

## **DAVID WEEKLEY HOMES WINS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BUILDER'S CHALLENGE IN HOUSTON!**

**HOUSTON** – The nation's second largest privately-held builder, David Weekley Homes, is the big winner in the United State Department of Energy's Builders Challenge. This award recognizes David Weekley Homes for its energy leadership in home building.

By the middle of 2009, David Weekley Homes had qualified 280 homes – more than any other builder – for the U.S. Department of Energy's Builders Challenge. They did this by building homes that scored an average of 67 on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS). By November 2009, the builder had an additional 600 homes ready for certification.

David Weekley Homes is highly committed to energy efficiency. According to Mike Funk, a quality coach for David Weekley Homes, all homes in the Houston, Texas, region are built to meet the Builders Challenge and *Environments for Living*® Platinum level. "Our commitment to energy efficiency comes with our commitment to innovative and lasting value to each and every Homebuyer" said Funk.

From recycled wood products to water management, David Weekley Homes is broad based in its approach to methods where they can positively impact the environment. Despite multiple floorplans, homes share several energy-efficient characteristics:

- An R-15 wall system coupled with R- 38 blown-in insulation in the attic helps keep the indoor temperature comfortable at all times.
- A Lennox 15 SEER air conditioning system coupled with a 95% efficient gas furnace and variable speed motor provides much more efficient cooling and heating.
- Jump ducts and air pressure balancing, which help even out temperatures.
- Cement siding painted with exterior paints containing mildecides, door jams designed for water and rot resistance and cement backer board installed behind tubs and showers sealed with anti-fracture compounds, all of which ensure durability.
- Radiant barrier decking helps keeps the attic cooler and the air conditioning system running more efficiently.
- A pest defense system is installed in the walls, and the homes are borate treated for termites.

"Our company looks at the whole house as a system, not just adding an energy-efficient feature here and a component there; we engineer the house so you get the most bang for every energy dollar invested," said David M. Weekley, Chairman, David Weekley Homes.

By utilizing innovative, environmentally beneficial products, David Weekley Homes is able to reduce the amount of energy needed within their homes. This means there is less damage to our environment and it also means lower energy bills for their Homeowners.

### About David Weekley Homes

David Weekley Homes, founded in 1976, is headquartered in Houston and operates in 13 cities across the United States. David Weekley Homes was the first builder to be awarded the *Triple Crown of American Home Building*, an honor which includes “America’s Best Builder,” “Builder of the Year,” and the “National Housing Quality Award.” David Weekley Homes has also appeared seven times on FORTUNE® magazine’s coveted “100 Best Companies to Work For” list. Since inception, David Weekley Homes has closed more than 60,000 homes. For more information about David Weekley Homes, visit the company’s web site at [www.davidweekleyhomes.com](http://www.davidweekleyhomes.com).

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