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## **USGBC Announces Support of NAHB and the International Code Council's Partnership on Green Homes**

(Washington, DC) – The **U.S. Green Building Council** today announced its support of the just-announced partnership between the National Association of Home Builders and the International Code Council to create an ANSI standard for green homes.

“USGBC applauds NAHB’s leadership in stepping forward with ICC to create an ANSI standard for green homes,” commented Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO, and Founding Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council. “Buildings overall represent 48% of all CO2 emissions in the US – a leading cause of climate change – and homes on their own represent 21%. NAHB and ICC’s partnership holds the potential to contribute to the solutions to climate change, and can help create healthier, better homes in the process.”

Fedrizzi continued, “LEED for Homes, now in its pilot phase and due to be released this summer, recognizes leading-edge practices in green home building through third-party verification. What USGBC is learning through the LEED program can contribute greatly to NAHB and ICC’s efforts. With that in mind, USGBC’s has already expressed our interest in becoming a member of their standards committee.”

USGBC was recognized in November 2006 as an ANSI accredited standards developer. USGBC is currently a partner in the development of Standard 189 together with ASHRAE and IESNA, in which effort AIA is also collaborating. Standard 189 will deliver a code-language baseline standard for commercial green buildings.

“LEED sets the bar for leadership in green building practices, and is an essential resource for the building community to transform itself toward more sustainable practices” concluded Fedrizzi. “Given the imperative of turning back the clock on climate change, we’ll reach that goal must more swiftly by working together.”