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HUD Announces New Green Building Publication

Laurinburg, NC, June 19, 2009 – HUD’s Office of Affordable Housing Programs announces the publication of **“Building ENERGY STAR® Qualified Homes and Incorporating Energy Efficiency and “Green” Building Practices into HOME-funded Affordable Housing”**. The purpose of this guidebook is to provide technical and operational guidance to HOME participating jurisdictions (PJs), community housing development organizations (CHDOs), and sub recipients to help them develop ENRGERY STAR qualified homes. This guidebook discusses the benefits of improved energy efficiency in housing, describes what the ENERGY STAR qualified home label means, describes what a PJ and its local development partners must do to meet ENERGY STAR standards, and identifies other actions that PJ can take to improve building performance in affordable housing.

A full copy of the publication may be found at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/library/modelguides/200809energystar.pdf>

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