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### **CONCORDIA HOMES RECEIVES 2008 ENERGY STAR LEADERSHIP IN HOUSING AWARD**

CONCORDIA HOMES, a member of Nevada ENERGY STAR® partners, a voluntary coalition of Southern Nevada homebuilders, developers, retailers, mortgage providers, energy consultants and local utilities promoting energy conservation, was recently recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a 2008 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes the important contribution Concordia Homes has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by building more than 147 ENERGY STAR qualified homes last year in southern Nevada.

According to Stormie Andrews, sales and marketing manager for Concordia Homes, these homes will collectively save homeowners approximately \$65,709.00 on utility bills each year. "While the financial savings to individual homeowners are significant, the environmental benefits of these ENERGY STAR qualified homes are equally impressive and translate to eliminating emissions from 72 vehicles, saving more than 435,000 pounds of coal, planting 119 acres of trees and eliminating more than 854,000 pounds of CO2 per year," he said.

A member of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association Green Building Partnership and one of only a handful of builders nationwide to be a NHQ Certified Builder, Concordia Homes builds only homes that are ENERGY STAR-rated or better.

In fact, Concordia Homes is the first builder in Nevada to sell homes inspired by GE Ecomagination™. Concordia Homes' newest community, Sommerset, located in Henderson, features homes with solar panels that are certified to meet the stringent Environments for Living, Green Building program, which incorporates the latest energy saving technology. Concordia Homes is the first homebuilder to offer an all solar powered community in Nevada. For more information, please visit [www.concordiahomes.com](http://www.concordiahomes.com).

"Concordia Homes' commitment to the environment plays a major role in our long-standing history of excellence and customer satisfaction," said Andrews. "By building homes that meet or exceed Energy Star standards, we ensure that our homebuyers will enjoy lower utility bills and do their part to help the planet. It's not only the right thing to do, it's what today's homebuyers and consumers expect."

According to Sam Rashkin, National Director of ENERGY STAR for Homes, "ENERGY STAR qualified homes are better homes that cost less to own, protect our environment, reduce our reliance on imported energy, and improve our economy. Leadership in Housing Award recipients is making a meaningful difference at this critical time in our country's history."

Homes that earn the ENERGY STAR meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by EPA. ENERGY STAR qualified homes are at least 15 percent more energy efficient than homes

built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC). They include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20-30% more efficient than standard homes, such as effective insulation, high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, efficient heating and cooling equipment, and ENERGY STAR qualified lighting and appliances.

Now in its eighth year, Nevada ENERGY STAR was recently recognized in April 2008 by the EPA at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. with its most distinguished award, Sustained Excellence. This is the sixth consecutive year Nevada ENERGY STAR Partners has received this award – a feat accomplished by no other ENERGY STAR partnership in the country. For more information, visit the Nevada ENERGY STAR web site, [www.thinkenergystar.com](http://www.thinkenergystar.com). Nevada ENERGY STAR Partners encourages consumers and businesses to share how they are making a difference. Please submit your story or tip on our website at [www.thinkenergystar.com](http://www.thinkenergystar.com).