

EPA Names Beazer Homes 2014 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year

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Beazer Homes earns award for protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency

ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 3, 2014-- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has named Beazer Homes as a 2014 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for its outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through building ENERGY STAR homes. Beazer Homes' accomplishments will be recognized in Washington, D.C. on April 29, 2014.

Beazer Homes, an ENERGY STAR partner since 2011, is being honored for its work in building new homes that meet ENERGY STAR requirements for energy efficiency.

Every Beazer home has built-in energy efficiencies that save money in heating and cooling costs. In fact, all Beazer homes exceed ENERGY STAR® ratings that minimize utility bills.

"Beazer Homes takes pride in building our homes to meet or exceed ENERGY STAR requirements," said Allan Merrill, President and CEO, Beazer Homes. "ENERGY STAR homes are more comfortable and ensure meaningful savings for our customers on their energy bills, while reducing our impact on the environment."

"EPA recognizes Beazer Homes for their leadership in verifying new homes that meet ENERGY STAR specifications," said EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe. "Homebuyers choose ENERGY STAR certified homes for greater energy efficiency and comfort. Home Energy Raters like Beazer Homes make it easy for homebuyers to identify and choose these homes."

The 2014 Partner of the Year Awards are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through superior energy efficiency. Award winners are selected from the 16,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR program.

ENERGY STAR certified new homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling, and water heating; in fact, homeowners who buy ENERGY STAR certified homes can expect to use 15-30% less energy than a typical new home. Currently, over 2,700 home builders across the nation are constructing homes that meet EPAs strict requirements for energy efficiency. More than 1.5 million American families now live in ENERGY STAR certified homes.

Through 2013, with help from ENERGY STAR, American families and businesses have saved \$297 billion on utility bills and prevented more than 2.1 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

About Beazer Homes

Headquartered in Atlanta, Beazer Homes is one of the country's 10 largest single-family homebuilders. The Company's homes meet or exceed the benchmark for energy-efficient home construction as established by ENERGY STAR® and are designed with Choice Plans, which provide flexible floorplan options to meet the personal preferences and lifestyles of its buyers. In addition, the Company is committed to providing a range of preferred lender choices to facilitate transparent competition between lenders and enhanced customer service. The Company offers homes in 16 states, including Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Beazer Homes is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "BZH." For more info visit Beazer.com, or check out Beazer on Facebook and Twitter.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money, and help protect the environment for future generations. 16,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, and buildings. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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