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Welcome to Better Building News!

Greetings!

Each month we feature news and articles of interest to keep the community informed about technology and products available to build better, more economical and energy efficient buildings.

Don't forget to check out the Upcoming Events section for our latest class schedules and appearances.

If you have a testimonial or item of interest to share with our readers, we would love to hear from you! Please e-mail us so that we may print it in our next issue.

"Eighty-six percent of Americans would choose one home over another based on its energy efficiency."

-Energy Pulse

"Seventy-eight percent of Americans who just bought homes say nobody talked to them about energy efficiency during the buying process."

-Energy Pulse

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs., Feb. 19, 2009

7-8 p.m.

FREE CLASS!!
"How to Build an Energy-Efficient House"

Open to the Public.

Location:
E-Forms Showroom
5511 Edmondson Pike
Nashville, TN

Wed., Feb. 18, 2009

6 -9 p.m.

Home Design Trends Survey

In an effort to address rapidly escalating home energy costs, homeowners are reacting with a sharp increase in the preference for energy-efficient management systems and products. That's the key finding of a "Home Design Trends Survey" conducted by the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

According to the survey results, rising gasoline prices and more flexible telecommuting opportunities have led to the second consecutive year in which home offices are the most popular special-function room in today's homes. Media and home theaters are the second-most popular special-function room.

The AIA Home Design Trend Survey is conducted quarterly with a panel of 500 architecture firms that concentrate their practice in the residential sector.

AIA Home Design Trends Survey Highlights

Most Popular Special Function Room	2006	2005
Home Office	49%	31%
Media/Home Theater	21%	21%
Exercise/Fitness	6%	3%

Products	2006	2005
Energy-Efficient	68%	66%
Low Maintenance	61%	51%
Tankless Water Heaters	58%	N/A

Systems/Technologies	2006	2005
Wireless Telecom/Data	67%	70%
Energy Management	54%	38%
Central Audio	40%	48%

Special Home Features	2006	2005
Extra Insulation	45%	N/A
Ramps/Elevators	41%	N/A
Hurricane-Resistant Design	34%	N/A

Source: American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Construction Management for Homeowners 101

If you're considering managing your own home building project or being actively involved, this class is for you! Our in-depth manual will teach invaluable information that will help save thousands on your home!"

Cost \$195.00 per couple.
Price includes materials. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

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5511 Edmondson Pike
Nashville, TN 37211

Please RSVP:

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Come Visit Us at Nashville's 2009 Home Show:

Fri, Feb. 13, 10am - 9pm
Sat, Feb. 14, 10am - 9pm
Sun, Feb. 15, 10am - 5pm

Nashville Fairgrounds

Call for details!

Energy-Efficient Home Tax Credit Extended

Under the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, home builders can qualify for a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per home for improving the energy efficiency of new homes. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 extended the deadline through December 31, 2009. *Note: The person whose name is on the building permit can apply for the credit.*

The original energy efficiency tax credit was in effect for homes built between January 1, 2006, and

January 1, 2008. The extension covers homes built January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, and commercial buildings through December 31, 2013.

Go to www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8908.pdf to download the IRS tax form.

The New American Home 2009

The International Builders' Show, held January 20-23, 2009, in Las Vegas, NV, featured the New American Home 2009 with Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) construction. The many eco-friendly aspects of this home may be seen in the January 2009 edition of Builder magazine as well as their website at: www.builderonline.com.



You've spent hours deciding what you want in your home. Why not take 10 minutes to consider how the structure will be built? From ICF construction to energy efficient windows to LED lighting, we can show you how to make your next house work for you by performing better and lowering your energy costs!

Stop in to see us and let's discuss your house plans.

Featuring a "mini" ICF house demonstrating ICF construction from start to finish.

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Evenings/Saturdays by Appointment**

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