

New Mexico's Sustainable Building Tax Credit:

We now have a generous state tax credit for builders of sustainable homes. Here is the link to the final version of the bill,

<http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/07%20Regular/final/SB0463.pdf> Please note that Senate Bill 463 contains six different tax credits. The Sustainable Building Tax Credit section begins on pages 21 through 31, for Personal Income Tax, and repeats on pages 31 through 40, for Corporate Income Tax.

The rules for the Sustainable Building Tax Credit have been posted for public comment. You will find them at www.cleanenergynm.org. The public hearing is set for October 2, 2007.

- For Build Green New Mexico "Gold level", the maximum possible credit is \$11,000.00 per house.
- For LEED for Homes, the maximum possible tax credit is \$22,450.00 per house.

Rating System/Level	Qualified Occupied-Square Footage	Tax Credit per SF
Build Green NM GOLD	First 2000 Next 1000	\$4.50 \$2.00
LEED-H Silver	First 2000 Next 1000	\$5.00 \$2.50
LEED-H Gold	First 2000 Next 1000	\$6.85 \$3.40
LEED-H Platinum	First 2000 Next 1000	\$9.00 \$4.45

For Build Green New Mexico guidelines and additional information, go to www.BuildGreenNM.com

For LEED for Homes guidelines, go to <http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=2267>

For the LEED for Homes checklist, go to <http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=851>

For additional information on the LEED for Homes program, contact Building Energy Solutions, Inc. Contact information is above.

Federal Tax Credits for New Homes

Information courtesy of RESNET:

Under the provision for energy efficient homes, an eligible contractor who constructs a qualified new energy efficient home may qualify for a credit of up to \$2,000. The credit is available for all new homes, including manufactured homes constructed in accordance with the Federal Manufactured Homes Construction and Safety Standards. The home qualifies for the credit if:

- It is located in the United States;
- Its construction is substantially completed after August 8, 2005;
- It meets the statutory energy saving requirements, and
- It is acquired from the eligible contractor after December 31, 2005, and before January 1, 2008, for use as a residence.

In general, to meet the energy saving requirements, a home must be certified to provide a level of heating and cooling energy consumption that is at least 30 to 50 percent in the case of manufactured homes, and 50 percent for other homes below that of a comparable home constructed in accordance with the standards of the 2004 Supplement to the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code. It must also have building envelope component improvements providing a level of heating and cooling energy consumption that is at least 10 percent below that of a comparable home.

The program has been extended through 2008.

Summary: The Federal tax credit was mostly ignored in New Mexico until the state tax credit became available. Now, builders who are earning the state tax credit are inspired to do the extra work to qualify for the Federal tax credit. A HERS Rating is required in order to qualify for either the state or federal tax credit