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## **EPA Recognizes KB Home with Two Prestigious ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Awards**

**National builder honored as Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence for the fifth consecutive year, and Partner of the Year - Climate Communications, for the second year**

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized KB Home (NYSE: KBH) with two 2015 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Awards: Sustained Excellence, for its continued leadership in protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency, and Climate Communications, for its outstanding efforts to elevate the issue of climate change through its actions. KB Home has also been recognized with 16 ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Market Leader Awards for the important contribution KB Home has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by building ENERGY STAR certified new homes in all of its divisions across 40 major markets coast-to-coast. The nearly 90,000 ENERGY STAR certified KB homes built to date are estimated to save more than \$28 million on utility bills while preventing greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 32,000 passenger vehicles each year.

KB Home is the only production homebuilder to earn ENERGY STAR's Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence award for five years in a row, and is also the first and only homebuilder to receive ENERGY STAR's Partner of the Year - Climate Communications award since its inception in 2014. KB Home's accomplishments were recognized in Washington, D.C. on April 20, 2015.

KB Home, an industry leader and ENERGY STAR partner since 2000, was honored for its long-term commitment to energy efficiency. KB Home builds all of its new homes to the ENERGY STAR program's Version 3 guidelines, which can help lower the total cost of homeownership.

"We are proud to have earned ENERGY STAR's Sustained Excellence designation for our industry-leading dedication to energy efficiency once again in 2015, and to be recognized as a top Climate Communicator for our efforts to raise public awareness about the positive impact energy efficiency can have on the environment," said Jeffrey Mezger, president and chief executive officer of KB Home. "KB Home remains committed to building innovative new homes that deliver superior energy efficiency, increased comfort, and enduring benefits to our homebuyers nationwide."

Since its inception in 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped prevent a total of more than two billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. In 2013 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners provided more than \$11 billion in societal benefits due to reducing damages from climate change.

"Through their sustained participation with ENERGY STAR, KB Home is helping Americans save money, save energy, and do their part to reduce our nation's greenhouse gas emissions that fuel climate change," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "I applaud KB Home for earning EPA's highest ENERGY STAR award, the 2015 Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence Award, and the Partner of the Year - Climate Communications Award, demonstrating a strong commitment to energy efficiency and to preserving a healthy planet for future generations."

The 2015 Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence Awards are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through superior energy efficiency achievements. These winners have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by setting and achieving aggressive goals, and employing innovative energy efficiency approaches. These awards recognize ongoing leadership across the ENERGY STAR program, including energy-efficient products, services, new homes, and buildings in the commercial, industrial, and public sectors.

The 2015 Partner of the Year - Climate Communications Awards are awarded to partners that have raised their customers' awareness of the impact of climate change through communications campaigns that encourage their customers to fight climate change with the help of ENERGY STAR or emphasize how energy-efficient behaviors have a positive impact on the environment.

For more information on KB Home and its ENERGY STAR certified new homes, visit [kbhome.com](http://kbhome.com) or call 888-KB-HOMES.

## About KB Home

KB Home is one of the largest and most recognized homebuilding companies in the United States. Since its founding in 1957, the company has built more than half a million quality homes. KB Home's unique homebuilding approach lets each buyer customize their new home from lot location to floor plan and design features. As a leader in utilizing state-of-the-art sustainable building practices, all KB homes are highly energy efficient and meet strict ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> guidelines. This helps to lower monthly utility costs for homeowners, which the company demonstrates with its proprietary KB Home Energy Performance Guide<sup>®</sup> (EPG<sup>®</sup>). KB Home has been named an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Sustained Excellence Award winner for five straight years and a WaterSense<sup>®</sup> Partner of the Year for four consecutive years. A FORTUNE 1,000 company, Los Angeles-based KB Home was the first homebuilder listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and trades under the ticker symbol "KBH." For more information about KB Home, call 888-KB-HOMES, visit [www.kbhome.com](http://www.kbhome.com), or connect with KB Home on [Facebook.com/KBHome](https://www.facebook.com/KBHome) and [Twitter.com/KBHome](https://twitter.com/KBHome).

## About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> is the simple choice for energy efficiency achievements. For more than 20 years, people across America have looked to EPA's ENERGY STAR program for guidance on how to save energy, save money, and protect the environment. Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and cause fewer of the emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, ENERGY STAR is the most widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency in the world, helping families and businesses save \$300 billion on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by two billion metric tons since 1992. Join the millions who are already making a difference at [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov).

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