

Achieving a Marketing Edge in Today's Economy

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Background

- HBAL actively promotes its members and brand
 - NAHB Green Build
 - Green Build Council
 - ENERGY STAR
 - ENERGY STAR Builder Program
 - New Home & Remodeling Marketplace
 - Grand Tour of Homes
 - Home of Excellence
 - Tour of Remodeled Homes



Trends

- NAHB Green Build
 - Increased cost of verification reduced interest

- ENERGY STAR
 - Increased cost of 3.0 reduced interest



Trends

- 2009 IECC adoption
 - Builders prefer the performance path

Utilities used HERS index in the ENERGY STAR program to document KW reduction



Utility Council

 Closed council made up of key Builder's, Remodeler's and Utilities

Goal

- Create a united front for common interest (code, legislation..)
- Review proposed Utility programs
- Address training needs



Utility Council

- Objectives
 - Builders & Remodeler's
 - Utility programs need to be uniform and provide common training
 - Utilities
 - Participation



Utility Council

Goal

 Create a program using the HERS index and ENERGY STAR v2 thermal bypass that supports the 2009 IECC performance path and lowers construction cost compared to the standard code home.



Utility Council

- Solution
 - RESNET Energy Smart Builder program

- Challenges
 - Co-Branding
 - How do you maintain the individuality of each corporation



Solution





MOUs

- Home Builders Association of Lexington
 - Encourage 100% of builder members to sign RESNET MOU
 - Only HBAL Builder members can use HBA+RESNET logo
 - Midwest Residential Energy Conference





MOU

- Utilities
 - LG&E KU
 - Signed MOU as an Energy Smart Builder program
 - Blue Grass Energy
 - Committed to promote the HERS Index with its Touchstone Energy Home
- Both Utilities have rebate programs that support HERS Ratings



Promotion

Home of Excellence





Promotion

Website





Lessons Learned

- Minimal cost
- Immediate results
- Launched without a strategic promotional plan
- Under estimated training needs for Code officials and Realtors
- Builders recognize the value of being able to show consumers how to save money



Questions

