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.

National Programs

**ENERGY STAR New Homes** (U.S. EPA and U.S. DOE)
[www.energystar.gov/newhomes/](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomes/)

The ENERGY STAR for New Homes program 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.

**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.

**U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for Homes**
[www.usgbc.org/homes/](http://www.usgbc.org/homes/)

LEED for Homes 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. 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.

**National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) National Green Building Standard**

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the International Code Council (ICC) and the NAHB Research Center have initiated a process for the development of an ANSI standard for green home building construction practices. The NAHB standards, expected to be finalized by the end of 2008, will provide a voluntary green home building standard that can be adopted by local green home building programs or local building departments.
Utility Programs

- **Arizona Public Service** - [www.aps.com](http://www.aps.com)

- **Salt River Project** - [www.srp.net](http://www.srp.net)

- **Southwest Gas**

- **Tucson Electric Power** - [www.tep.com](http://www.tep.com)

- **Unisource Energy Services**

State Government

- **Arizona Department of Commerce**

Local Government Programs

- **Scottsdale, Arizona**