



## NJ Zero Energy Ready Homes

### NJ ENERGY STAR® Homes “Tier 3” BUILDER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT



Builder/Developer agrees to the following terms of participating in “Tier 3” of the NJ ENERGY STAR Homes Program for Residential New Construction under New Jersey’s **Clean Energy Program™**, known as NJ Zero Energy Ready Home (NJ ZERH or “Program”).

- Builder/ Developer agrees to construct NJ ZERH projects to meet the NJ ZERH specification as shown in the document NJ Zero Energy Ready Homes Minimum Technical Specification.
- Builder/Developer will provide the Program with a list containing complete contact information for all members of their Integrated Design team (e.g. General Contractor, Architect, Subcontractors, Homeowner/buyer, Energy/Design Consultant, etc.) for each project submitted for participation.
- Builder/Developer agrees to work collaboratively with all members of the Program Implementation Team, including Vermont Energy Investment Corp., US EPA, US DOE, NJ Institute of Technology, Honeywell and the NJ Board of Public Utilities.
- Builder/Developer agrees to participate in Tier 3 (NJ ZERH) Rater certification activities. These activities will consist of a Rating Company’s first five (5) Tier 3 projects receiving 100% mentored QA inspections performed by the Program Market Manager. Successful Rater completion of these five (5) mentored Tier 3 projects will allow a Rater Company to become certified to independently rate Tier 3 participating projects
- Builder/Developer understands that the NJ (ZERH) Program is open to single-family, multiple single- family (i.e. townhouses), and low-rise multifamily buildings (up to 3 stories unless specifically approved in advance on a case by case basis by the Program in consultation with EPA). All other NJ ENERGY STAR Homes Program eligibility requirements apply.
- Builder/Developer understands that failure to meet NJ ZERH minimum specifications and / or performance goals will be ineligible to receive Tier 3 incentives, but may be eligible for incentives paid at a lower tier level (Tier 1 or 2). Builders of homes that fail to meet the lower tier (Tier1 or 2) requirements will not receive any Program incentive.
- Builder/Developer will allow the Program Implementation Team reasonable access to participating projects and homes/units.
- Builder/Developer agrees to provide to the Program incremental construction cost data related to participation.
- Builder/Developer will have all owners/tenants complete and sign a Fuel/Energy & Water Usage and Monitoring Release Form at the time of closing or lease signing, and submit same to the Program.
- Builder/Developer shall provide the owners/tenants with an operations manual for their new home, at a minimum consisting of the technical specification sheets and operations manuals for all of the mechanical equipment installed in their new home. Builders and developers are encouraged to supplement this material with additional information calling out the home’s unique energy efficiency features, and offering instruction on how to operate the home for maximum energy efficiency and comfort. The Builder/Developer shall provide these materials to the Program upon request.
- Builder/Developer will complete both an EPA ENERGY STAR online partnership agreement<sup>1</sup>, as well as a DOE Zero Energy Ready Home online partnership agreement<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=opa.showPartnerRoles&p\\_code=HBUILDER](https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=opa.showPartnerRoles&p_code=HBUILDER)

<sup>2</sup><http://www4.eere.energy.gov/buildings/residential/register>

- Builder/Developer will attend a minimum of one DOE or equivalent program and building science training either provided directly by DOE, or sponsored by the Program Market Manager. Builder further agrees to participate in the Rater’s mentored QA inspections performed by the Program Market Manager
- Builder/Developer will comply with all technical standards and participation requirements of the Program and understands that these standards and requirements are subject to change by DOE and/or the Program.  
**Builder/Developer further acknowledges that NJ ZERH represents an exceptional level of energy/construction performance requiring a significant level of effort and engagement by all members of the Builder/Developer’s team throughout the design and construction process in order to be successful.**

Builder/Developer Company Name (or “Owner” if acting as GC): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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