

Using Green Standards to Re-Invent Your Business

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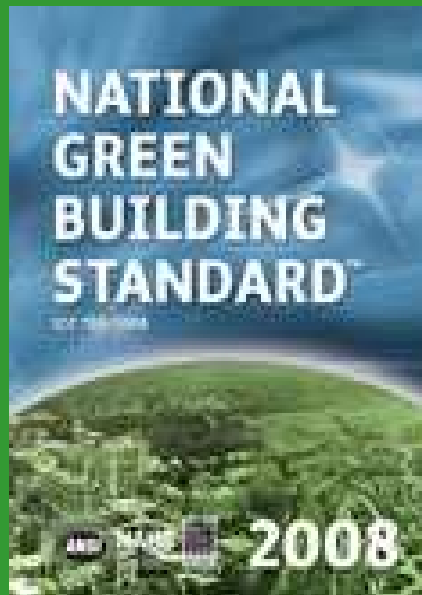


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A Few Certification Programs



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Green Building and Energy Standards

Austin Energy Green Building Program;

- The first Program designed around Sustainable Home design
- Began in Austin TX in 1991
- “Grand Daddy” of Energy Star



EPA Energy Star Program 2010;

- Has a 20% market penetration nationwide
 - Up Approximately 20% since 2008.
 - 250 New Builder Partners per Month
 - Up Approximately 1000% *Since* Market Slowdown.
- Working on Version 3, Target Implementation
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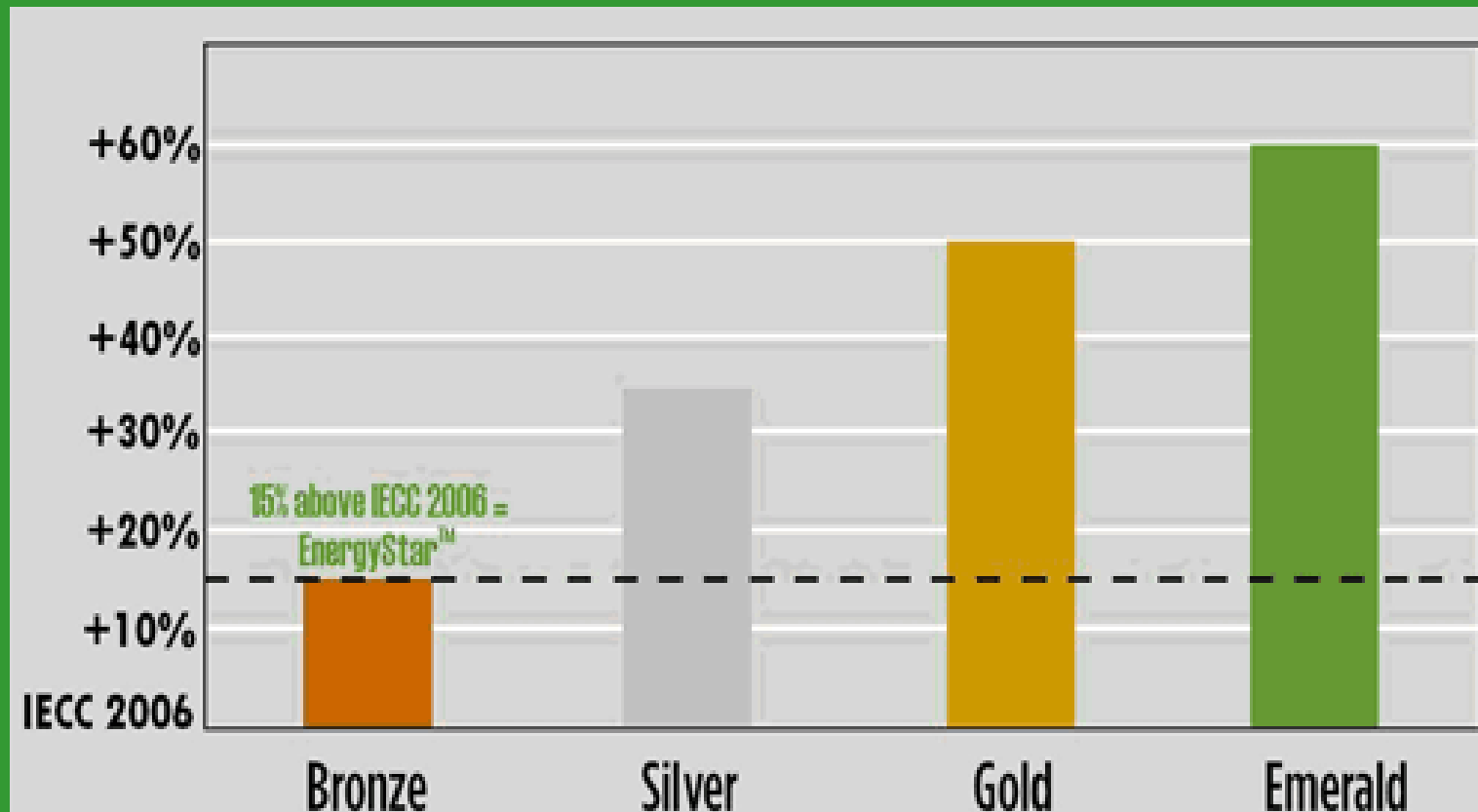


In addition, the new Standard;

- Threshold Point levels have been raised.
 - Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Emerald
- New Chapter for Subdivision Development
 - From One to Four Stars
- Points Threshold adjustments for Larger square footage.
- New Criteria for Rehab & Remodeling
- Information consistent through ICC Codes

ANSI ICC-700 New Threshold for Energy

Updates to IECC 2006





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- Building America is an industry-driven research program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, designed to accelerate the development and adoption of advanced building energy technologies in new and existing homes.



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RESEARCH GOALS

- Produce homes on a community scale that use on average 40% to 100% less source energy
- Integrate onsite power systems leading to zero energy homes, that produce as much energy as they use, by 2020
- Improve indoor air quality and comfort
- Help home builders reduce construction time and waste
- Implement innovative energy- and material-saving technologies
- Improve builder profitability
- Provide new product opportunities to manufacturers and suppliers
- Dramatically increase the energy efficiency of existing homes.



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BUILDER'S CHALLENGE

National partnerships with leading green building programs, including;

- NAHB's National Green Building Program
- USGBC's LEED for Homes program
- MASCO's Environments for Living

Enables builders to easily get multiple certifications and the recognition and differentiation they deserve for building the most durable, comfortable, and energy-efficient homes on the market.

The Future of Green Standards?

