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HIGH PERFORMANCE HOMES RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS 2015 HOUSING INNOVATION AWARD

*Gettysburg Once Again Catalyst for Change in America –
U.S. Department of Energy Recognizes Builder for Leading
the Way with Zero Energy Ready Homes*

GETTYSBURG, Pa. – October 26, 2015– [High Performance Homes \(HPH\)](#) an industry-leading builder of high performance homes in the Mid-Atlantic, has been selected as a [2015 Housing Innovation Award Winner by the U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#). The Housing Innovation Awards recognized 24 builders from across the nation who are leading the movement to zero energy ready homes providing better places for Americans to live, stronger communities, and a more economically and environmentally resilient nation. High Performance Homes is the only builder in the state of Pennsylvania that has been selected to receive the 2015 Housing Innovation award. As a committed DOE partner who provides certified Zero Energy Ready Homes, High Performance Homes is in the top one percent of builders in the country meeting the extraordinary levels of excellence in energy and performance specified in the national program requirements.

The builder was selected by a prestigious panel of judges among a formidable field of applicants in the production home category for their model home at the golf-course community, [The Links at Gettysburg](#). **HPH** accepted their award on October 6, 2015, at the Energy and Environmental Building Alliance Excellence in Building Conference & Expo in Denver, Colorado.

“Housing Innovation Award winners such as High Performance Homes are leading a major housing industry transformation to zero energy ready homes. This level of performance is the home of the future because it improves the way Americans live by substantially reducing or eliminating utility bills, ensuring engineered comfort way beyond traditional homes, protecting health with a comprehensive package of indoor air quality measures, and helping maximize the largest investment of a lifetime,” said Sam Rashkin, Chief Architect at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Building Technologies Office.

All **HPH** homes feature an impressive package of high-performance building technologies that contribute to at least 40-50% more energy efficiency than the typical new home. This includes DOW POWERHOUSE™ solar shingles, tight building envelopes with structurally insulated panels, geothermal heating and cooling systems, and energy-efficient appliances. A comprehensive indoor air quality system compliant with EPA’s Indoor airPLUS label also provides important health protection. According to the



U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), every certified Zero Energy Ready Home has a comprehensive package of measures to help minimize dangerous pollutants, provide continuous fresh air, and effectively filter the air you breathe. A smart home technology package is also included in all of the homes, enabling energy monitoring and complete heating, ventilating, and air conditioning control, as well as remote control of lighting, thermostats, and security from any smart device. [Watch a virtual video tour.](#)

The **HPH** Links at Gettysburg model achieved a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index Score of 23, meaning the home will consume nearly 60 percent less energy than an average new home. Based on the HERS Report, this home will save approximately \$4K in the first year of ownership, \$50K over 10 years of ownership, and \$200K over 25 years of ownership. When you add the upfront incentives for investing in renewable energy, the system will save a homeowner more than \$70k in the first 10 years of ownership alone. Annual savings calculations over time include an annual electricity cost increase of 5.5%. The US national average increase of energy cost over the last 30 years is 7.5% per the Energy Information Agency (eia.gov). [Read the full case study.](#)

About High Performance Homes (HPH)

High Performance Homes is a DOE Zero Energy Ready Home partner constructing homes to the highest national energy efficiency guidelines and has been selected by DOE as a 2015 Housing Innovation Award Winner. **HPH** includes a comprehensive and cost-effective state-of-the-art technology package on all of their new homes. **HPH** is proud to offer impeccable craftsmanship, unparalleled durability, exceptional energy-savings and features for improved comfort and health. Three hundred buildable lots are planned for production in the world-class golf course community, [The Links at Gettysburg](#) in Pennsylvania.. The home of the future can be yours, today. To learn more, or to schedule a tour of the model, visit www.hphpa.com.

Since 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Builders Challenge program has recognized hundreds of leading builders for their achievements in energy efficiency—resulting in millions of dollars in energy savings. The DOE Zero Energy Ready Home — an ambitious successor to the Builders Challenge program — represents a whole new level of home performance, with rigorous requirements that ensure outstanding levels of energy savings, comfort, health, and durability on the path to zero energy ready homes. A Zero Energy Ready Home is a high performance home that is so energy efficient that a renewable energy system can offset all or most of its annual energy consumption.

To learn more about DOE's Housing Innovation Awards Program, visit <http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/housing-innovation-awards>.

To take a virtual tour of DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes in your climate region, visit <http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/doe-tour-zero>.

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