

OAK CREEK HOMES ANNOUNCES GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

Houston, Texas, (April 8, 2009, 2009) [Oak Creek Homes \(www.oakcreekhomes.com\)](http://www.oakcreekhomes.com) today announced it has received certification under the **CertifiedGreen Modular Homes Program™**, a national green building and certification program for qualifying new modular homes as compliant with the ICC 700 National Green Building Standard, which was recently accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Developed by the National Modular Housing Council (NMHC), the national trade organization representing all segments of the factory-built housing industry, and the modular industry's research arm, the Systems Building Research Alliance (SBRA), the program showcases the inherently green nature of factory building: the efficient way that modular homes are constructed, the use and reuse of materials and the general conservation of resources that are hallmarks of modular construction.

*"We are very excited about **CertifiedGreen**. We looked at the other national Green programs, but they treated factory building as an afterthought. We wanted a program that, in every respect, was designed from the ground up to meet the needs of factory home builders,"* commented Ronnie Richards, head of marketing for Oak Creek and chair of the committee that oversaw the development effort.

CertifiedGreen was designed by and for the benefit of the modular industry to leverage the resource efficiencies and quality control methods inherent in modular building and to seamlessly fit with factory building procedures, streamlining the compliance process and keeping costs to a minimum. With the Standard as the program's technical basis, **CertifiedGreen** homes meet a credible and widely recognized benchmark for green building. A unique feature of the program is that it requires all **CertifiedGreen** homes to qualify for ENERGY STAR®, the best guarantee of consistent and superior energy performance and one of the nation's most recognized and respected brands.

Working together, modular producers and their builders select from a variety of green practices, or measures, including lot development; resource, energy and water efficiency; indoor environmental quality; and building operation, maintenance and owner education, to design and construct homes to achieve one of four levels of certification—Bronze, Silver, Gold or Emerald.

Before beginning to produce **CertifiedGreen** homes, modular manufacturing facilities must first be qualified by an independent third party, known as a "Certifier". The certification process assures that the plant has the knowledge, skills and procedures in place to routinely produce homes that comply with the program, and staff committed to maintaining program quality and conformance.

Once on site, each home is inspected and approved in the field by another independent third party, the “Verifier”, who is responsible for checking that the home conforms to the program requirements, including the ENERGY STAR provisions.

Oak Creek offers a complete range of both manufactured and modular homes. Product offerings range from entry level single section manufactured homes up to full tape and texture modular homes.

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