

## Home Innovation Research Labs Recognizes 2015 NGBS Green Certification Partners of Excellence

*Builders, Remodelers, Verifiers, Architects, Program Champions Applauded  
for Helping Promote High-Performance Home Building*

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Upper Marlboro, MD – Today, Home Innovation Research Labs recognizes 39 NGBS Green Partners for outstanding contributions to advancing green building in their communities and commitment to voluntary, market-driven, third-party certification of high-performance homes. The 2014-2015 Home Innovation NGBS Green Partners of Excellence include 9 residential building companies; 18 accredited verifiers – including 4 “Rising Stars,” and several sustaining partners who’ve been recognized multiple years; 8 architectural firms; and 4 exemplary program advocates from across the country.

“As the home building market continues its rebound,” said Home Innovation Labs president and CEO Michael Luzier, “dedicated partners like these prove that participating in our rigorous third-party certification program isn’t a gimmick or a passing fad – it’s a strategic business decision that is paying dividends and changing the residential marketplace. Others around the industry could definitely benefit from following the lead of this year’s Partners of Excellence and building on their success.”

The Partners of Excellence awards provide an opportunity for Home Innovation Research Labs to recognize the leadership, innovation, and excellence of its NGBS Green Certification Program partners and other champions of credible green building in the residential sector. This year’s NGBS Green Partners of Excellence are:

### **Builders & Remodelers:**

- [Alliance Residential](#); Phoenix, AZ
- [BuildSense](#); Durham, NC
- [Crescent Communities](#); Charlotte, NC
- [Cimarron Homes](#); Durham, NC
- [Di Loreto Homes of Nevada](#); Reno, NV
- [Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County](#); Wilmington, DE
- [Island Homes by Pat Patteson](#); Emerald Isle, NC
- [Pinnacle Housing](#); Miami, FL
- [Wood Partners](#); Atlanta, GA

**Accredited Green Verifiers** (NGBS Green Verifiers who have been recognized more than once as a Partner of Excellence for their sustained commitment to the NGBS Green program are indicated with an asterisk.)

- [Kyle Abney\\*](#), Abney + Abney Green Solutions; Palm City, FL

- [Ali Alaswadi\\*](#), PEG; Fairfax, VA
- [Steven Armstrong\\*](#), Environmental Solutions Group; Greensboro, NC
- [Dondi Atwell\\*](#), ATS Engineers, Inspectors, and Surveyors; Austin, TX
- [Kat Benner\\*](#), US-EcoLogic/TexEnergy Solutions; Dallas, TX
- [Mark Garner\\*](#), Lawrence Abell and Associates Ltd.; LaPlata, MD
- [Aaron Gary\\*](#), US-EcoLogic/TexEnergy Solutions; Irving, TX
- [Joe Gordon\\*](#), Joseph Gordon LLC; Georgetown, DE
- [Jamie Hager\\*](#), Southern Energy Management; Raleigh, NC
- [Glenn Haydu](#), Minno & Wasko Architects and Planners; Lambertville, NJ
- [Daniel Mazilu](#), PDN Consulting, Inc.; Houston, TX
- [Brendon Roark\\*](#), Nations Capital Energy Solutions; Temple Hills, MD
- [Chris Schwarzkopf\\*](#), Energy Diagnostics, Inc.; Valparaiso, IN
- [Drew Wallace\\*](#), econsultants, LLC; Columbia, MO

#### *Verifier Rising Stars*

- [Damon Barnett](#), Barnett Associates, Inc.; Evansville, IN
- [Jason Biondi](#), Energy Cost Solutions Group; Miami, FL
- [Rachel Della Valle](#), Southern Energy Management; Raleigh, NC
- [Billy Giblin](#), Nexant, Inc.; Salt Lake City, UT

#### **Architects**

- [Cheryl Newton Architects](#); Glastonbury, CT
- [Englewood Group](#); Indianapolis, IN
- [Forum Architects, Inc.](#); South Bend, IN
- [KGD Architecture](#); Rosslyn, VA
- [Roger Fry & Associates](#); Coconut Grove, FL
- [Steinberg Design Collaborative](#); Houston, TX
- [Think Architecture](#); Salt Lake City, Utah
- [The Preston Partnership](#); Atlanta, GA

#### **Program Advocates**

- [Sandy Adomatis](#), Adomatis Appraisal Services; Punta Gorda, FL

- [BIA of Clark County Green Building Council](#); Vancouver, WA
- [Jason Haun](#), ZOM Florida; Fort Lauderdale, FL
- [Hon. Tim Leavitt, Mayor](#); Vancouver, WA

Since January 2009, when the National Green Building Standard (NGBS) became the first residential green building rating system to be approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Home Innovation Research Labs has certified more than 51,300 green homes, and more than 1,500 lots within green residential land developments. (For more details on current certification numbers, visit [www.homeinnovation.com/ngbsgreenstats](http://www.homeinnovation.com/ngbsgreenstats).)

For more information on the NGBS or the Home Innovation certification program, visit [www.homeinnovation.com/green](http://www.homeinnovation.com/green).

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