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## Newsletter

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### DEG's Current LEED Certifications in California and Nevada

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Platinum                        | 98           |
| Gold                            | 35           |
| Silver                          | 31           |
| Certified                       | 180          |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>344</b>   |
| <b>Nationwide</b>               | <b>1,316</b> |
| <i>(As of January 20, 2009)</i> |              |

### DEG's LEED for Homes Tally

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Projects | 180             |
| Builders | 140             |
| Units    | ~3,900 (active) |
| Reps     | 47              |
| Raters   | 34              |

### Your LEED for Homes Provider

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**C**ongratulations to all of Davis Energy Group's products and LEED for Homes projects that have recently won awards.

### SunCache selected as Top-10 Green Building Product

The SunCache Solar Water Heating System has been selected as a "Top-10 Green Building Product for 2008" by the editors of Environmental Building News.



Announced at USGBC's November GreenBuild conference in Boston, MA, SunCache is the first renewable energy product to be selected for the Top-10 list. The SunCache integral-collector-storage (ICS) solar water heater uses a roof-mounted, water-filled, unpressurized, polyethylene panel and copper heat exchanger to pre-heat water for domestic use. Developed through research supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, the relatively inexpensive SunCache captures heat in 50 gallons of non-circulating water stored in a rooftop panel. SunCache is affordable and easy to install, making it appropriate for both professional and do-it-yourself installations.

Established in 1992, *Environmental Building News* is published by BuildingGreen, who also maintains the GreenSpec directory of green building products. For more information about the Top-10 selection, please visit the [BuildingGreen](http://www.BuildingGreen.com) website. To learn about the SunCache solar water heating system, visit [www.harpiris.com](http://www.harpiris.com).

### SMUD Home of the Future Recognized as 2008 Homebuilder of the Year

R.J. Walter and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District received the 2008 Homebuilder of the Year award from GreenBuilder Magazine. The SMUD Home of the Future was certified **PLATINUM** by USGBC on December 5. The project was a collaborative effort of Robert Walter of R.J. Walter Homes, SMUD and the National Research Energy Laboratory.

Also among the top 12 winners were Habitat for Humanity – Riverside project and Living Homes in Santa Monica. For more on the winners visit this website:  
<http://www.greenbuildermag.com/content/view/246/180/>.

### Gish Apartments receives USGBC Award

Gish Apartments, built by First Community Housing, was recognized as the recipient of the Affordable Project Recognition Award during USGBC's Green Homebuilder's Day Reception at the 2008 Greenbuild Conference and Expo.

Gish Apartments' 35 affordable units received LEED for HOMES **GOLD** certification from the U.S. Green Building Council – the first multi-family LEED for HOMES **GOLD** awarded in California. The project also received LEED New Construction 2.1 **GOLD** certified and Build It GreenPoint Rated at 145 points.

# Depot Walk Awarded 2008 Builder's Choice Grand Award



The Olson Company has been awarded the “2008 Builders Choice Grand Award” as the Country’s Best Green/Sustainable Community by Builder Magazine for its Depot Walk community located in Orange, California.

“This highly prestigious national award is especially gratifying on the anniversary of our company’s 20th year of building environmentally friendly in-town communities in established neighborhoods throughout California,” according to Steve Olson, Chairman/ CEO of The Olson Company.

Depot Walk features 32 brownstone homes incorporating sustainable design and construction techniques and the use of recycled materials that have also garnered this project a coveted LEED Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Sustainable features include rooftop photovoltaic (solar) panels that provide 50 percent of each home’s electricity needs, plus tankless water heaters, dual flush toilets, drought-resistant landscaping, limited use of turf, satellite-controlled irrigation systems, and permeable concrete for parking and walkways. USGBC and Davis Energy Group has certified 16 units to date at the **SILVER** level.

Located adjacent to a popular regional MetroLink transit stop utilized by daily commuters throughout Southern California, Depot Walk residents enjoys close walking proximity to retail, dining, entertainment, jobs and services in Old Towne Orange. “This community is the quintessential model of our business niche that has made Olson Homes highly desirable by our homebuyers and city partners throughout California,” noted Olson.

City – Orange, CA

Type – Production

Certified – LEED for Homes **SILVER**

Provider Rep – Ted Bardacke of Global Green USA

Rater – Dave Hagerty of DuctTesters

Builder – The Olson Company

Project Details – <http://www.olsonhomes.com>

## Green Building Program Updates

**Pilot Program Project Update:** Davis Energy Group has been receiving a lot of certification packets in the last few months – 26 units were certified in November and December. The official end to the pilot program is February 18, 2009. For those projects that came in under the Pilot Program and signed a Builder Agreement (shown at right) you must re-register your project with USGBC, regardless of the LEED version the project is currently using. USGBC has mandated that all projects that came in during the pilot must be certified by February 18, 2009 or re-register under the 2008 version. Re-registration is free, however, clients must get a promotional code from Davis Energy Group to take advantage of the free registration. To receive a code, please contact your Rep.

**Home Depot Foundation Affordable Grants are now available.** The 2009 cycle of the Home Depot Foundation Grants for Affordable projects are now available. If your company is a 501(c)(3) you can apply for funding from this program to help cover the costs for USGBC registration and/or certification fees as well as DEG’s verification services. For more information on funding, e-mail Patti Heath at [pheath@davisenergy.com](mailto:pheath@davisenergy.com).

**Visit us on the web:** Our website, [www.davisenergy.com](http://www.davisenergy.com) now features a map of projects Davis Energy Group has certified in LEED for Homes.

*If your project signed an agreement like this, you must re-register your project with USGBC before February 18, 2009.*

**Agreement for Home Builders Supporting the LEED® for Homes Rating System Pilot Demonstration**

**Terms and Conditions**

- Builder shall not construct, claim, or imply that its participation in LEED for Homes constitutes USGBC's approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the builder's commitment to use the LEED for Homes Rating System. This relationship does not constitute endorsement by USGBC of the Builder, its homes, or its services.
- It is expressly understood that this Builder Agreement does not create a partnership or common enterprise with or create any joint ownership of operating assets of USGBC and Builder. This Builder Agreement does not grant either party any powers of management over any aspect of the other party's operations, facilities, financial and/or contractual arrangements, or compensation of officers and directors. No debt or liabilities of either party to the Builder are assumed by the other party.
- USGBC and the Builder will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in LEED for Homes.
- Builder's use of the LEED brand is limited to the Pilot program, and Builder cannot grant others the right to use the LEED brand.
- This agreement is voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time for any reason, with no penalty. Builder's rights to use the LEED brand cease upon the termination of this Agreement.
- Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Builder Agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of LEED for Homes, including use of the LEED brand. Builder must immediately cease use of the LEED brand upon request of USGBC.
- USGBC will actively pursue resolution of noncompliance related to the use of the LEED brand.

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Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Number of Homes Built per year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 USGBC may contact basic information about your company and projects on its website [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)  
 Custom Builder  
 Production Builder  
 Multi-family Builder  
To be Completed by Your Local LEED for Homes Provider:  SOI (02) Affordable Home Builder  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
To be Completed by the U.S. Green Building Council:  For Profit/Affordable Home Builder  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail this form to: Your Local LEED for Homes Provider  
Or Fax this form to: Your Local LEED for Homes Provider  
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