



Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR[®] Homes Builder Participation Agreement

The Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program is a voluntary effort, providing technical assistance to the building community, and recognition for constructing safe, durable, comfortable, and energy efficient new homes. ENERGY STAR was introduced by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products and expanded to cover new homes.

The Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program is a partnership led by Urban Options in East Lansing and WARM Training Center in Detroit. Through this agreement, the builder agrees to participate in the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program on the following terms:

Michigan Build's Obligations:

- Michigan Build! will give Builders access to available consulting, training opportunities, performance testing services, promotional materials, and press releases offered by the program.
- Michigan Build! will recognize Builders who are willing to build to program Standards through consumer marketing and through the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes website.

Builder's Obligations:

- Builder will comply with the program details outlined in the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes *Standards and Guidelines*.
- Builder commits to building a minimum of three (3) certified Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes within one calendar year. This assumes the builder constructs at least three homes in that year. Any individual company building less than three homes, but committing all those homes to the program, can register as a participating Builder. If a Builder does not certify at least one home as a Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Home within any ongoing 12-month period, the builder will be placed on "inactive" status. Inactive builders forfeit all rights to: the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes name, logo and other materials and inclusion on lists and advertising of Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Participants.
- Builder will coordinate with a Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Consultant to perform site visits per enrolled home as outlined in the *Standards and Guidelines*.
- Builder or Builder's representative agrees to accompany its Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Consultant during each site visit per enrolled home for the Builder's first three program homes.
- Builder is not obligated to make changes to construction as recommended by their Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Consultant. However, only those homes meeting the Standards of the program will be certified and promoted as a Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Home.
- The Builder will negotiate a certification fee directly with its Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Consultant.

- Builder agrees to allow Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes to send a Homeowner's Portfolio directly to the homeowner after certification of the home. A sample Homeowner's Portfolio is available from Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program.

Use of Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Name and Logo:

- The Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes name and logo are to be used solely by participating builders, trade allies, or Consultants for promoting their participation in the program.
- The logo guidelines must be followed. Failure to comply with the name and logo guidelines can result in termination of this agreement.
- Advertising using the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes name, logo, or promoting your partnership with the program must be pre-approved by a Michigan Build! representative from WARM Training Center or Urban Options.
- Only those homes, which have been enrolled in the program, and that meet all Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes Standards can be marketed as certified Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes.

No Representation of Warranty:

- Builder will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program constitutes WARM Training Center's or Urban Option's approval, acceptance, warranty, guarantee or endorsement of anything other than Builder's commitment to the Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program outlined in this agreement.
- Builder understands and will not construe, claim or imply that its participation in Michigan Build! ENERGY STAR Homes program constitutes a warranty by Michigan Build!, WARM Training Center, or Urban Options of any kind of the Builder or its homes or services.

Termination:

- This agreement is wholly VOLUNTARY and can be terminated by either party at any time or for any reason without penalty.

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