

February 2013

NSHBA NEWS



UPCOMING

EVENTS:

- March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2013
Columbus Home & Builders Show
- March 6, 2013
Annual Legislative Banquet with State Senators
Lincoln, NE
Wilderness Ridge
6:00pm Briefing
6:30pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner
- June 4-8th, 2013
NAHB Spring Board Meeting, Washington, DC
- June 5, 2013
NAHB Legislative Conference – Washington, DC - Hill Visits all day,
- July 18th, 2013
NSHBA Board Meeting, North Platte, NE
Details TBA

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<http://www.nshba.org/formembers/benefits/#osha>

OSHA

Extends temporary Enforcement measures in residential construction through **March 15th, 2013**

Annual Legislative Dinner

Wednesday, March 6th, 2013



Wilderness Ridge

Briefing 6:00 Cocktails - 6:30pm Dinner - 7:00pm

Cost - \$60/person

RSVP to rhomebuilders@windstream.net, or by fax: 402-334-1180

Mail your check to: NSHBA, 1327 H Street #309, Lincoln NE 68508

The annual NSHBA Legislative Dinner will be held on March 6th at Wilderness Ridge, 1800 Wilderness, Woods Place, Lincoln, NE 68512. Briefing will begin at 6:00 PM followed by cocktails at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. Many of our Senators and spouses will be in attendance and your participation is important.

If you have not made your reservation, please do so by Friday, February 22nd. Email rhomebuilders@windstream.net or call [402-968-8574](tel:402-968-8574). Cost is \$60.00 per person. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a prospective member to see what NSHBA is all about. Representing the home building industry as a "united voice" is our mission.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this important event.

IBS - Nebraska had a large group of builders and associates attend the International Builders Show in Las Vegas in January. Over 150 people participated in the Nebraska Room. Thank you to all of our sponsors who helped support this event that was held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Also, our thanks to Stan Poff, Mike Gray and Scott Byrd for all of their hard work to help with the setup of the event. We appreciate the tremendous support that our members have shown this past year.



2012 National Green Building Standard Approved by ANSI

After an intense two-year development process, the 2012 National Green Building Standard (NGBS) has now been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The Research Center got word of the approval January 10th. This [exciting announcement](#) obviously means a great deal of changes to the Research Center's National Green Building Certification Program. See the items below for the first round of information on these changes, and be sure to read all the upcoming Insider Updates for more in the coming weeks.

Important Deadlines

Based on the ANSI approval of the 2012 NGBS, the following dates are now set:

- **May 1, 2013** = Registration Deadline for 2008 NGBS Certified Projects
- **August 1, 2014** = Completion deadline for single-family homes registered for 2008 NGBS certification
- **February 1, 2016** = Completion deadline for multifamily buildings registered for 2008 NGBS certification

As a reminder, **there will be no exceptions for the May 1st registration deadline**. If you are interested in seeking certification to the 2008 NGBS for any residential project, please make sure an [accredited verifier](#) registers it by May 1st.

http://www.homeinnovation.com/services/certification/green_homes_and_products/resources/find_a_verifier

The **Nebraska State Legislature** kicked off in January and well over 600 bills were submitted for consideration in this session. The 103rd Session has been active with Governor Dave Heineman introducing two bills LB405 and LB406 which would have eliminated or cut income taxes in exchange for expanded sales taxes. There were no shortages of critics on these bills. In a very short time, **Governor Heineman** asked the Revenue Committee to "kill the two tax bills". It is unclear where we will go with taxes until after a study has been done.

LB13 was introduced by Senator Bob Krist and would require radon resistant construction and radon mitigation statements for residential construction and would also create a building codes task force. After considerable discussion at our most recent Board of Directors Meeting, our Board voted to support this bill in the interest of safety.

LB373 is another bill that we are watching regarding changing Nebraska Construction Prompt Pay Act provisions. No action was taken on this bill at our meeting.

There are several other bills that are of interest to our industry and we will be monitoring those as we go forward

Maury Harris Returns to the PowerPoint Lineup

The [Spring NAHB Construction Forecast Webinar](#) always brings high-profile players to the table, and the [April 24 Spring edition](#) is no exception. [UBS'](#) Managing Director and Chief Economist for the Americas, Maury Harris, will train his exacting eye on housing for the CFW, joining NAHB's David Crowe and Robert Denk. Harris, a University of Texas Phi Beta Kappa and a long-standing member of the Institutional Investor (II) All-America Research Team, led his UBS team to be named the **most accurate U.S. economic forecasters** in 2011 and 2010.

Hear Harris' take on these issues and others on April 24:

- Sources of growth in the US economy
- Condition of the world economy and how the international picture will affect US housing markets
- Likely Federal Reserve actions and their impact on housing markets
- Mortgage rate forecasts

Is there a particular economic issue affecting your business? Get some insight—you can ask questions of the speakers directly through the onscreen webinar tools. The CFW provides comprehensive coverage of the industry topics that affect you most. **Register now at www.nahb.org/CFW.**

OSHA TRAINING:

TOPICS: Signs, Fencing Safety Kits, Eyewash Stations and Fire Extinguishers.

Fall Protection, ladders, scaffolds, forklifts, chemical hazards, MSDS and CPR will also be covered in sessions March through December. Don't miss this opportunity to become educated on "Safety on the jobsite" and have your company prepared. This is a another membership benefit of NSHBA.

March 19th – 1:00-5:00pm

Platte Valley State Bank - 2223 North 2nd Avenue, Kearney, NE
RSVP - Diane Jorgenson Phone: (308) 236-5151 or
E-mail: wcnhba@frontiernet.net

March 22nd – 12:30-4:30pm

At the Electrical Utility Line Training Building at Northeast Community College at 801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE.
Please RSVP - Phone: (402)750-0437 or
[mailto:dgwyatt@cableone.net?subject=OSHA Training Session](mailto:mailto:dgwyatt@cableone.net?subject=OSHA%20Training%20Session)

If you have subscribed to SMI, there is no charge.
If you are an HBA member, the cost is \$25.00
If you are a non-member, the cost is \$35.00

WASHINGTON UPDATE:

Extended Energy Credits Will Help Lower Tax Bills

During the recent fiscal cliff negotiations, NAHB worked successfully to reinstate critical housing tax credits. [Read more...](#)
http://www.nahb.org/generic.aspx?genericContentID=196101&utm_source=wu012913&utm_medium=magmail&utm_content=stov3&utm_campaign=WU

Judson Attends State of the Union, Reaches out to Lawmakers

NAHB's Chairman and First Vice Chairman met with more than 20 key members of Congress in the two days following the President's speech. [Read More](#)
<http://nahbenews.com/nahbmmb/issues/2013-02-18.html#0>



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Congress Extends Energy Efficient Homes Tax Credit

Congress has extended the \$2,000 tax credit for builders who build energy efficient homes by a bipartisan vote (89-8 in the Senate and 257-167 in the House). The legislation changed the base of the tax credit from the 2003 to the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code.

The legislation extends the credit from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 and retroactively to January 1, 2012. The credit had previously expired on December 31, 2011.

The extension of the energy efficient tax credit is contained in Section 408 of the legislation. To download the legislation go to [American Taxpayer Act](#).

The legislation also extended the tax credit for homeowners to purchase qualified products to improve the energy efficiency of their existing homes.

This is a significant achievement considering the political stalemate that has existed in Washington. It also demonstrates that there is wide bipartisan policy support for high performance homes.

ENERGY STAR, a joint program between the DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, offers a comprehensive list of appliance rebates and tax credits by zip code. We encourage you to visit energystar.gov for more information



Contractor Safety Meeting App Now Available for Phone, Tablet, and PC

PORTLAND, OREGON – Safety Meeting App, LLC. is proud to release the first and only app which allows construction contractors to conduct and track safety meetings as required by OSHA. The app will track attendees with roster and group photo, accidents and incidents. The app is available for the iPhone, Android phones, tablets, and online using any web browser.

OSHA requires that all companies hold frequent safety meetings with its employees. Safety Meeting App makes this a reality by providing hundreds of trade-specific topics anywhere and anytime without the use of paperwork.

“Contractors will like not having to carry around safety meeting manuals and record and maintain paper work. We want to make holding safety meetings easy and beneficial. An endless supply of topics for vast variety of trades will ensure that there are always relevant safety topics to discuss.” said Ted Johnson of Safety Meeting App, LLC. The app was designed to be used at the office or on the jobsite with employees and non-employees. The ability to keep a photo of the attendees stored with each meeting makes tracking accurate and efficient.

Key Features:

- * Hold safety meetings using your phone or computer from anywhere
- * Track attendance for all employees and guests or sub-contractors
- * Record incidents and other jobsite accidents
- * Provides access to hundreds of topics with new topics added each month
- * Serves more than 15 industry trades with more added monthly

Pricing and Availability:

Contractors can use a full-feature version of the app for 30-days for free. After that, access to the app, hundreds of topics and incident documentation is only \$9.95/month. An account must first be created online at GetTheSafetyApp.com to access the features of the app. Contractors can also find product activation cards in hardware and paint retail stores across the US with more locations coming soon.

[View Details & Sign-Up](#)
[Screen Shots & Training Videos](#)

We recently launched the Safety Meeting App and want to give all members of NAHB and Nebraska State HBA full-access for free for 30-days.

GetTheSafetyApp.com

Use Activation:
1144-0101

Register Now – New Topics Scheduled!

ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE SUPPORT

Join Britt/Makela Group for lunch the first Thursday every month for an informative and interactive webinar at **no cost!**

Time: 12:00-1:30 Central Participation: Limited to the first 100 registrants – click the class links below to register.

- [March 7th: Historic Energy Retrofit – Balancing Historical Integrity and Energy Efficiency](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/964674464803859712)
- [April 4th: Energy Codes for Architects – Why They Matter and How They Impact Design](#)
- [May 2nd: Keys to Success – Green Building Programs and Sustainable Communities](#)
- [June 6th: Which Commercial Green Building Code, Standard, or Program to Adopt – Comparing the National Models](#)

We [welcome](#) suggestions for future topics.

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What Do Home Buyers Really Want?

Mar. 6, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Economics and Research series

Secrets of Selling to the Multicultural Home Buyer

March 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Sales and Marketing series

Reinventing the Referral Sale - Registration Opening Soon!

March 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Sales and Marketing Series

Builders Guide to Appraisals: Obtaining Accurate Valuations on New Homes

Mar. 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Policy and Finance series

www.nahb.org/webinars - -
see other webinars available in coming months.

Courses:

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Announcements:

**NAHB Spring Board Directors Meeting –
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Legislative Conference , Wednesday, June 5th, 2013
Visit to "Capitol Hill".**

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