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Home Builders Association of Dayton partners with the Energy & Environment Building Association to present Green Building Symposium on August 8 & 9

There is much buzz of "green" these days. You can buy "green" auto insurance. There are "green" cleaning products and stores adjusting to "green" operating hours. Utilities offering "green" energy and you can even belong to a "Green" political party. If you Google "green", in 22 seconds you will get 1.12 billion related results.

The entire "green" buzz it is sometimes difficult to understand which shade of "green" best suits a particular interest. In home building, it can even get much more complex, making it difficult for home buyers to know what to expect when they go to purchase a "green" home.

The first step in any new endeavor is to get educated and learn as much as possible, so, in early August, the Home Builders Association of Dayton is joining with the Energy and Environmental Building Association (EEBA) to present an educational program which many home building professionals will gather together in a classroom setting. The first **Green Building Symposium** includes information on green building, the Energy Star Program and a full day on EEBA's *Houses that Work*. The presentation will benefit home builders, remodeling contractors, design professionals (home designers and architects), realtors, building code officials, and real estate appraisers. Many attending will receive certificate of completion must be submitted to related association for continuing education values.

The first day will include presentations from local, experienced energy and green building rating professionals giving the attendees information on how to build and market a green home, details on the 2006 Energy Code, and how to certify a home to be Energy Star. Also presenting will be a local green builder discussing a recent locally built "traditional" style green home and a presentation and home tour of the Litehouse Development in nearby West Carrollton.

The second full day will be dedicated to the EEBA Houses That Work presentation is based on research from the U.S. Department of Energy's Building America Program. Regional case studies are featured, demonstrating high performance homes and the dramatic results achieved. Each module includes a segment on marketing the high performance features to a potential homeowner, giving what some attendees term "learning to earn" as a key benefit of Houses That Work.

EEBA's Houses That Work Program offers CEUs from National Association of Home Builders designation programs; American Institute of Architects, American Institute of Building Design and the Energy & Environment Building Association Institute, providing practical strategies that can be applied to a business for immediate success. The session is taught by Justin Wilson, an EEBA Certified Trainer, using training tools and resources developed by the organization's technical committee.

In addition to continuing education credits, each attendee of a non-conference session receive a Climate Specific Builders Guide (a topic specific guide for module session), course materials and handouts, resource directory, lunch and break-out refreshments.

The home building industry knows the value of quality education for better building practices and improved product performance. It is for this reason that manufacturers and builders have given their support to the development of the Green Building Symposium and the Houses That Work curriculum and resource guides. As educational partners they are making it possible to grow the program beyond the initial course. For more information on the seminar, you can visit www.HBADAYTON.com or www.EEBA.org .

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The Home Builders Association of Dayton's vision is to promote the highest standards of construction benefiting members, homeowners and communities. Founded in 1942, the Association is comprised of nearly 600 Builder and Associate members of the home building industry representing 25,000 employees throughout the Montgomery County, Greene County, Darke County, Preble County and the northern portion of Warren County areas.