



## *2007 Excellence in Energy Performance Award Backgrounder*

*Recognized by Oncor Electric Delivery and the Texas Association of  
Builders for Outstanding Energy-Efficient Construction*

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### *What is the 2007 Excellence in Energy Performance Award?*

The Excellence in Energy Performance Award was created by the Oncor Electric Delivery ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Homes Program to reward homebuilders who construct highly energy-efficient homes that exceed ENERGY STAR specifications. This annual award, co-sponsored by Oncor Electric Delivery and the Texas Association of Builders (TAB), recognizes homebuilders who construct the largest volume of homes with the highest average percentage above code score.

### *Who is eligible to win the award?*

Eligibility for the 2007 Excellence in Energy Performance Awards is based on participation in the 2006 Oncor Electric Delivery ENERGY STAR Homes Program. All Program homebuilders are eligible to win the award based on their cumulative average percentage above code score.

### *How are the winners chosen?*

Participating homebuilders are divided into four categories based on the number of homes they build: 1-30 homes, Custom Homebuilder; 31-150 homes, Low-Volume Homebuilder; 151-750 homes, Mid-Volume Homebuilder; and 751 or more homes, High-Volume Homebuilder, and ranked based on their average percent above code score. The percent above code reflects the scores of all ENERGY STAR homes submitted to the Program by each homebuilder in 2006. The scores are averaged to calculate a cumulative score that represents the average energy efficiency of a homebuilder's product line of single-family homes. The scores are ranked and the homebuilder with the highest average percent above code from each category is identified as the winner.

### *When were the 2007 winners announced and recognized?*

Winners of the 2007 Excellence in Energy Performance Award were announced at the 2007 Star Awards hosted by TAB. The Star Awards took place on Friday, September 28, 2007 in conjunction with the 2007 Sunbelt Builders Show.

### *How are the 2007 winners affecting the housing market in Texas?*

Current ENERGY STAR specifications in Texas require that a home receive a HERS index rating of 85 or lower, equivalent to 15 percent above 2001 IECC code. The 2007 Excellence in Energy Performance Awards were based on 2006 ENERGY STAR requirements and used different rating scale. However, the percent above code remained constant for both years, and was used to identify the 2007 winners. Collectively, winners of the 2007 Excellence in Energy Performance Award averaged 30.3% percent above code. By exceeding ENERGY STAR specifications, recipients of the award are raising the standards for energy-efficient home construction in Texas. Through the construction of energy-efficient homes, these winners are decreasing our demand for energy, decreasing the cost of homeownership for consumers and contributing to clearer Texas skies.

