

LEED for Homes Summary

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The LEED for Homes program has been under development for several years. The pilot program and demonstration phase was developed in 12 local markets in 2005 and will continue until November 2007 when the program will be rolled out on a national scale.

USGBC will be developing an educational program, an educational faculty of 13 national members followed by a second faculty in the fall to deliver these trainings and select an additional 20 LEED for Homes Providers to deliver the program in new local markets, including NM.

LEED for Homes is a national, voluntary green building rating system that promotes the design and construction of high performing “green” homes. The program is the market’s leadership standard, focusing on the top 25% of new homes in terms of environmental responsibility. LEED for Homes is for all types of housing, from affordable to production, custom to low-rise multi-family.

Under the pilot program 440 builders have signed up to participate in the program, 7700 homes are currently under consideration for certification and as of August 2007, more than 225 homes have been certified by 12 LEED for Homes Providers.

Architects and Designers of homes have a great role in the consensus development process of LEED for Homes. It is very important that all green measures and features are incorporated into the design process as early as possible. Holistic and Integrated Design, based on Building Science, is the best way to substantially reduce the design process and building costs as much as 40%.

LEED for Homes is working collaboratively with local and regional rating systems already in place, as well as complimentary national programs. The alliance of LEED for Homes and Build Breen NM have produced some of the most advanced results on the Local and State Legislation in the country to help promote the advancement of green building and sustainability within a generation.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of our local chapter’s LEED for Homes team or members to help you understand and market your next residential project.