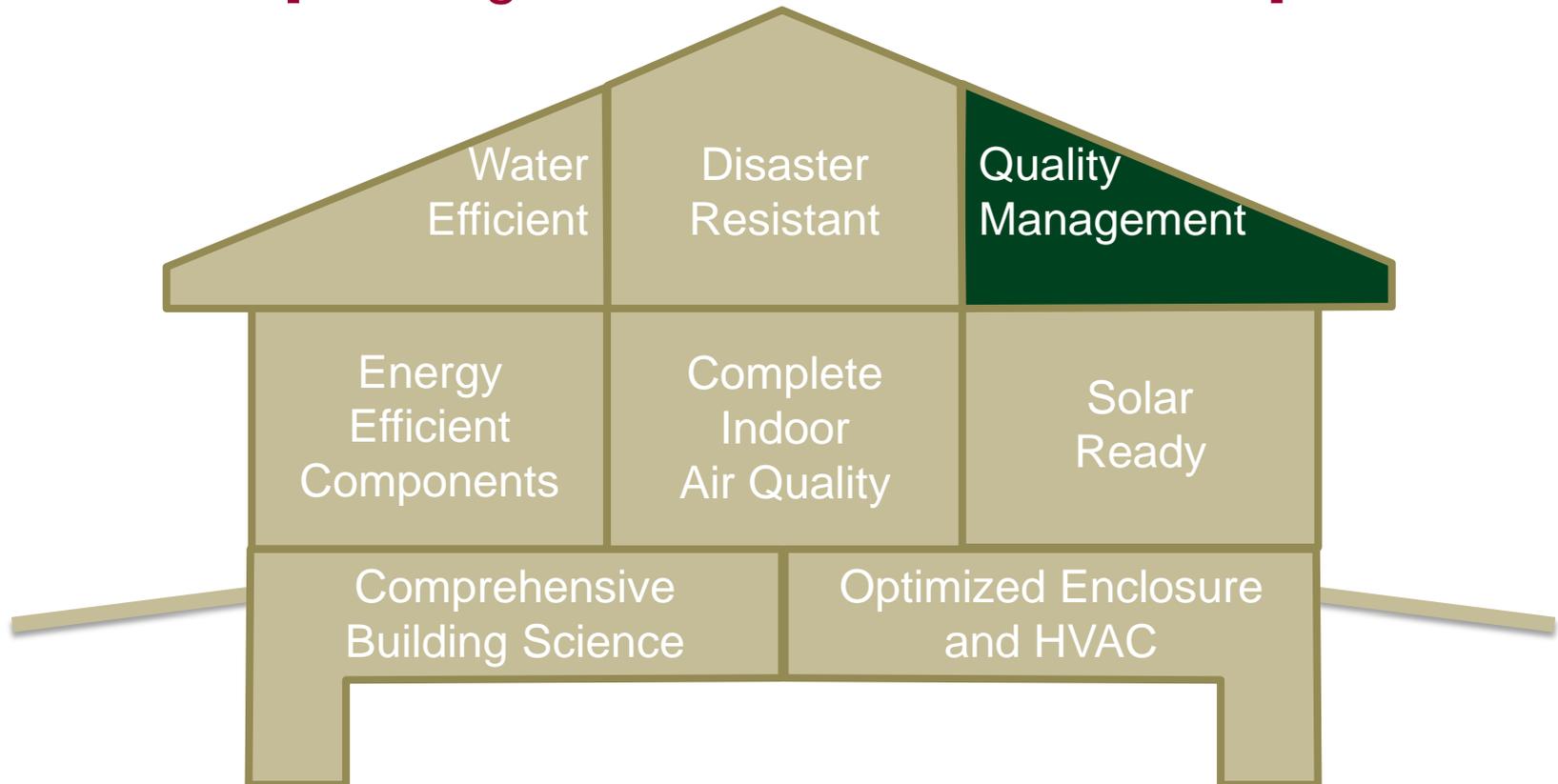
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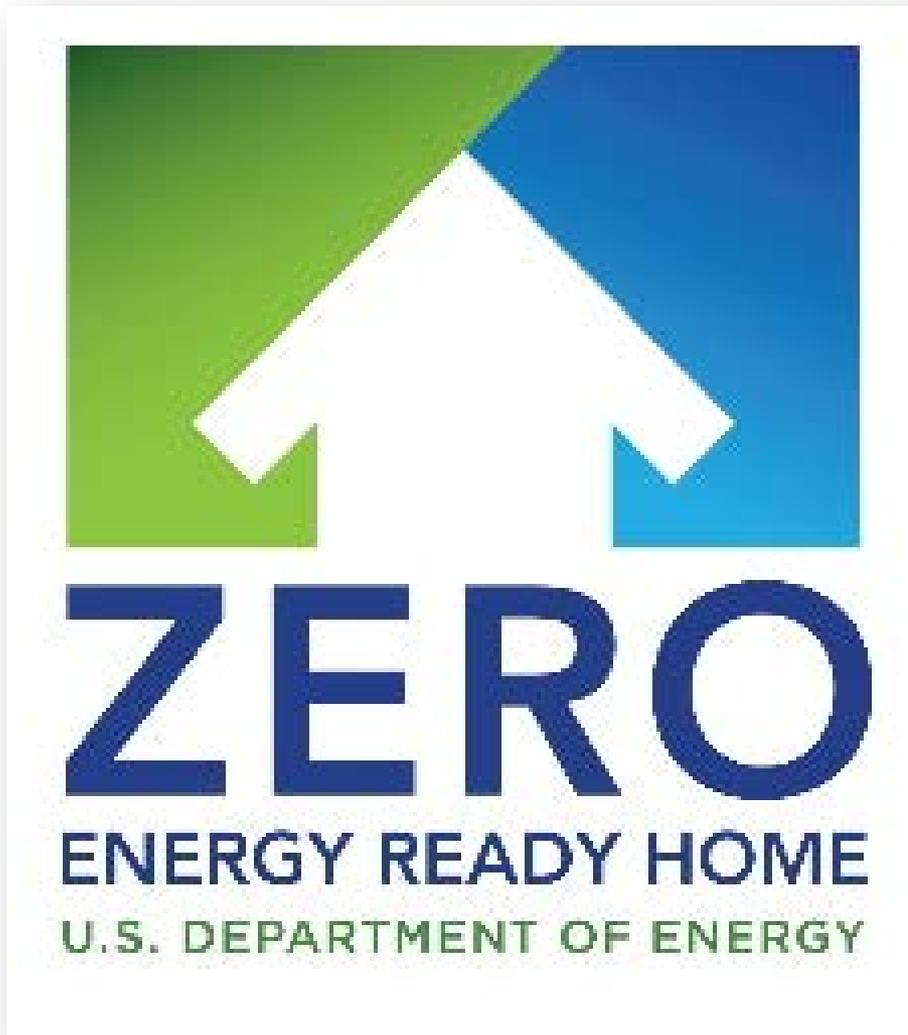
## Quality Assurance:

Integrated Design, Contract Docs, and QM Plan  
[Building America QA Best Practices]





# Zero Energy Ready Homes **Value Propositions**



## A Symbol of Excellence

### HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT



### COMFORT PLUS



### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY



### ULTRA EFFICIENT



### QUALITY BUILT



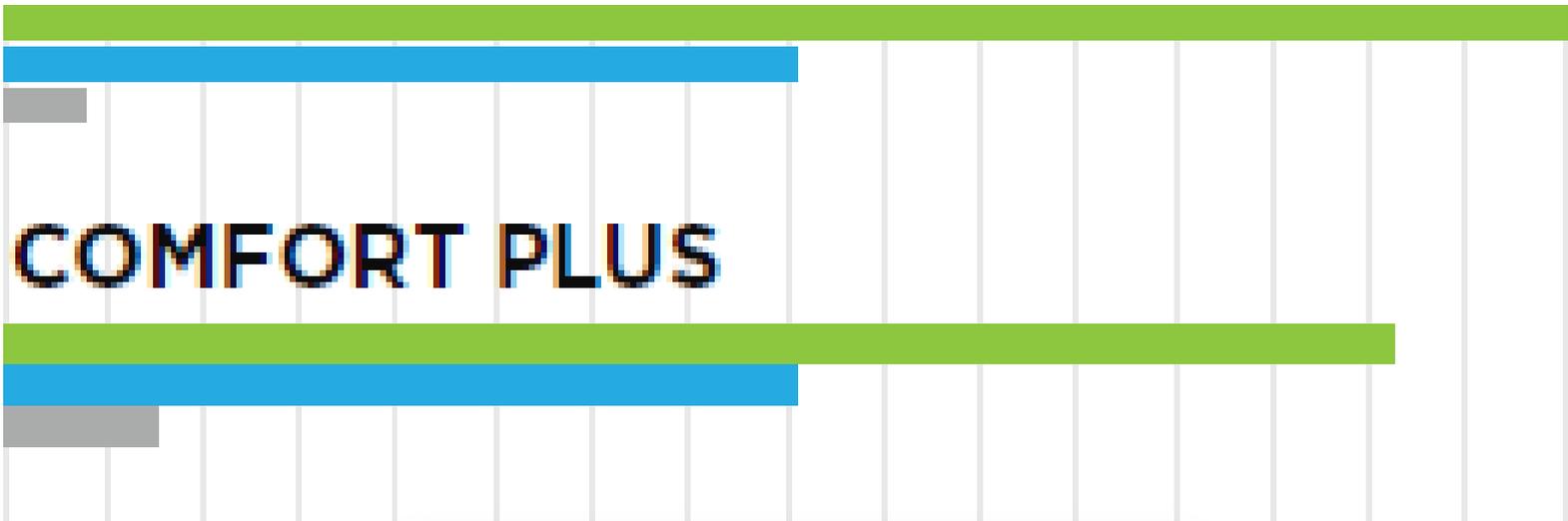
### DURABILITY



DOE Zero Energy Ready Home

- KEY
- DOE Challenge Home
  - ENERGY STAR Home
  - Existing Home

## HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT

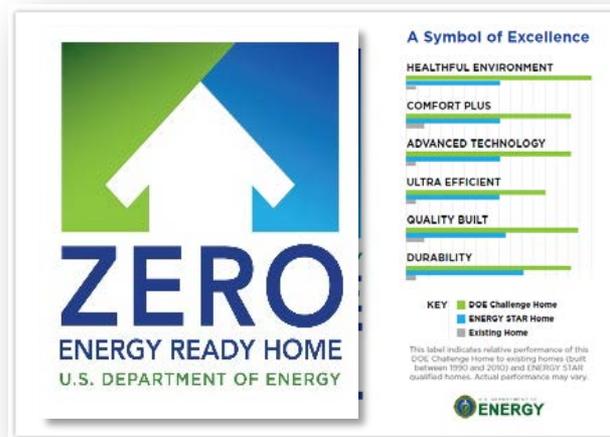


### KEY

- DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
- ENERGY STAR Home
- Existing Home

## DOE Challenge Home Label Methodology

October 2012



# Translating ZERH Value Proposition

**A Symbol of Excellence**  
Every Zero Energy Ready Home offers a cost-effective, high performance package of energy savings, comfort, health, and durability unparalleled in today's marketplace.

**Lives Better**

**HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT**

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

**COMFORT PLUS**

Superior insulation, windows, air sealing and space conditioning systems included in every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home surround you with even temperatures, low-humidity, and quiet in every room on every floor.

**KEY**

- DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
- ENERGY STAR Certified Home
- Existing Home

**Works Better**

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**

Every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home begins with solid building science specified by ENERGY STAR for Homes, and then adds advanced technologies and practices from DOE's world-class research program, Building America.

**ULTRA EFFICIENT**

Compared to a typical home, an ultra efficient Zero Energy Ready Home is inexpensive to own. In fact, every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home is so energy efficient, a small solar electric system can easily offset most, or all, of your annual energy consumption. We call this Zero Net-Energy Ready.

**Lasts Better**

**QUALITY BUILT**

Advanced construction practices and technologies are specified for every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home. Then they are enforced by independent verifiers with detailed checklists and prescribed diagnostics.

**DURABILITY**

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

LEARN MORE AT: [buildings.energy.gov/zero](http://buildings.energy.gov/zero)

**The Future of Housing—Today**

Only a select group of the top builders in the country meet the extraordinary levels of excellence and quality specified by U.S. Department of Energy guidelines.

**A Symbol of Excellence**

**HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT**

**COMFORT PLUS**

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**

**ULTRA EFFICIENT**

**QUALITY BUILT**

**DURABILITY**

**KEY**

- DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
- ENERGY STAR Certified Home
- Existing Home

This label indicates relative performance of this DOE Zero Energy Ready Home to existing homes (built between 1990 and 2010) and ENERGY STAR Certified Homes. Actual performance may vary.

LEARN MORE AT:  
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Front Cover

Inside Spread

Flap

Back Cover

# Translating Value Proposition

**My power bill is \$5.  
What's yours?**

- Heather Robbins, Garbett Homeowner

**garbettHOMES.com**  
Now you're living.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
**CHALLENGE HOME**



## Compare and Contrast



# Zero Energy Ready Homes **Business Case**

## Minimize Cost

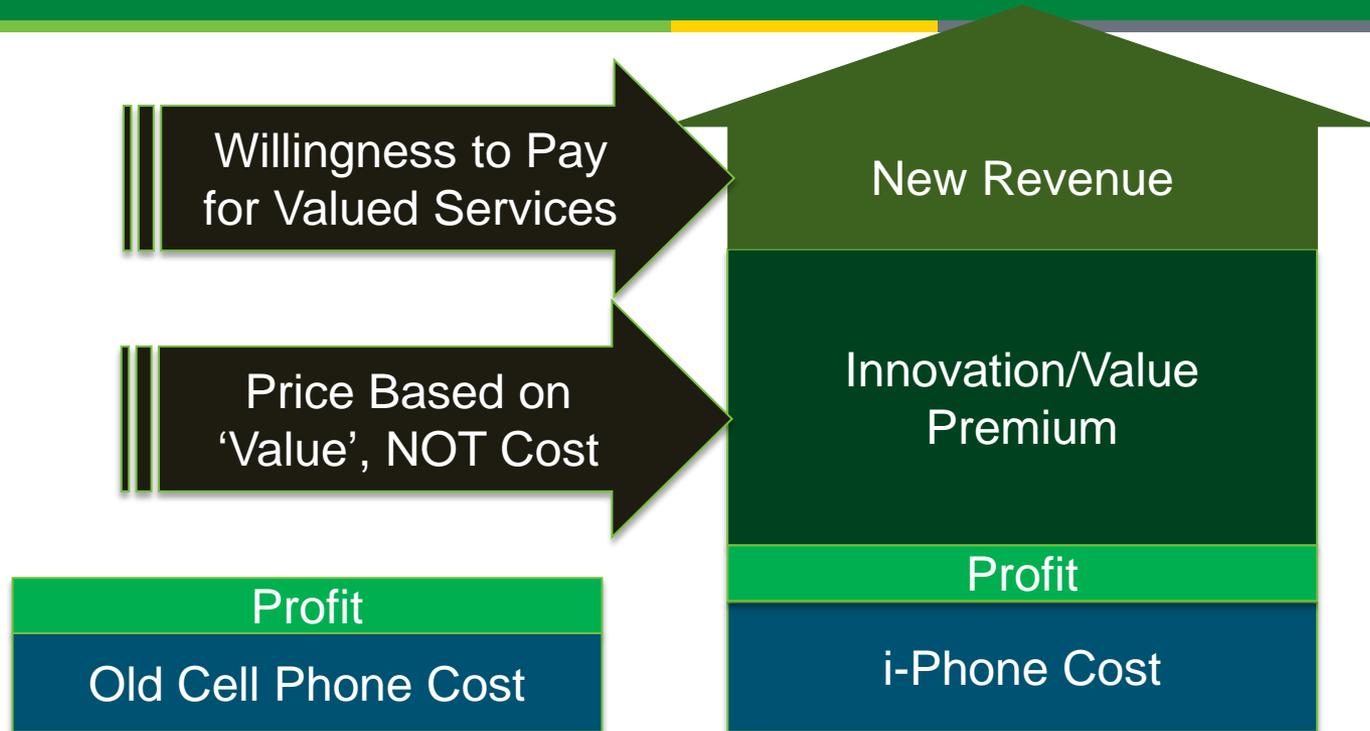
NAHB estimates for every **\$1,000 increase** in sales price, nearly **250,000 households** fail to qualify for a mortgage on a typical new home.

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## Maximize Value

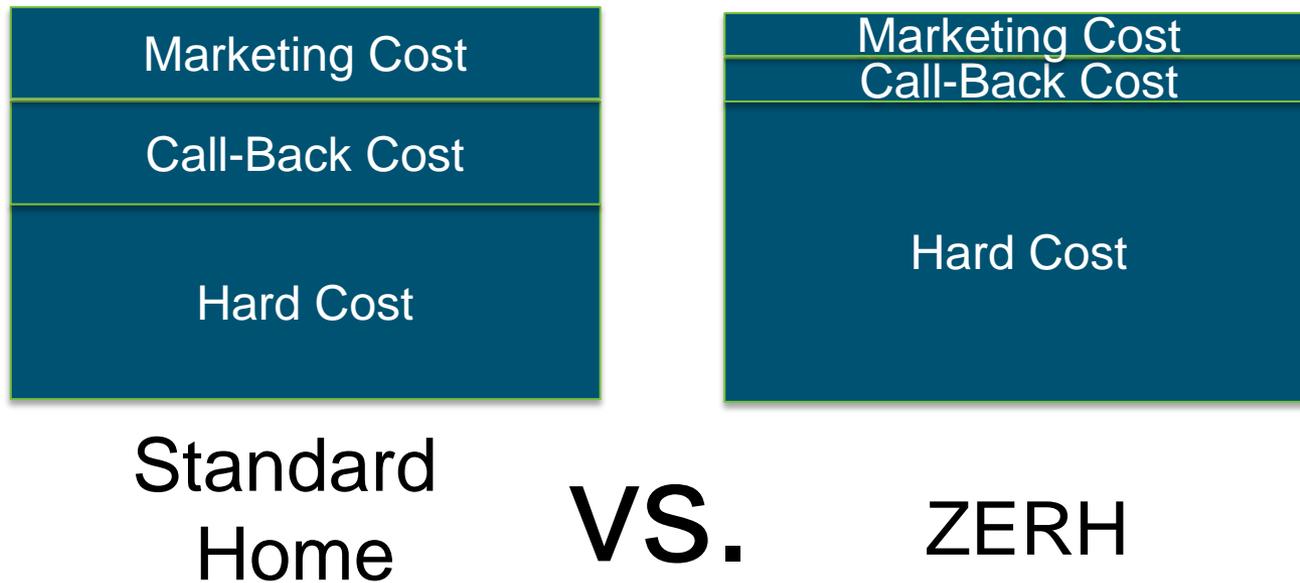
with proven innovations  
homebuyers have to have once they try them  
(e.g., make new housing compelling again).

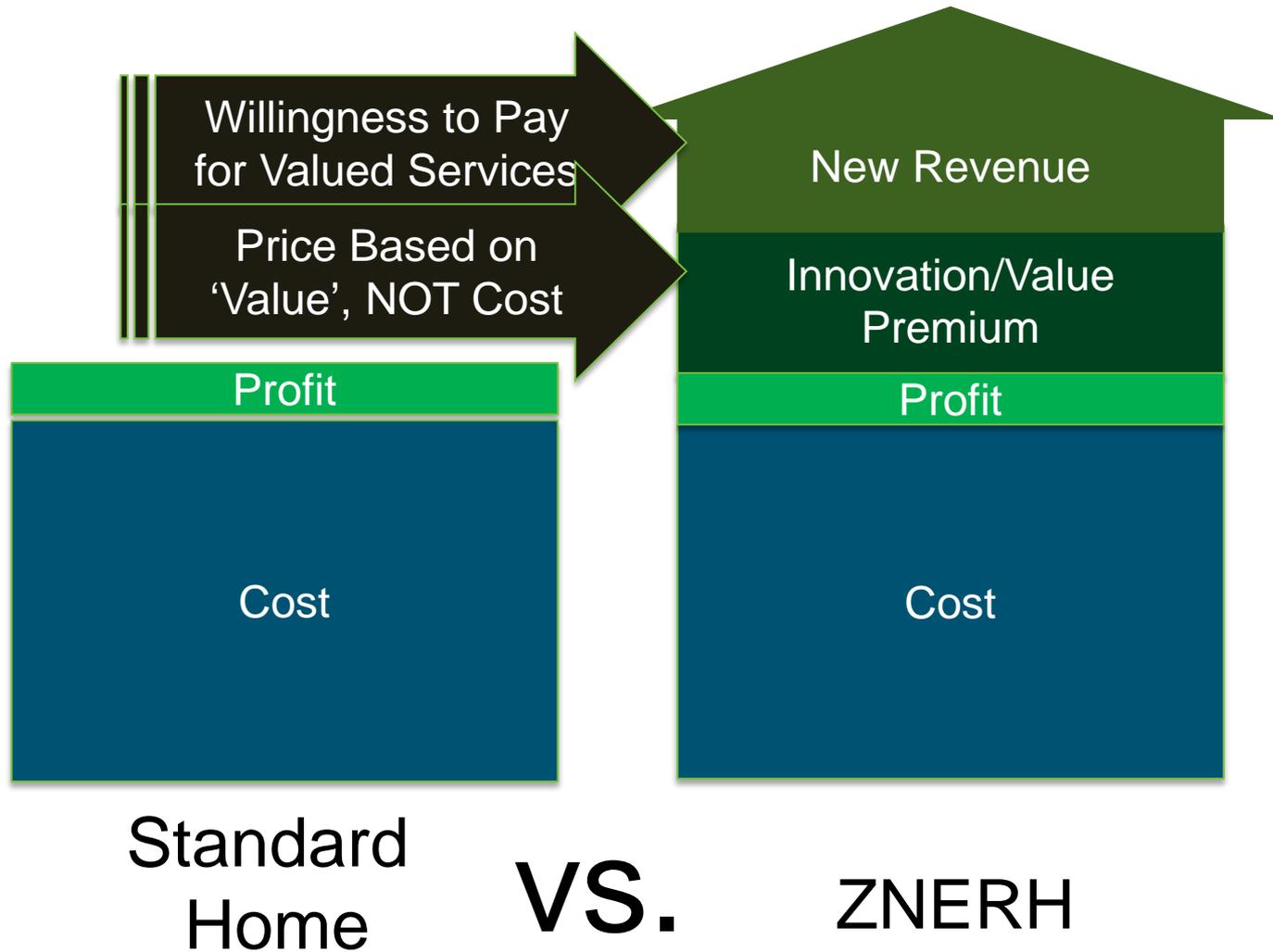
# Innovation/Value Premium



VS.







Nearly 1 in 3 consumers indicated they

**do not trust**

home building and real estate companies.

Source: The business of Trust – The Most Trusted Builders in America,  
Lifestory Research, January 2013



Independent Voice of Authority vs. “Trust me.”

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**The Washington Post**

Date: Saturday, June 16, 2012  
Location: WASHINGTON, DC  
Circulation (DMA): 511,688 (8)  
Type (Frequency): Newspaper (D)  
Page: E1.E3  
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## Model home shows off its green side

House in Waldorf demonstrates eco-friendly and money-saving features to buyers

BY V. DION HAYNES

“Becoming more environmentally friendly has been the focus of the country,” Moran added. “We want to give people a vision of where we think home building will be in a few years.”

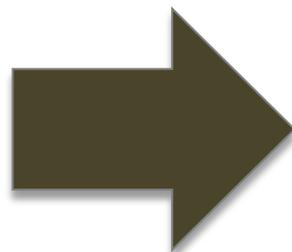
Thus far, net-zero houses are a very tiny segment — perhaps as small as 1 percent — of the market.

Production of energy from solar panels, one of the largest components of the green-home movement, is growing. The amount of megawatts produced by home solar panels rose 104 percent in 2010, 109 percent in 2011 and is expected to increase 75 percent this year, according to Boston-based GTM Research, a consulting firm that tracks the industry for the

“They didn’t have this [model] when we purchased our home” three doors down the street in October, said Nickiea Youmans, who along with her husband, Linzy, walked into the back yard to check out the house. “We would have been very interested in this,” she added.



~8,000



~1/4

ZERH's Committed

Staff/Budget/Time

## Roles, Responsibilities and Process

- **Take Orientation Training**  
after registering and renew training every year
- **Provide Certificate**  
for DOE Zero Energy Ready Home to each home owner
- **Adhere to Brand Identity Guidelines**  
for proper use of the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home name and logo
- **Build/Verify at Least One Home/Year**  
to maintain active partnership

To view the full Agreement terms and disclaimers, visit:

[www.buildings.energy.gov/zero](http://www.buildings.energy.gov/zero)

# Register to Become a Partner *Process*

- Review
  - technical guidelines
  - terms of the partnership agreement
- Register and electronically sign agreement
- Choose optional commitments



- **Resources**

- Customizable Homebuyer Brochures**

- Branding [Logos, Home Certificates and Labels]

- Electronic Newsletter [updates, policy changes, new innovations]

- Appraisal Guidance

- **Technical Support**

- Building America Solution Center**

- Building America Stakeholder Meetings

- Building America Research Studies

- **Recognition**

- DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Builder Profile on Locator Tool

- Case Studies/Virtual Parade of Home [coming]

- DOE Housing Innovation Awards**

# DOE Housing Innovation Awards



## Links Buyers to Leading Edge Builders:

- Contact Information
- Optional Commitments



- # Labeled Homes
- Website link



For All Active Partners



- Same: ENERGY STAR Homes framework
- New:
  - Indoor airPLUS Checklist;
  - Renewable Energy Ready Home Checklists (where applicable)
  - Hot Water Distribution test
- Submissions:
  - **Send “DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Verification Summary” electronically to [zero@newportpartnersllc.com](mailto:zero@newportpartnersllc.com)**
  - Otherwise builders will not receive “credit” on ZERH website
  - Considering RESNET National Homes Registry for future

# REM/Rate V14.5 & DOE CH Compliance Reporting

- Automatically programs the Target Home and compares to Design Home
- Mandatory Requirements
- Optional Home Builder Commitments

REM/Rate v 14.2 - DCH Trade Off Design - CZ6 2 story bsmt.blg

File Building View Extras Libraries Reports Tools Help

Marking any given checkbox certifies that the home complies with all mandatory requirements referenced by that checkbox.

DOE Challenge Home

Home Builder ID#: 12345

Mandatory Requirements

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fenestration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indoor Air Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fan Efficiency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Ready Solar Electric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duct Location	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Ready Solar Hot Water		

Optional Home Builder Commitments for Recognition

Yes	Certified under the EPA Indoor airPLUS Program*
Yes	Certified under the EPA WaterSense for New Homes Program
No	Certified under the IBHS fortified for Safer Living Program
No	Followed the DOE Challenge Home Quality Management Guidelines
No	The buyer of this home signed a waiver giving DOE Challenge Home access to utility bill data for one year.

\*Certification under the DOE Challenge Home permits limited exceptions to full compliance with Indoor airPLUS. Builders seeking the Indoor airPLUS label must achieve full compliance with the Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist.

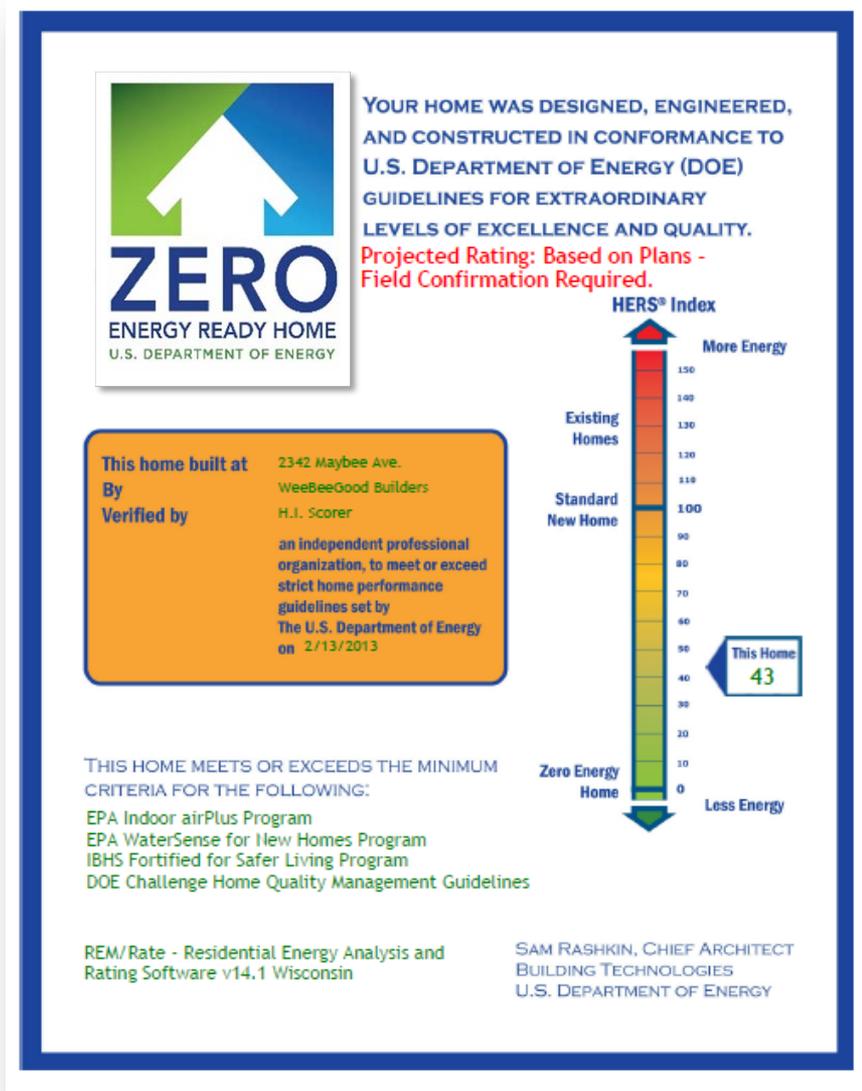
Errors/Warnings

No errors or warnings exist.

# DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Certificate

Within REM/Rate,  
located under  
Reports/DOE Zero  
Energy Ready Home  
Certificate

Also available with  
EnergyGauge USA  
software





## Zero Energy Ready Homes

# Technical Specifications

Note: state-specific specs  
exist for CA & WA

# DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Framework

Exhibit 1: DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Mandatory Requirements for All Labeled Homes

**Mandatory  
Req's.**

Area of Improvement	Mandatory Requirements
1. ENERGY STAR for Homes: Baseline	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified under ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 <sup>5, 10</sup>
2. Envelope <sup>11</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenestration shall meet or exceed latest ENERGY STAR requirements <sup>12, 13</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling, wall, floor, and slab insulation shall meet or exceed 2012 IECC levels <sup>14, 15</sup>
3. Duct System	<input type="checkbox"/> Ducts located within the home's thermal and air barrier boundary <sup>16</sup>
4. Water Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot water delivery systems shall meet efficient design requirements <sup>17</sup>
5. Lighting & Appliances <sup>18</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> All installed refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers are ENERGY STAR qualified. <input type="checkbox"/> 80% of lighting fixtures are ENERGY STAR qualified or ENERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) in minimum 80% of sockets <input type="checkbox"/> All installed bathroom ventilation and ceiling fans are ENERGY STAR qualified
6. Indoor Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified under EPA IndoorAirPLUS <sup>10</sup>
7. Renewable Ready <sup>19</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated Renewable Energy Ready Home (RERR) Checklist

**Must  
Comply**

Exhibit 2: DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Target Home<sup>7, 20</sup>

**'Target  
Home'  
Specs**

HVAC Equipment <sup>21</sup>	Hot Climate s (2012 IECC Zones 1,2) <sup>22</sup>	Mixed Climate s (2012 IECC Zones 3, + except Marine)	Cold Climate s (2012 IECC Zones + Marine 5,6,7,8)
A/EUE	80%	90%	94%
SEER	18	15	13
HSPF	8.2	9	10 <sup>23</sup>
Geothermal Heat Pump	ENERGY STAR EER and COP Criteria		
ASHRAE 62.2 Whole-Hour Mechanical Ventilation System	1.4 cfm/MV; no heat exchange	1.4 cfm/MV; no heat exchange	1.2 cfm/MV; heat exchange with 60% ER E
Insulation and Infiltration			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insulation levels shall meet the 2012 IECC and achieve Grade 1 Installation, per RESNET standards.</li> <li>Infiltration<sup>24</sup> (AC H50): 3 in CZ's 1-2   2.5 in CZ's 3-4   2 in CZ's 5-7   1.5 in CZ 8</li> </ul>			
Window s <sup>25, 26, 27</sup>			
	Hot Climate s (2012 IECC Zones 1,2)	Mixed Climate s (2012 IECC Zones 3, + except Marine)	Cold Climate s (2012 IECC Zones + Marine 5,6,7,8)
SHGC	0.25	0.27	any
U-Value	0.4	0.3	0.27

**Trade-Off  
Flexibility**

Exhibit 3: Benchmark Home Size<sup>28</sup>

**Size Adjust.  
Factor**

Bedrooms in Home to be Built	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Conditioned Floor Area <sup>28</sup> Benchmark Home	1,000	1,600	2,200	2,800	3,400	4,000	4,600	5,200

**Identical to  
Energy Star**



Zero Energy Ready Homes

# **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements:**

**Exhibit 1: DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Mandatory Requirements for All Labeled Homes**

Area of Improvement	Mandatory Requirements
1. ENERGY STAR for Homes Baseline	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified under ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 <sup>9, 10</sup>
2. Envelope <sup>11</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fenestration shall meet or exceed latest ENERGY STAR requirements <sup>12, 13</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling, wall, floor, and slab insulation shall meet or exceed 2012 IECC levels <sup>14, 15</sup>
3. Duct System	<input type="checkbox"/> Ducts located within the home's thermal and air barrier boundary <sup>16</sup>
4. Water Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot water delivery systems shall meet efficient design requirements <sup>17</sup>
5. Lighting & Appliances <sup>18</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> All installed refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers are ENERGY STAR qualified. <input type="checkbox"/> 80% of lighting fixtures are ENERGY STAR qualified or ENERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) in minimum 80% of sockets <input type="checkbox"/> All installed bathroom ventilation and ceiling fans are ENERGY STAR qualified
6. Indoor Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified under EPA Indoor airPLUS <sup>10</sup>
7. Renewable Ready <sup>19</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated Renewable Energy Ready Home (RERH) Checklist

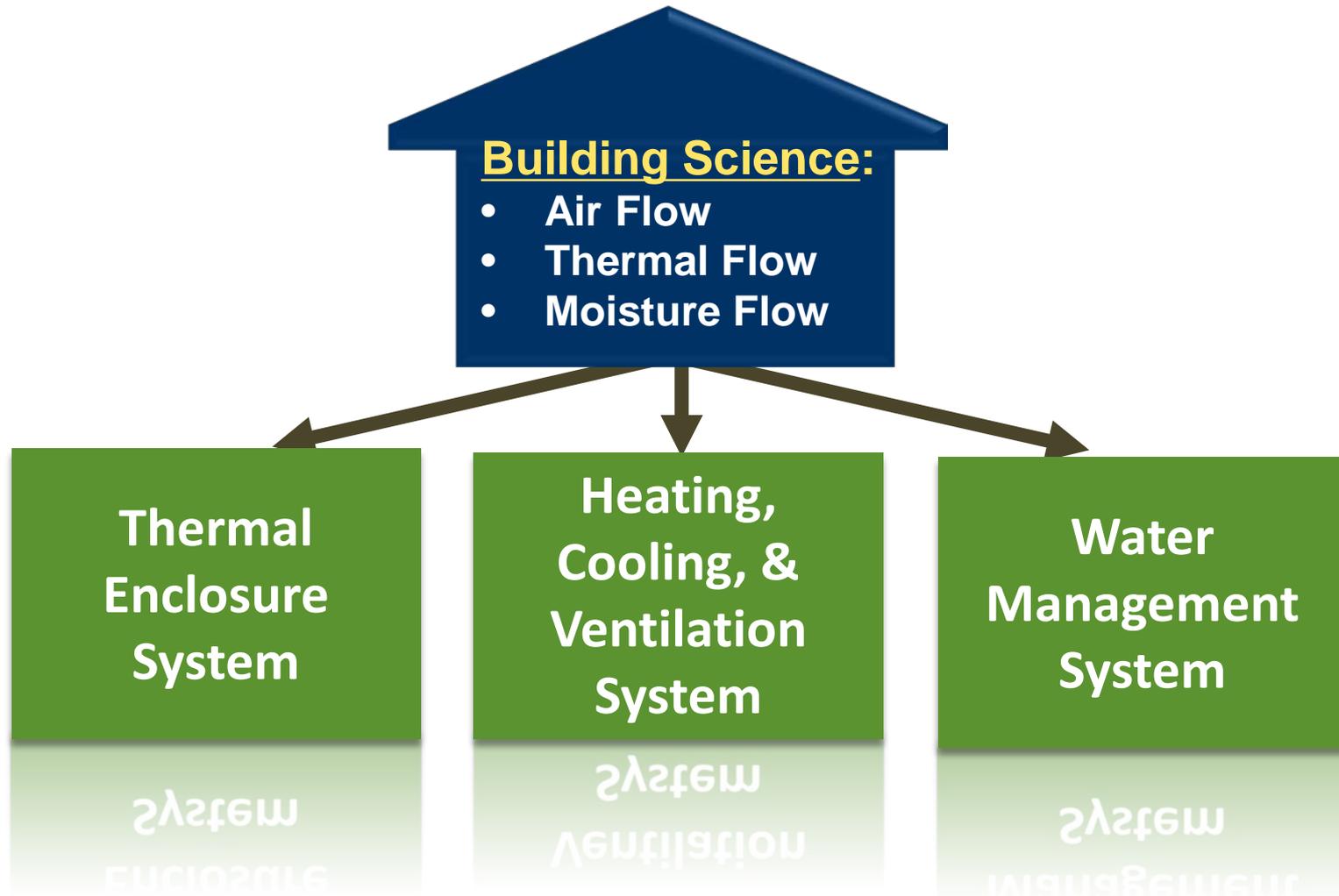
## Encouraged:

- WaterSense Label (indoor and outdoor)
- Disaster Resistance (IBHS Fortified Home)
- Quality Management



Zero Energy Ready Homes

# Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: **ENERGY STAR for Homes** **Version 3 Baseline**



# System 1: Thermal enclosure system

**Thermal  
Enclosure**

**Heating, Cooling  
& Ventilation**

**Water  
Management**

A well-insulated and air-sealed home, with good windows and doors, reduces the amount of energy needed to keep the home comfortable.

# System 1: Thermal Enclosure System

## What We're Trying to Avoid

**Thermal  
Enclosure**

**Heating, Cooling  
& Ventilation**

**Water  
Management**



Attic air infiltration into the wall

# System 1: Thermal Enclosure System Drywall Sealed at Top Plates

**Thermal  
Enclosure**

**Heating, Cooling  
& Ventilation**

**Water  
Management**

**Foam**

**Sill sealer**

**Constr. Adhesive**





Zero Energy Ready Homes

# Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements

## Envelope: Advanced Windows

- Assures beyond-code window performance
- Fenestration used for passive solar design are exempt from the U-factor and SHGC requirements
- Area-weighted averages for U-factor, SHGC permitted

ENERGY STAR® Qualified in All 50 States



World's Best Window Co.  
Millennium 2000+  
Vinyl-Clad Wood Frame  
Double Glazing • Argon Fill • Low E  
Product Type: **Vertical Slider**  
(per NFRC 100-97)

**ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS**

U-Factor (U.S./I-P)	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.27</b>

**ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS**

Visible Transmittance	Air Leakage (U.S./I-P)
<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.2</b>

Manufacturer stipulates that these ratings conform to applicable NFRC procedures for determining whole product performance. NFRC ratings are determined for a fixed set of environmental conditions and a specific product size. Consult manufacturer's literature for other product performance information.  
www.nfrc.org

# Good, Better, Best Windows

	Hot Climates IECC CZ 1-2		Mixed Climates IECC CZ 3-4 except Marine		Cold Climates IECC CZ 5-8 and 4 Marine	
	SHGC	U-value	SHGC	U-value	SHGC	U-value
<b>Mandatory:</b> ENERGY STAR	0.27	0.60	[4] 0.40 [3] 0.30	[4] 0.32 [3] 0.35	Any ≥0.35 ≥0.40	0.30 0.31 0.32
<b>Performance:</b> Target Home	0.25	0.4	0.27	0.3	Any	0.27
<b>Encouraged:</b> R-5	0.22	0.21	0.25	0.21	Any	0.21



Zero Energy Ready Homes

**Technical Specifications**  
**Mandatory Requirements:**  
**Envelope:**  
**2012 IECC Insulation**

- Compliance with next generation code
- Three Options:
  - ✓ Prescriptive
  - ✓ Alternative equivalent U-factor
  - ✓ Total UA calculation [including windows]
    - Done automatically in Rating Software

# Prescriptive Requirements

Climate Zone	Fenestration	Skylight U-Factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall R-Value
1	NR	0.75	0.25	30	13
2	0.40	0.65	0.25	38	13
3	0.35	0.55	0.25	38	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup>
4 except Marine	0.35	0.55	0.40	49	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup>
5 & Marine 4	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13+5 <sup>h</sup>
6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 <sup>h</sup>
7 & 8	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20+5 or 13+10 <sup>h</sup>

# Prescriptive Requirements (cont.)

Climate Zone	Mass Wall R-Value <sup>i</sup>	Floor R-Value	Basement <sup>c</sup> Wall R-Value	Slab <sup>d</sup> R-Value, Depth	Crawl Space <sup>c</sup> Wall R-Value
1	3/4	13	0	0	0
2	4/6	13	0	0	0
3	8/13	19	5/13 <sup>f</sup>	0	5/13
4 except Marine	8/13	19	10 /13	10, 2 ft	10/13
5 & Marine 4	13/17	30 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 2 ft	15/19
6	15/20	30 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19
7 & 8	19/21	38 <sup>g</sup>	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19



Zero Energy Ready Homes

# Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: Ducts in Conditioned Spaces

- **Significant Thermal Losses:**
  - Thermal losses triple for ducts in unconditioned vs. conditioned space
  - Total thermal losses can range from 10-45%
  - Extensive unconditioned space penetrations
- **Significant Performance Impacts:**
  - IAQ
  - Comfort
  - Durability

- **Short Duct Run**

up to 10' of total length is permitted to be outside of the home's thermal and air barrier boundary.

- **Jump Ducts**

may be located in attics if all joints, including boot-to-drywall, are fully air sealed with mastic

- **Ductless HVAC system**

- **Conditioned Floor Space [3 options]**  
within the thermal boundary
- **Unvented Crawl Space/Basement**  
which is within the home's thermal boundary
- **Unvented Attic**  
regardless of whether conditioned with a supply register
- **Vented Attic**  
equivalent option where other locations in conditioned space are impractical, expensive, don't work well in specific climates, or increase envelope loads



Zero Energy Ready Homes

**Technical Specifications**  
**Mandatory Requirements:**  
**Efficient Hot Water**  
**Distribution**

- **Indoor Fixtures**

- Plumbing Fixtures
- Appliances and Other Equipment

- **Distribution**

- Service Pressure
- Metering (for Multi-Family Homes)
- Leak Prevention
- **Hot Water Distribution**



- **Outdoor**

- Landscape Design
- Irrigation (if installed)

- “Must Have” for zero net-energy ready homes
- Based on EPA WaterSense Specifications:
  - $\leq 0.5$  gallons (64 oz.) of water in any piping/manifold b/w hot water source & any hot water fixture.
  - $\leq 0.6$  gallons of water collected from the hot water fixture before hot water delivered

- Core Plumbing Layout (wet wall)
- Manifold System
- Demand Pumping System



Zero Energy Ready Homes

**Technical Specifications**  
**Mandatory Requirements:**  
**Efficient Components:**  
**Lighting, Appliances, & Fans**

**Components and MEL's** are increasingly Important in Low-Load Homes (~25 to 40%). Therefore, DOE ZER Home requires:

- **ENERGY STAR Certified Appliances\*:**  
refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers
- **ENERGY STAR Certified Fans\*:**  
bathroom ventilation, ceiling fans
- **ENERGY STAR Certified Lighting:**  
Min. 80% of fixtures or lamps (CFL or LED)

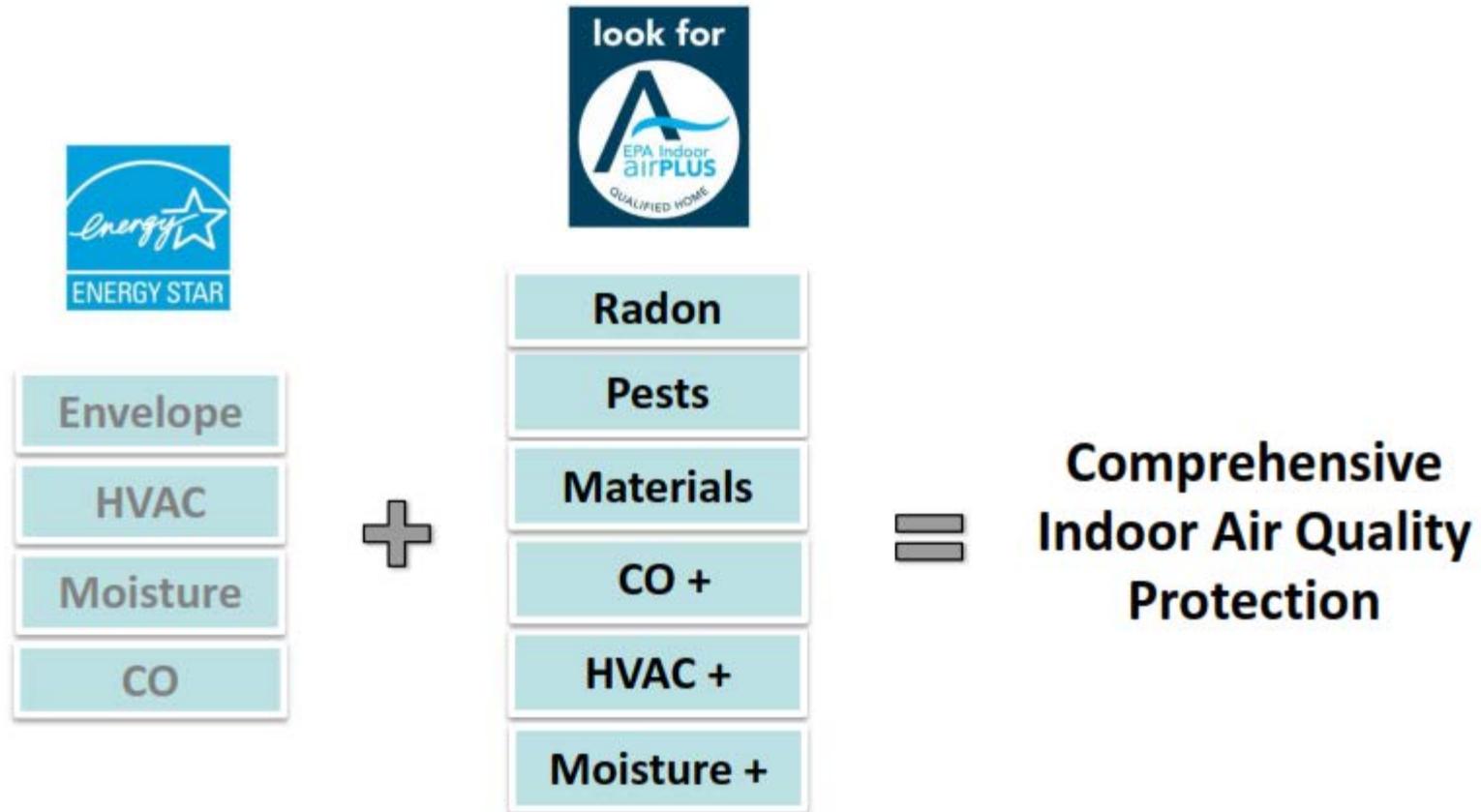
\*Only where installed by builder



Zero Energy Ready Homes

# Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: **Indoor Air Quality**

## ENERGY STAR + Indoor airPLUS





Zero Energy Ready Homes

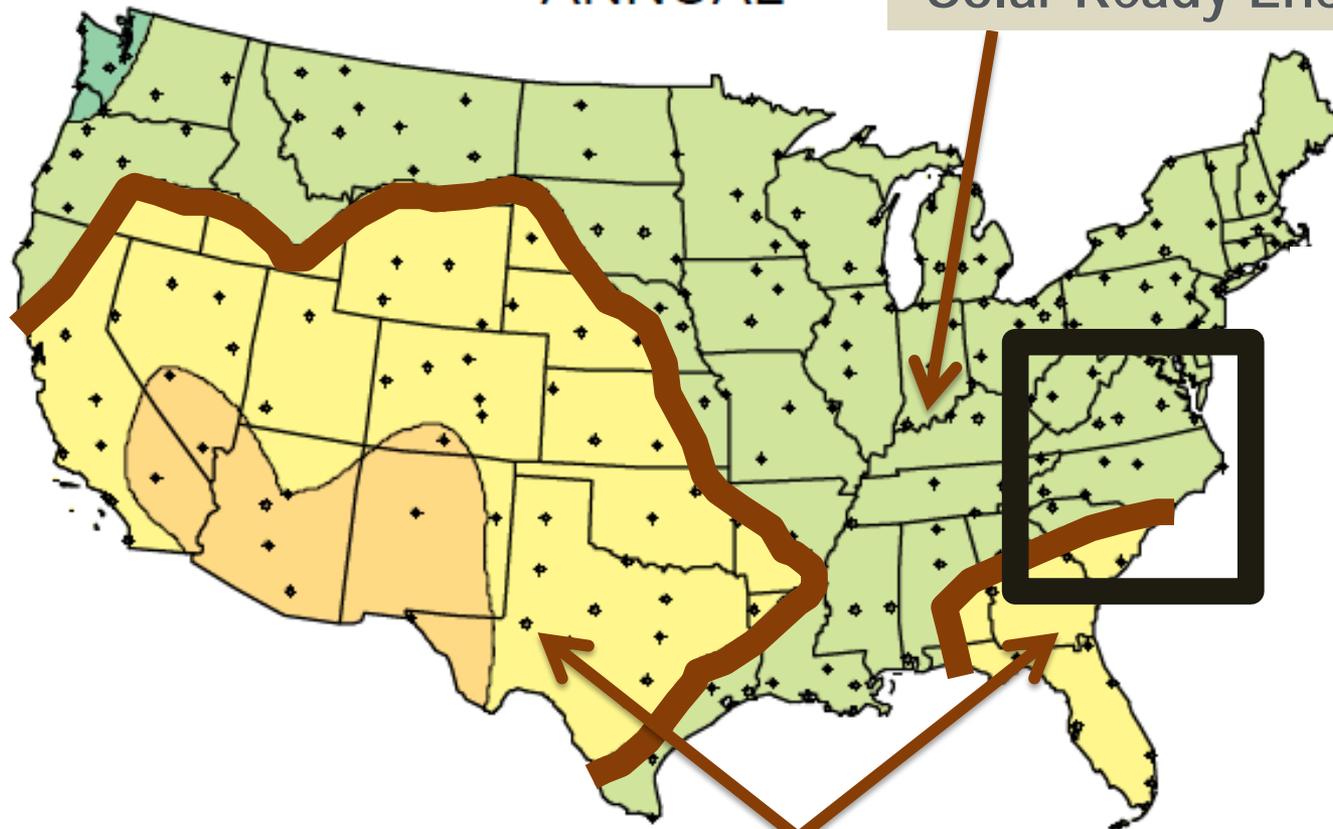
**Technical Specifications**  
**Mandatory Requirements:**  
**Renewable Ready**  
**[Where Applicable]**

# RERH Applicability

## Average Daily Solar Radiation Per Month

ANNUAL

Solar Ready Encouraged



kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day



Required

Encouraged

Solar Ready Required

- **Renewable Energy Ready Checklists**
  - Determine applicability by zip code
  - [http://gisatnrel.nrel.gov/PVWatts\\_Viewer/index.html](http://gisatnrel.nrel.gov/PVWatts_Viewer/index.html)
  - In this Mid-Atlantic example, solar resources = 4.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day





# Zero Energy Ready Homes **Performance Threshold**

# 'Target Home' vs. Energy Star Spec

Exhibit 2: DOE Challenge Home Target Home 3-17

HVAC Equipment			
	Hot Climates (2012 IECC Zones 1,2) <sup>18</sup>	Mixed Climates (2012 IECC Zones 3,4)	Cold Climates (2012 IECC Zones 5,6,7,8)
AFUE	80%	90%	94%
SEER	18	15	13
HSPF	8.2	9	10 <sup>19</sup>
Geothermal Heat Pump	ENERGY STAR EER and COP Criteria		
ASHRAE 62.2 Whole-House MV System Performance	1.4 cfm/W; no heat exchange	1.4 cfm/W; no heat exchange	1.2 cfm/W; heat exchange with 60% SRE
Insulation and Infiltration			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insulation levels shall meet the 2012 IECC and achieve Grade 1 installation, per RESNET standards.</li> <li>Infiltration<sup>20</sup> (ACH50): 3 in CZ's 1-2   2.5 in CZ's 3-4   2 in CZ's 5-7   1.5 in CZ 8</li> </ul>			
Windows <sup>21, 22, 23</sup>			
	Hot Climates (2012 IECC Zones 1,2,)	Mixed Climates (2012 IECC Zones 3,4)	Cold Climates (2012 IECC Zones 5,6,7,8)
SHGC	0.25	0.27	any
U-Value	0.4	0.3	0.27
Homes qualifying through the Prescriptive Path with a total window-to-floor area greater than 15% shall have adjusted U-values or SHGCs. <sup>24</sup>			
Water Heater			
ENERGY STAR minimum			
Thermostat <sup>25</sup> & Ductwork			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmable thermostat (except for zones with radiant heat)</li> </ul>			
Lighting & Appliances			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For purposes of calculating the DOE Challenge Home Target Home HERS Index, homes shall be modeled with an ENERGY STAR dishwasher, ENERGY STAR refrigerator, ENERGY STAR ceiling fans, and ENERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) in 80% of sockets or 80% of lighting fixtures are ENERGY STAR Qualified.</li> </ul>			

**Higher Eff. HVAC Equip.**

**2012 vs. 2009 IECC Insul.**

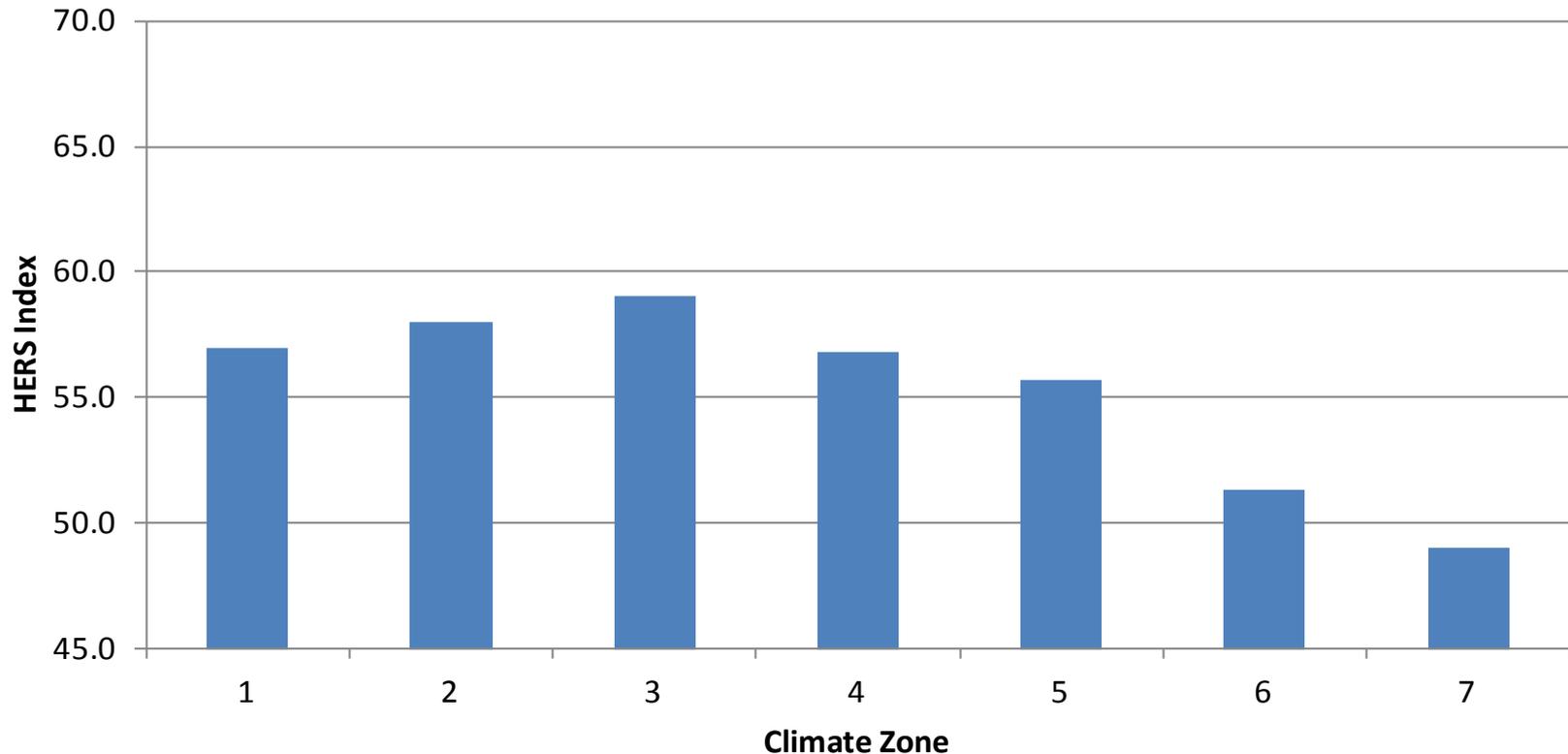
**More Eff. Windows**

**Half ACH50**

**ENERGY STAR Water Htg.**

# Target Home Avg. HERS Scores

Average DOE Zero Energy Ready Home HERS Index by Climate Zone  
(overall average: 55.5)



Based on 1800, 2400, and 3600 ft<sup>2</sup> prototypes on climate-appropriate foundations.

Homes larger than the benchmark home size must use the size adjustment factor to determine the target HERS index

Exhibit 3: Benchmark Home Size<sup>28</sup>

Bedrooms in Home to be Built	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Conditioned Floor Area <small>Benchmark Home</small>	1,000	1,600	2,200	2,800	3,400	4,000	4,600	5,200

**Note:** Renewable energy systems may not be used to qualify for the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home HERS Index Target Score, but may be used for the incremental HERS Index points needed for the Size Adjustment Factor.

$$\text{Size Mod. Factor} = \left[ \frac{\text{CFA}_{\text{Benchmark Home}}}{\text{CFA}_{\text{Home to Be Built}}} \right]^{0.25}$$

[Not to Exceed 1.0]

# Performance Path Example

## CZ4 Prototype - 4 BR, 2400 SF



Energy Efficiency &  
Renewable Energy

Specification	Target Home Spec	Design Home
AGW Insulation	R20 or R13+5	R21
Attic Insulation	R49 (U=0.026)	R50
Basement Walls	R10/13	R10
Windows	U=0.30; SHGC=0.27	U=0.30; SHGC=0.27
Infiltration	2.5 ACH50	3.0 ACH50
Ducts	Total ≤ 8 CFM25 per 100 SF of CFA; Leakage to outdoors ≤ 4 CFM25 per 100 SF of CFA	Total leakage 288 CFM25 Leakage to outdoors 140 CFM25
Furnace AFUE	90	90
A/C SEER	15	15
Whole-House Mech. Vent.	77 cfm; 1.4cfm/W no heat exchange;	77 cfm; 8.0 cfm/W exhaust-only
Water Heater	ENERGY STAR	Gas storage 0.67 EF
<b>HERS Index</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52 COMPLIES!</b>

- You have now completed the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Orientation Training course.
- For builders, raters, and other interested in partnering with the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program, please visit the website to review the Partner Agreement:

# Thank You

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## Upcoming Events:

- 2014 Housing Innovation Awards – Awards Ceremony in September
- Technical Training Webinars (Indoor airPLUS – next week)
- Zero Net-Energy Trainings (throughout U.S.) - ongoing