## RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES NETWORK



RESNET® is a Home Certification Organization (HCO) for the EPA ENERGY STAR New Homes Program and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH) Program.

Builders of homes and dwelling units certified under these programs are eligible for up to a \$2,500 tax credit for ENERGY STAR and a \$5,000 tax credit for ZERH.





## CERTIFYING HOMES FOR THE NEW 45L TAX CREDIT

When using RESNET® as the HCO, the following steps are required for builders to obtain ENERGY STAR or ZERH certification:

- ► Sign up with <u>DOE</u> or <u>EPA</u> as a partner for each program you wish to certify under.
- ► Work with a certified RESNET HERS® Rater.
- ► Design and build your homes to meet <u>ENERGY STAR</u> or <u>ZERH</u> requirements.
- ► Have your homes verified by a certified RESNET HERS Rater or Rating Field Inspector during a pre-drywall and final inspection.
- ► Ensure your verifier submits your homes to the RESNET National Buildings Registry for final certification.

All homes certified for ENERGY STAR or ZERH are subject to quality control and quality assurance that includes:

- ▶ RESNET-accredited software quality control and validation checks
- ► RESNET-accredited Rating Provider quality assurance review
- ► RESNET Registry validation
- ► RESNET staff quality assurance oversight

RESNET shares ENERGY STAR Certified homes with EPA and ZERH Certified homes with DOE.

Builders should consult their HERS Rater for ENERGY STAR or ZERH certificates, required for claiming the 45L tax credit, or subscribe to other data sharing options to verify what homes meet the requirements for 45L.



