

ENERGY STAR® Partnership Agreement For Home Builders



BUILDER TYPES

Select Your Builder Type(s) based on the ENERGY STAR qualified homes you will build:

- Single Family Home Builder** - Builders of single-family homes that are constructed on-site and intended for sale (including builders utilizing construction systems such as modular, SIPs, and ICFs.)
- Multi Family Home Builder** - Builders of multi-family homes that are constructed on-site (including builders utilizing construction systems such as modular, SIPs, and ICFs). Note: ENERGY STAR guidelines for residential construction apply to homes that are up to three stories in height or higher if permitted under residential code.
- Manufactured Home Plant** - Plants that produce HUD-code manufactured homes. Note: To be eligible for partnership, a plant must first be certified to produce ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes.
- Manufactured Home Retailer or Installer** - Retailers that are responsible for installing manufactured homes on-site (including communities that install manufactured homes on-site).
- Developer** - Organizations responsible for planning and developing communities where multiple builders construct homes. Individual builders who construct subdivisions should NOT select this category. Note: To be eligible for partnership, developers must require that all builders construct 100% ENERGY STAR qualified homes in the development.
- Owner/Builder** - Individuals that build their own homes.

HOME ENERGY RATER INFORMATION

Please identify the Home Energy Rater with whom your organization is working. A listing of Home Energy Raters by state can be found on the ENERGY STAR website at <http://www.energystar.gov/PartnerLocator>. For more information on why you need to work with a Home Energy Rater, visit <http://www.energystar.gov/homesverification>. Note: Providing Home Energy Rater information is required for all single family, multi-family, modular and owner/builder partner categories.

Organization Name: Southern Energy Management

The Home Energy Rater that you specify will be notified via email of your selection. You should already be working with the Home Energy Rater that you specify before moving forward with this agreement. Note: Selecting a Home Energy Rater does not bind your organization to work with that rating organization through the term of your partnership. You may change rating organizations according to your business' needs. For more information, contact homes@energystar.gov

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Please provide your organization's physical address. If you have a different mailing address, enter it when adding contacts on page 2.

Organization Name: Laffler Custom Homes, LLC.

Address: 231 Greenlyn Drive

Primary Phone: 919-815-3378

FAX Number: _____

City, State, Zip: Clayton, NC 27527-5066

Web Site URL: http://www.LafflerCustomHomes.com

Average Number of Homes Built Per Year 5

Please enter the average number of homes your organization builds, or plans to build, per year. Include all homes, not just ENERGY STAR qualified homes.

Is your organization a division or subsidiary of another organization: YES NO

If YES, please identify your parent organization:

Name: _____

City, State: _____

Display your organization on the ENERGY STAR Web site's New Homes Partner Locator?:

YES NO

If you selected YES, our Web site will display your organization using service area information you provide. A service area can be a metro area, region, and/or state. If no service area is listed below, we will default to the state where your organization resides and use your organization's phone.

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| Service Area Name: <u>Angier</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Apex</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Cary</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Clayton</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Durham</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Fayetteville</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Garner</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Raleigh</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |
| Service Area Name: <u>Smithfield</u> | States: <u>NC</u> | Phone: <u>919-815-3378</u> |

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CONTACTS

Please provide the name, contact information, and mailing address of at least one contact person. At least one person must be designated as a "Primary Contact". Contact information for the Authorized Company Representative or "Signatory" who signs this application must be included here. The Signatory can be the same as the Primary Contact.

1. Full Name: Scott Laffler Primary Contact

Title: President Role in Organization: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Primary Phone: 919-815-3378 ext. _____

FAX Number: _____

Address: 231 Greenlyn Drive Secondary Number: _____ ext. _____

City, State, Zip: Clayton NC 27527-5066 Home Work Mobile

Email Address: (required for access to ENERGY STAR Partner applications): scott@lafflercushomes.com

HOME BUILDER COMMITMENTS

100% Commitment : EPA offers special recognition to builders who commit to building 100% of their homes as ENERGY STAR. This commitment will be denoted with a special 100% icon on the ENERGY STAR partner locator when at least two ENERGY STAR qualified homes have been reported to EPA.

To make this commitment, please initial here: [Yes]

ENERGY STAR Advanced Lighting Package (ALP) : EPA offers special recognition to builders who commit to offering an ENERGY STAR Advanced Lighting Package to their homebuyers. This commitment will be denoted with a special ALP icon on the ENERGY STAR partner locator.

To make this commitment, please initial here: [Yes]

ENERGY STAR Indoor Air Package (IAP) : EPA offers special recognition to builders who commit to offering an ENERGY STAR Indoor Air Package to their homebuyers. This commitment will be denoted with a special IAP icon on the ENERGY STAR partner locator.

To make this commitment, please initial here: [Yes]

Authorized Company Representative: This partnership agreement application represents a binding agreement by the submitting organization. Signing below indicates that you have read and understand the terms of this partnership agreement and are authorized to bind this organization to the terms of this partnership agreement.

Printed Name: Scott Laffler Signature: [Scott Laffler] Date: 02/10/2009

To be Completed by US EPA

Kathleen Hogan: Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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For Home Builders (Supporting Information)



ENERGY STAR Background Information

EPA's ENERGY STAR helps consumers, businesses, and public organizations protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. ENERGY STAR for Homes promotes energy-efficient homes that can improve builder profitability, improve home quality and homeowner comfort, lower energy demand, and reduce air pollution. ENERGY STAR qualified homes are third-party verified to be significantly more energy efficient than homes built to code.* Savings are typically achieved through a combination of envelope upgrades, high performance windows, controlled air infiltration, upgraded heating and air conditioning systems, tight duct systems, upgraded waterheating equipment, and efficient lighting and appliances.

* Please visit the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov for information on current ENERGY STAR guidelines.

ENERGY STAR's Commitments to Partners

1. Increase awareness of the ENERGY STAR label by distributing key messages on the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified homes and homes-related products.
2. Provide current ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents (via the ENERGY STAR Web site, Hotline, e-mail or other means).
3. Provide ENERGY STAR partners with public recognition for their involvement in ENERGY STAR and role in protecting the environment through the online ENERGY STAR partner locator tool, special awards, and other media.
4. Respond swiftly to any partner requests for information or clarification on ENERGY STAR policies.

General Commitments for ENERGY STAR Partners

1. Use the partnership and the ENERGY STAR label to promote energy efficiency as an easy and desirable option for new homebuyers to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save money on energy bills.
2. Adhere to the ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines (available at www.energystar.gov/marks) and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, distributors, and subcontractors, also comply.
3. Adhere to the ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines (available at www.energystar.gov/partners). Failure to do so can result in the loss of linking privileges from the ENERGY STAR Web site.
4. Build or label at least one ENERGY STAR qualified home within any ongoing 12-month period. Partners not fulfilling this requirement will be deemed 'inactive,' thereby forfeiting all rights to the ENERGY STAR name and mark, their listing on the online ENERGY STAR partner locator tool, and any inclusion in ENERGY STAR promotional materials.
5. Affix an ENERGY STAR label to all homes that are independently verified to meet the ENERGY STAR performance guidelines.

Commitments for Home Builders

1. BUILDER PARTNERS: Clearly inform homebuyers when their new homes have qualified for the ENERGY STAR label and be able to describe the features and benefits of these ENERGY STAR qualified homes.
2. BUILDER PARTNERS: Provide a home energy rating report or relevant Builder Option Package for any qualified home upon EPA's request.
3. MANUFACTURED HOMES PARTNERS: Comply with all current performance guidelines (as documented on the ENERGY STAR Homes web site) for designing, manufacturing, installing, and certifying ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes. For plants this includes becoming certified to produce ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes by a third-party certifier who has been accredited by an EPA-approved Quality Assurance Provider.

General Terms and Disclaimers

1. The partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in ENERGY STAR constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the partner's commitment to ENERGY STAR. Partnership does not constitute federal government endorsement of the partner or its homes or services.
2. The partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with ENERGY STAR are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. As such, the partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
3. The partner and ENERGY STAR will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in ENERGY STAR.
4. This agreement is voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time for any reason, with no penalty.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this partnership agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of ENERGY STAR, including use of the marks.
6. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the ENERGY STAR marks.