



CONGRATULATIONS ENERGY STAR AWARD WINNERS



On March 31, 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presented ENERGY STAR Awards for achievements in 2008. They recognized two housing authorities with National Awards and five housing authorities with Regional Awards. National and Regional award winners are:

National Award Winners

City of Topeka Department of Housing

The City of Topeka, Kansas was recognized for their comprehensive approach to promoting energy efficiency in affordable housing. This included constructing ENERGY STAR qualified homes that are both accessible and very affordable, conducting public outreach and education activities on energy efficiency, and providing contractor education on energy efficiency measures.

The City of Topeka required all housing funded by their Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development to be ENERGY STAR qualified. They also conducted a comparability study which looked at the utility costs of ENERGY STAR qualified and non-ENERGY STAR qualified homes to find that ENERGY STAR qualified homes use 57% less electricity and save 45% on electricity bills. The Mayor of Topeka also proclaimed October as "ENERGY STAR Awareness Month". For additional information on this program **contact Warren Woodruff, Rehabilitation Supervisor** at wwoodruff@topeka.org.

Housing Authority of Ithaca New York

In their solicitations to contractors the Ithaca Housing Authority required that contractors use only ENERGY STAR qualified products. In addition, they have shared their experience with other housing authorities to encourage them to pursue energy efficiency improvements.

The Housing Authority entered into an EPC with HUD in an effort to consume less energy, reduce water usage, save money, improve the comfort of tenants, and protect the environment. They also installed significant energy savings measures affecting 341 multifamily public housing

units at its Titus Towers and Family Sites properties. The projected savings at Titus Towers is over 2,200 MMBtu and 255, 000 kWh annually. At Family Sites the projected savings is over 600 MMBtu and 37,600 kWh annually. For additional information **contact Brenda C. Westfall, Executive Director** at brendaw@ithaca.com.

Regional Award Winners

Housing Authority of the City of Daytona Beach, Florida

In the construction of 310 new units with HOPE VI and Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) the design team incorporated as much of the ENERGY STAR concept as was fiscally possible. They first installed ENERGY STAR appliances, but as they proceeded through the construction, bathroom lighting fixtures were converted to ENERGY STAR rated fixtures on the last two developments. Their goal was to incorporate the ENERGY STAR Residential Building concept into their next phase of single family home construction. For additional information **contact Joyours "Pete" Gamble, CEO** at gamble@dbhafi.org.

Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Virginia

The Authority acquired a Virginia Class A Builder's Contractor's License and began building affordable homes for low to moderate income families. They have built 58 homes (1,500-2,200 square feet). They have implemented ENERGY STAR and EPA WaterSense programs with less than a 3% increase to the direct hard contracted construction costs. While emphasizing becoming compliant with ENERGY STAR in their homes, they are researching the

UPCOMING EVENTS

Solar 2009

▶ May 11-16, 2009 | Buffalo, NY
 ☞ www.ases.org

Green Buildings New York

▶ June 16-17, 2009 | New York, NY
 ☞ www.GreenBuildingsNY.com

EEBA 2009 Excellence in Building Conference & Expo

▶ September 28-30 | Denver, CO
 ☞ www.eeba.org/conference

Green Build 2009

▶ Nov 11-13, 2009 | Phoenix, AZ
 ☞ www.greenbuildexpo.org

home certification process before using the ENERGY STAR label in advertising and documentation. For additional information **contact William Lockard, Director of Construction** at wlockard@hrha.org.

The Louisville Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) Kentucky

LMHA's utilizes the ENERGY STAR program at Liberty Green, a HOPE VI Revitalization project encompassing approximately 30 acres on six city blocks in Downtown Louisville. Once completed, this mixed income site will include a minimum of 443 rental and 275 homeownership units. Each unit on the site and all of its appliances will carry the ENERGY STAR label. To date, 301 multi-family low-rise rental units have been constructed. Ground breaking for the homeownership portion of the project will commence early in 2009.

LMHA recently expanded its ENERGY STAR program into an Authority-wide greening initiative. The Authority's Greening Initiative Goals and comprehensive Action Plan include several ENERGY STAR related initiatives and projects. For additional information **contact Bernard H. Pincus, Director of HOPE VI Development** at pincus@lhma1.org.

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St. Mary's County Housing Authority, Maryland

The authority sponsored the construction of The Gateways, a 4-story residential homeownership condominium community that will provide 42 quality energy efficient homes ranging from 774 to 1,190 square feet. Energy efficient design includes gas heat and ENERGY STAR appliances for a total of 90 ENERGY STAR products, including dishwashers and refrigerators. They also used the ENERGY STAR name in advertisements and in the education of tenants. For additional information contact **Dennis L. Nicholson, Executive Director** at dennis.nicholson@co.saint-marys.md.us.

Woburn Housing Authority, Woburn MA

The Authority installed seven new high efficiency boilers in one of their federal public housing projects. They expect to save \$30,000 in the first year. In addition, they replaced 125 windows and 76 sliding glass doors with ENERGY STAR rated products in a state aided public housing projects. For additional information contact **Tom Maher, Maintenance Supervisor** at tmaher@woburnhousing.org.

Quantity Quotes Purchasing

HUD recognizes the benefits of streamlining the purchase of ENERGY STAR products and PHAs are encouraged to use the DOE's Quantity Quotes website, <http://quantityquotes.net>, for procurement purchases above \$2,000 and below \$100,000. If at least three quotes are received using DOE's Energy Star Quantity Quotes, then both the 24 CFR 85.36(d) (1) small purchase procedures and guidance provided in the Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, paragraph 5.2 are satisfied. If less than three quotes are received using DOE quotes, then the PHA must supplement the difference with other quotes which may include telephone quotes.

ENERGY STAR Computer Compliance

A PHA that is considering purchasing/upgrading computer equipment should use the following ENERGY STAR web site to insure that the purchase qualifies as **ENERGY STAR Compliant**.

HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

HUD's PIH received a Special Recognition Award for its national effort to promote the use of energy efficient appliances in public housing units and for encouraging PHAs across the country to follow "green" building standards. HUD's PIH is taking part in a Department-wide effort to promote energy efficiency in public and assisted housing, as well as housing financed using formula and competitive grant programs.

and HUD will be at the forefront of accomplishing these goals."

"We are extremely proud to play such an important role in cutting energy costs for PHAs and the low-income families they serve," said HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary Paula Blunt. "Making America more energy independent and efficient is a top priority for the Obama Administration

Through its energy outreach campaign, PIH also increased PHA's awareness. HUD's EPC program which utilizes an innovative financing technique that uses cost savings from reduced energy consumption to repay the cost of installing energy-efficient utilities and appliances, like ENERGY STAR. In 2008, this effort resulted in PHAs nationwide having a combined annual savings of \$103.1 million, and \$570.8 million projected energy investments including ENERGY STAR products. For additional information on this program contact **Richard D. Santangelo, Manager, Public Housing Energy Program** at Richard.D.Santangelo@hud.gov.

ALL CLEAR-Utility Program

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and participating utility companies are continuing the All Clear program, for residents behind on their utility bill, in 2009. Residents that are less than \$500 behind on their utility bills are able to sign up for the program which allows them to pay half of the overdue amount and the program will pay the other half.

Last year, ComEd partnered with CHA by donating \$100,000, which CHA matched, to the All Clear fund. Around 1500 families participated in the program in 2008. One year later 43 percent of participants are still current on their bill. This year, the All Clear program with ComEd will expand to include Peoples Gas.

This is a one-time assistance program that is intended to help CHA residents catch up on their bills and hopefully stay caught up. Residents must remain current on their utility bills to becompliant with their leases, thereby avoiding eviction. Contact the CHA at (312) 913-7616 or allclear@thecha.org with any questions about the All Clear program.

ENERGY STAR Guidance Update

[PIH 2009-9 \(HA\)](#), which was issued on March 5, 2009 and expires on March 31, 2010, updates guidance encouraging ENERGY STAR as the standard for PHAs. By purchasing ENERGY STAR-labeled products and adopting the whole-house approach *Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*, which emphasizes a holistic approach to building performance and construction of ENERGY STAR qualified residential structures (HOPE VI), PHAs are supporting the goals of the President's National Energy Policy by reducing the burden of public housing energy costs while increasing comfort and reducing health risks to public housing residents.

PHA Guidance on Funds

[PIH 2009-12 \(HA\)](#), which was issued on March 18, 2009 and expires on March 31, 2010, provides Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and HUD Field Offices with information and procedures for processing the additional amount of Fiscal Year 2009 Public Housing Capital Fund Grants being provided in accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Recovery Act"). This Notice applies to PHAs who received either a Capital Fund Formula and/or a Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) Fund Grant in Fiscal Year 2008 under the Capital Fund Program. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the award of the \$1 billion competitive grant funds will be issued separately. FY 2009 Capital Fund Formula Grants will also be provided through a separate process.

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