

March/April 2013

NSHBA NEWS



UPCOMING

EVENTS:

- April 11th, 2013, 2:00pm
NSHBA Board Meeting
Home Federal Bank, 3311
W. Stolley Park Rd.
Lower level.
Grand Island, NE
- 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

Go to NSHBA.org for full calendar.

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**SAVE THE
DATE!! June 5th,
2013**

**NAHB Annual
Legislative Conference
in Washington, D.C.**

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Annual Legislative Dinner



NSHBA held its annual Legislative Dinner on Wednesday, March 6th at Wilderness Ridge. The Speaker, Greg Adams from York, Nebraska did the introductions of fellow Senators and their spouses and staff members. A briefing was held prior to the dinner on Legislative Bills and Senator Krist talked in detail regarding LB13. The dinner was well attended by all local HBAs marking another successful event. Thank you to all of the local associations that supported this important event.

“Protect, Promote, Participate”

MEMBERSHIP MANIA

NSHBA is kicking off the year with some great membership incentives to help each of you increase your local membership numbers and become Spikes.

You could get your membership in 2013 for free.....Here's How!!

INDIVIDUAL

For every new member (builder and associate) that you bring in between January 1st, 2013 and December 15th, 2013, you will receive **\$20.00**. That's right. \$20 to you for your efforts. Ten members and you have earned **\$200.00**. Your local HBA will receive \$5.00 per member. There is no limit on the number of members that apply, so go out there and sign those members up. With a little effort, your local dues will be close to FREE for your efforts. Remember to think outside of the box when you are considering who should be a member. Have you recruited the car dealers? GMC has a \$500 discount offer out there. What about the tire companies? We all use tires on our vehicles. Who caters your events? Are they members. There are endless possibilities. **Go for it.**

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

NSHBA is awarding **\$500** cash to the local association who gets the largest number of builder and associate members by July 15th, 2013. NSHBA will go retroactive to January 1st and track the number of new Builder and Associate members from January 1st to July 15th, 2013. Each association will also need to email me their number of new members each month to compare to our "wms" records that NAHB provides. Here is a great chance to use this money to throw a membership party for all new members or give a prize to recruiters. Start recruiting today and get dollars back.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- ✓ Networking with other members
- ✓ Lobbying on the state level on housing issues
- ✓ OSHA Safety Program
- ✓ Leader in safety awareness, education and training



Greening the American Dream

April's [Webinar Wednesdays](#) will help you grow your green business by giving you the most advanced green building techniques, including those specific to remodeling and building systems. It all starts with an overview of the revised 2012 ICC 700 National Green Building Standard™ (NGBS).

- [2012 NGBS: An Overview of What's New](#)

Wednesday, April 3, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Business Improvement Series

In its first four years, the ICC 700 National Green Building Standard™ (NGBS) has been transforming the residential marketplace by providing single- and multifamily builders, remodelers and land developers with ANSI-approved guidance on going green. The 2012 version of the NGBS promises to have an even greater impact. This webinar will look in-depth at the changes that affect the single-family portion of the rating system.

Speakers: *Vladimir Kochkin, Director of Applied Engineering, Home Innovation Research Labs; Matt Belcher, Verdatek Solutions, LLC*

Presented by NAHBGreen

- [Building Green with Structural Insulated Panels](#)

Wednesday, April 10, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Business Improvement Series

Energy conservation plays a major role in designing and building sustainable homes. Builders can achieve the most energy savings through a high-performance building envelope, such as structural insulated panels (SIPs). SIPs are an advanced prefab building system allowing builders to meet the energy, resource efficiency and indoor air quality metrics of today's green building rating systems for less cost. This webinar covers the basics of SIPs construction's sustainable attributes, such as thermal performance, resource efficiency and life-cycle analysis.

Speakers: *Frank Baker, Director, PFB Corp/Insulspan; Bill Wachtler, Director, Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA)*

Presented by NAHB Building Systems Councils

- [2012 National Green Building Standard: Remodeling Provision Defined](#)

Wednesday, April 17, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Business Improvement Series

The 2012 edition of the ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS) includes expanded options exclusively for remodelers to certify bath, kitchen and basement remodels and additions as well as whole-house remodels. In this session, the speakers will discuss the ins and outs for certifying remodels. The speakers will also explain how the NGBS's new streamlined format will be simpler for remodelers and home owners to understand and use.

Speakers: *Michelle Desiderio, Home Innovation Research Labs; Paul Sullivan, CAPS, CGP, CGR, The Sullivan Company, Inc.*

Presented by NAHB Remodelers

Tight Credit, Flawed Appraisals and Erratic Supply Chain Hurt Jobs, Housing

The budding housing revival driven by pent-up consumer demand still faces a number of obstacles, including tight credit for builders along with a stretched lot and building supply system in many markets that are barely keeping up with demand. The precarious support system to housing could threaten the fragile housing and economic recovery now under way, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). [Read more...](#) http://www.nahb.org/news_details.aspx?newsID=15800

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

June 5th, 2013

NAHB will hold its Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, June 5th, 2013. Registration begins at 6:00 AM at the Marriott Wardeman Park Hotel in Washington. The April newsletter will contain detailed information and you can also go to www.nahb.org/legcon for additional information and to register. Your participation is always important as a member of the Nebraska State Home Builders Association.

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.

The panel will discuss, among other topics:

- Improving house prices
- Increasing number of improving markets
- Housing's return as an economic leader
- Building material prices
- Availability and cost of labor
- Fiscal, tax and regulatory changes

Who Should Attend: Manufacturers and suppliers to the building industry ---Dealers and distributors --- Land developers --- Financial representatives --- Consultants --- Land planners --- Market researchers --- Real estate professionals --- Builders (Single- and Multifamily) --- Remodelers --- Attorneys --- Marketing and advertising executives --- Architects and designers --- Professionals in any associated industry including utilities, moving and storage, furnishings, warranties and insurance.

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.**

This is your team in Washington working to protect the building industry. NSHBA and NAHB work to protect the home building industry and its members.

Builders Give Congress an Earful on Regulatory Excesses

NAHB sets the record straight on expensive, unnecessary rules that cost builders time and money. [Read more...](#)

NAHB-Supported Bill Will Help Builders Obtain Construction Loans

Legislation aims to bring the proper balance to lending policies and provide home builders access to credit. [Read more...](#)

Federal Roundup: Tax Reform, Immigration, Multifamily Lending and More

View the latest developments from Washington and how they impact the housing industry. [Read more...](#)

WASHINGTON UPDATE:

List of Improving Housing Markets Rises to 274 in March

March 21, 2013 - The list of improving U.S. housing markets expanded for a seventh consecutive month in March to include 274 metros on the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index (IMI), released today. This total amounts to a net gain of 15 markets since February and includes entrants from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. [Read more...](#)
http://www.nahb.org/news_details.aspx?newsID=15875

Supply of Skilled Workers an Issue for Recovering Housing Market

As lawmakers consider substantive reforms to our nation's regulatory, immigration and tax policies, NAHB is shining a spotlight on multiple challenges that continue to impede the housing and economic recovery to ensure that future legislative proposals do not impose further obstacles. Most recently, [we made public](#) the results of an association member survey showing that, since June of 2012, residential construction firms (and subcontractors) are reporting an increasing number of labor shortages across the industry – from carpenters, excavators, framers, roofers and plumbers, to bricklayers, HVAC specialists, building maintenance managers and weatherization workers. [Read more...](#)
<http://nahbnews.com/nahbmmb/issues/2013-03-25.html#1>

Permits, Single-Family Home Starts Hit Highest Level Since Mid-2008

Nationwide housing production edged up 0.8% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 917,000 units in February, according to [newly released figures](#) from HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. [Read more...](#)
<http://nahbnews.com/nahbmmb/issues/2013-03-25.html#3>

Key Amendment Introduced on FHA Multifamily Commitment Authority

NAHB's efforts to ensure that the Federal Housing Administration's multifamily programs will have enough commitment authority to insure loans for multifamily housing developments for the remainder of fiscal year 2013 took a big step forward this week with the introduction of a key amendment to a major government appropriations bill in the Senate. [As we previously reported](#), the FHA recently notified Congress that it had exceeded 75% of its commitment authority to insure mortgages under the General Insurance/Special Risk Insurance Fund for the multifamily rental and health care facilities. [Read more...](#)
<http://nahbnews.com/nahbmmb/issues/2013-03-18.html#2>

New Legislation Would Expand Builder Access to Credit

In [great news](#) for home builders and everyone with whom they do business, NAHB-supported legislation introduced in Congress this week seeks to expand the availability of construction credit for viable home building projects. The Home Construction Lending Regulatory Improvement Act of 2013 (H.R. 1255), introduced by Reps. Gary Miller (R-Calif.) and Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.) on March 19, represents a substantial step forward in the effort to restore the flow of credit to the housing industry. This bipartisan bill would remove barriers to lending while preserving regulators' ability to assure the safety and soundness of financial institutions, and is sure to be a primary focus of NAHB's upcoming Spring Legislative

Will You Be Ready If OSHA Visits on Your Business?

With the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) beginning to enforcing new, more stringent fall protection regulations as of March 15, NAHB is working diligently to ensure that builders are fully aware of the updated policy and know how to comply with the new rules in order to eliminate workplace hazards, boost worker safety and avoid costly fines.

Since September 2011, contractors have been required to comply fully with the [Compliance Guidance for Residential Construction](#). However, at NAHB's urging, OSHA implemented a phase-in period to provide home builders with more time to learn about the rule and get compliance assistance from OSHA. During this period, the federal agency's temporary enforcement measures allowed for penalty reductions and lengthened abatement times if a contractor was inspected.

The phase-in period has been extended twice since the Compliance Guidance went into effect, and it is unlikely that OSHA will extend it again.

What does this mean for builders and their subcontractors? [Read more](#)

<http://www.nahb.org/generic.aspx?sectionID=620&genericContentID=198543>



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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.

- [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.

Senate confirms Hagel as next secretary of defense

The Senate on Tuesday February 26th, confirmed Chuck Hagel as the country's next secretary of defense.



[Click here for article in Omaha World Herald.](#)

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130226/NEWS/130229573/1718>

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see other webinars available in coming months.

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