



US Department of Energy Announces 2016 Housing Innovation Award Winners Who Are Building The Home of the Future...Today

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BrightLeaf Homes Earns Prestigious Housing Innovation Award from the US Department of Energy for New Home Built in La Grange, IL

The DOE Housing Innovation Awards recognize nation's top builders on the path to Zero Energy Ready Homes

The US Department of Energy has announced that BrightLeaf Homes has been awarded a **2016 Housing Innovation Award** in the Innovation in Custom Homes category for a home built in La Grange, IL. This is the 2nd year in a row that BrightLeaf Homes has won an award from the Department of Energy for innovation in building high performance homes in the western suburbs of Chicago. In total, 39 outstanding Zero Energy Ready Homes from 34 of the nation's top builders were honored during the 2016 Housing Innovation Awards ceremony at the EEBA Excellence in Building Conference in Dallas, Texas.

"Housing Innovation Award winners such as BrightLeaf 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.

"These winners are leading the movement to Zero Energy Ready Homes that provide better places for Americans to live, stronger communities, and a more economically and environmentally resilient nation," said Rashkin.

A complete list of the 2016 Housing Innovation Award Winners and all of the award winning homes are on the DOE [Tour of Zero](#) website where you can view a special video, take a virtual tour, read about a whole new level of homeowner satisfaction, and see proven innovations in each of these homes.