

## Capitol Homes Wins Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes Idaho Builder of the Year Award

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PORTLAND, Ore. — APRIL 10, 2008 — The second annual Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes award winners have been announced recognizing industry leaders in the high-performance building industry throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Awards were granted to outstanding partners who have helped establish a significant presence for ENERGY STAR qualified new homes within the Pacific Northwest.

Capitol Building Company, Eagle, Idaho won the award for Idaho Builder of the Year. “Capitol has been dedicated to building high performance homes for years because we felt it was the right thing to do for our customers and for our planet. It’s easy to see how important this commitment is when you consider that our company’s energy efficiency initiative resulted in an overall savings to our clients last year equal to planting 14.5 acres of trees or eliminating the emissions from 101 vehicles. This is just the beginning!” said Tyler Gilman, Director of Sales and Marketing, Capitol Building Company.

During 2007 Capitol Building Company constructed 38 ENERGY STAR-certified homes within the cities of Boise, Eagle, Meridian and Star. As members of the 100% Idaho ENERGY STAR Partnership group, they support other committed ENERGY STAR builders by sharing ideas and supporting high-performance building at a local level. “Capitol Building Company has demonstrated a remarkable level of commitment to our program,” said David Hetherington, Program Manager for Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes. “We are pleased to honor Capitol Building Company for all their efforts in making the Pacific Northwest a model for high performance home building.”

Additional awards were given to:

Regional Home Builder of the Year: New Tradition Homes, Vancouver , WA

Regional Development of the Year: McCall Development, Billings , MT

Regional Verifier of the Year: O’Brien & Company, Seattle , WA

Washington Large Home Builder: New Tradition Homes, Vancouver , WA

Washington Small Home Builder: Scott Homes, Inc., Olympia , WA

Oregon Large Home Builder: Palmer Homes , Bend , OR

Oregon Small Home Builder: Vision Homes, Inc., Medford , OR

Montana Builder of the Year: Kingdom Builders, Missoula , MT

In 2007, 2,658 Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes were built in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. ENERGY STAR qualified homes deliver the features today’s home buyers are looking for, with the additional benefits of comfort, energy and cost savings — all by employing a combination of energy-efficient construction practices and high-efficiency equipment. This increase in energy efficiency lowers homeowners’ energy bills, as they save on heating and cooling costs, lighting, and everyday use of major appliances like dishwashers. About 25 percent of all U.S. carbon emissions come from homes, so making homes more energy efficient is an important step in reducing the emissions that contribute to global warming.

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About Capitol Building Company

Capitol Building Co. is located in Eagle, ID with communities in Boise, Eagle, Meridian and Star. For more information, please visit. [www.capitolbuidingco.com](http://www.capitolbuidingco.com)

About ENERGY STAR and Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Today, the ENERGY STAR program is a joint partnership between EPA and Department of Energy, and delivers the technical information and tools that organizations and consumers need to choose energy-efficient solutions. For a complete list of ENERGY STAR qualified products, retailers, manufacturers and energy savings information, call 1-888-373-2283 or log onto: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

ENERGY STAR qualified homes are built by home builders participating in the Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes program, which is funded by the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA). NEEA is a non-profit corporation supported by the Bonneville Power Administration, electric utilities, public benefits administrators, state governments, public interest groups and energy efficiency industry representatives. These entities work together to make affordable, energy-efficient products and service available in the marketplace. For more information regarding NEAA, visit: [www.nwalliance.org](http://www.nwalliance.org). Consumers can learn more about ENERGY STAR qualified homes by visiting [www.NorthwestENERGYSTAR.com](http://www.NorthwestENERGYSTAR.com) or calling 1-888-373-2283.

In Idaho, the ENERGY STAR Homes program is supported by Idaho Power. Idaho Power is involved in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electric energy in a 24,000 square mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon with an estimated population of 943,000. Idaho Power holds franchises in 72 cities in Idaho and 10 cities in Oregon and holds certificates from the respective public utility regulatory authorities to serve all or a portion of 28 counties in Idaho and three counties in eastern Oregon. As of Dec. 31, 2006, Idaho Power supplied electric energy to 471,779 general business customers and had 1,927 full-time employees. For more information, visit: [www.idahopower.com](http://www.idahopower.com)

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