



**Current LEED  
Certifications**

**California and Nevada**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Platinum          | 81         |
| Gold              | 35         |
| Silver            | 31         |
| Certified         | 158        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>305</b> |
| <b>Nationwide</b> | <b>893</b> |

(As of Sept. 3, 2008)

**DEG's LEED for Homes  
Tally**

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|----------|-----------------|
| Projects | 180             |
| Builders | 140             |
| Units    | ~3,400 (active) |
| Reps     | 46              |
| Raters   | 34              |

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This issue of the DEG grEEn newsletter includes a snapshot of recent certifications, an update on upcoming seminars and new programs available at DEG.

**Recent LEED for Homes certifications:**

**Vista Dunes – La Quinta, California**

La Quinta Redevelopment Agency has received **PLATINUM** LEED for Homes certification for an 80 unit affordable housing project. The Vista Dunes project is expected to provide housing for more than 300 low-income residents. Ted Bardacke of Global Green USA was the Rep on the Project and Kevin Rasmussen of SoCal HERS Raters was the Rater. For more information on the project, visit: [http://www.platinuminthedesert.com/video/vista\\_dunes.html](http://www.platinuminthedesert.com/video/vista_dunes.html)

**Job's Peak at Heritage Nevada – Gardnerville, Nevada**

Three units in Job's Peak by Heritage Nevada in Gardnerville, NV are the first homes in the state to be certified by USGBC under the LEED for Homes program. Kit Carson Development is building this community for active adults 55 and older and the units were certified **SILVER**. The Rep and Rater on the project is Jeff Bender of BECx. For more information visit <http://www.heritagenevada.com/about-us.html>.



**Depot Walk – Orange, California**

The Olson Company of Seal Beach has made a commitment to LEED for Homes by requiring their California projects obtain LEED certification. The company has certified 16 units at Depot Walk in Orange, CA at the **SILVER** level. Ted Bardacke of Global Green USA is the Rep on the Project and Dave Hegarty of Duct Testers is the Rater. The project is also in LEED-ND. To learn more visit: <http://www.olsonhomes.com/>.

**Villa Del Sol – Martinez, California**

Downtown Martinez is the focal point for some of Contra Costa County's first LEED certified homes. Villa Del Sol, developed by Faria and Marrugo Architects, is an 8-unit multifamily project that was certified at the **SILVER** level. Antonia Tsobanoudis of DEG was the Rep and Susan McGarry of His and HERS Rating was the Rater. The project's website is <http://www.villadelsohmes.com/martinez.htm>.

**Falcon Place and Orchard Heights – San Jose, California**



Pinn Bros. Fine Homes of San Jose is another production builder that has made the commitment to LEED for Homes. They have 17 homes in their Falcon Place and Orchard Heights developments that have been **CERTIFIED** by USGBC in the LEED for Homes program. Visit their website at: <http://www.pinnbros.com/homes/>. Katy Nicholls of GreenBuilt Construction is the Rep and Rater on the project.

## Green Building Program Updates

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**Three LEED for Homes seminars will be presented later this year.** Each of these seminars will fulfill section 1.6 Training in the DEG Contract for the LEED for Homes Program. E-mails will be sent when we are notified of additional training seminars.

### LEED for Homes Program Review at West Coast Green

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Learn more about the basics of the LEED for Homes Program at the Hilton San Jose. Please click on the following link for registration information: <http://www.usgbc.org/Workshops/Workshoplist.aspx?CMSPageID=289>

### LEED for Homes – Launched!

Tuesday, October 14 – Placerville or Tuesday, December 9 – San Francisco (Internet also!) both are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ann Edminster is presenting these overviews of the LEED for Homes program. Click on the following link for details and registration information: <http://www.pge.com/mybusiness/edusafety/training/pec/classes/index.jsp> and select LEED under “Primary Topic.”

**GPR Training Dates.** Build It Green will be holding GreenPoint Rater and Certified Green Building Professional trainings from September 29 to October 4 in Sacramento. Visit [www.builditgreen.org](http://www.builditgreen.org) for details, costs, additional seminars and registration.

**Dual Rating: LEED for Homes and GreenPoint Rated.** DEG and Build It Green are working together to create an easy path for certifying residential units in these two great programs at once. An equivalency tool, now under development, is being designed to enable Davis Energy Group’s Rep and HERS Rater teams to easily obtain both certifications. Dual certification will show the market that a home has attained high marks for sustainability according to the best regional as well as the premier national standards.

## Davis Energy Group News

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**Davis Energy Group** has initiated a solar water-heating program in Southern California. This program provides free solar water heating systems to qualifying homeowners and provides \$500 per system toward installation costs.

DEG was awarded funding from the California Air Resources Board to install 80 residential SunCache SWH systems. This exciting technology is the result of a 9-year R&D program funded by DEG and DOE/NREL to develop an affordable solar water heater using technologically advanced materials and processes. DEG licensed Harpiris Energy, a new start-up headed by Eric Lee, to manufacture the systems. Eric is the DEG engineer who was responsible for developing the product.

To qualify for the demonstration project, homes must be customers of either Southern California Gas Company or San Diego Gas and Electric. Both new construction and retrofit homes qualify, as do low-income projects. Multi-unit projects qualify only if each unit has its own water heater. To learn more about this opportunity, visit <http://www.harpiris.com/learnmore/icatprogram.html>. For more information about the SunCache SWH system, visit: <http://www.harpiris.com/home.html>

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**Grupe Homes** has earned California’s first Energy-Smart Home Scale™ (E-Scale) label, awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Builders Challenge program. The Carsten Crossings house in Rocklin earned the E-Scale label for energy efficiency with a rating of 47; it is the second home in the nation to qualify and has also been certified in the LEED for Homes Program.



The home is part of a 144-unit all-solar development. Grupe, a Stockton-based production builder, developed Carsten Crossings with guidance from Davis Energy Group, and support from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Building America program. The development is the second largest community to meet the California Energy Commission Zero Energy New Homes initiative criteria, the largest all-solar community in Northern California, and is the first LEED for Homes production project in the nation. Grupe markets the homes as GrupeGreen.

The “challenge” is to the homebuilding industry—to build 220,000 high performance homes by 2012. Homes that qualify for the Builders Challenge must attain 70 or less on the EnergySmart Home Scale (E-Scale). The E-Scale allows homebuyers to understand—at a glance—how the energy performance of a particular home compares with others. The E-Scale is based on the well-established Home Energy Rating System (HERS) index, developed by the Residential Energy Services Network. To learn more about the index and HERS Raters visit [www.natresnet.org](http://www.natresnet.org). To learn more about the Builders Challenge and find tools to help market your homes, visit [www.buildingamerica.gov/challenge](http://www.buildingamerica.gov/challenge).

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**Future Issues: On track for LEED for Homes certification:** David Gottfried, founder of the U.S. Green Building Council, is expected to obtain Platinum certification for his gut-rehab LEED for Homes project in Northern California.