



## Information Resources

The following web sites, presentations, reports, and case studies provide additional information to help utilities, states and local governments develop and implement programs and policies to support high performance homes in Nevada.

### Federal Programs & Incentives

- **Building America** (U.S. DOE)

[www.buildingamerica.gov](http://www.buildingamerica.gov)

Building America is a private/public partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy that conducts research to find energy-efficient solutions for new and existing housing that can be implemented on a production basis.

- **ENERGY STAR New Homes** (U.S. EPA)

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

The ENERGY STAR for New Homes program, sponsored by the U.S. EPA, works with builders, home energy raters, rating providers, utilities, state and regional sponsors, and lenders to promote the benefits of energy efficient homes. The program offers technical assistance, guidelines and specifications, and marketing and outreach support to energy efficiency program sponsors, the home building industry and new homebuyers.

- **Tax Credits for Home Builders**

[www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr\\_tax\\_credits#s6](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#s6)

Homebuilders are eligible for a \$2,000 tax credit for a new energy efficient home that achieves 50% energy savings for heating and cooling over the 2004 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). A \$1,000 tax credit is available to the producer of a new manufactured home achieving 30% energy savings for heating and cooling over the 2004 IECC.

- **Energy Tax Credits for Homeowners**

[www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org)

Homeowners can take a 30% tax credit up to the \$2,000 cap for a photovoltaics system and/or a solar water heating system. The tax credits are set to expire December 31, 2008. For more information, see the DSIRE website, which is a comprehensive source of information on state, local, utility, and federal incentives that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.

- **U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for Homes**

[www.usgbc.org/homes/](http://www.usgbc.org/homes/)

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Homes program is a voluntary rating system that promotes the design and construction of high performance "green" homes. The LEED for Homes rating system measures the environmental performance of new homes across eight separate resource categories, including energy efficiency. All LEED Homes are required to be ENERGY STAR qualified. LEED certification recognizes and rewards builders for meeting the highest performance standards, and gives homeowners confidence that their home is durable, healthy, and environmentally friendly.

## Utility Programs

- **Nevada Power**

- Conservation Programs:

[nevadapower.com/conservation/](http://nevadapower.com/conservation/)

- Solar Generations

[www.solargenerations.com/NV\\_index.html](http://www.solargenerations.com/NV_index.html)

## State Government

- **Nevada State Office of Energy**

<http://energy.state.nv.us/>

## Nonprofit Organizations

- **American Solar Energy Society, Nevada Chapter (Solar Nevada)**

[www.solarnv.org](http://www.solarnv.org)

- **Southern Nevada Home Builders Association/Green Building Initiative**

<http://www.snhba.com>

- **Nevada ENERGY STAR Homes Partnership**

<http://www.nevadaenergystarhomes.com/>

- **USGBC, Nevada Chapter**

<http://chapters.usgbc.org/lasvegas/>

## Home Energy Raters and Rating Providers

- **RESNET** - Includes a complete list of RESNET certified home energy raters and rating providers serving Nevada: <http://www.resnet.us/directory/raters.aspx>