



# NSHBA NEWS

OCTOBER 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
NSHBA Board of Directors Meeting – 10:00 am  
Wilderness Ridge  
Lincoln, NE
- IBS – January 10-12, 2017  
Orlando, FL



**Congratulations** to *Gene Knaggs* on finishing in the top five in the country on building a **Zero Energy Ready Home**. Gene is a single family builder from our Kearney Area Builders Association and a past president of that local. Gene also serves as a director of the Nebraska state Home Builders Association and a member of the Energy Codes Compliance Collaborative Committee.

**IBS HOTEL:**  
**Rate \$169.00**  
SpringHill Suites  
Orlando at Sea World  
10801 International Dr.  
Orlando, Florida

## "Defender of Housing" Award Ceremonies

Members of Congress and the Senate from several states will be honored this month by home builders across the country with the inaugural Defender of Housing Award presented by the National Association of Home Builders.

The award acknowledges forward thinking federal legislators who recognize housing's significant role within the U.S. economy and who continually show their strong support for NAHB's positions on key issues facing the industry. Many of those issues seek to address regulations that are driving up the cost of housing and making it more difficult for families to achieve the "American Dream" of homeownership.

Lawmakers were nominated by their state and local home builders associations that make up the NAHB Federation. Finalists were then chosen by a panel of NAHB's elected leadership.

NAHB President Ed Brady stated "No matter how an HBA chooses to present this award, each one represents a strong commitment to affordable housing, consumer choice and most importantly, the significant contribution that home building makes to the economy. Homeownership is the engine that drives this nation and the Defender of Housing Award goes to those men and women that enable more homes to be built"

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEBRASKA'S RECIPIENTS



**OCT 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Adrian Smith**  
Chocolate Bar  
116 West 3rd St.  
Grand Island, NE  
**Check in 11:30 A.M.**  
**Buffet Lunch - \$12 at door**  
**RSVP by October 14th -**  
**Limited Seating**



**OCT 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Brad Ashford**  
Congressman  
Ashford's District  
Office  
7126 Pacific St.  
Omaha, NE  
**2:00 P.M.**



**OCT 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Deb Fischer**  
Senator Fischer's  
Omaha Office  
11819 Miracle  
Hills Dr, Ste 205  
Omaha, NE  
**11:30 P.M.**

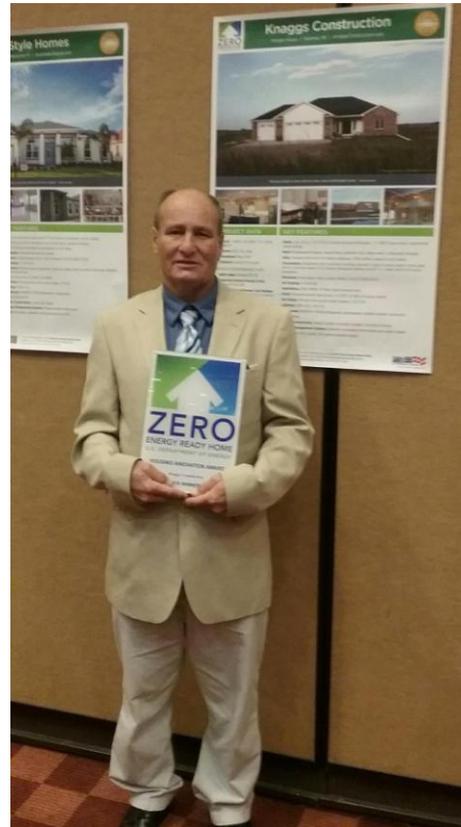
Please be sure to RSVP to:

[nhomebuilders@windstream.net](mailto:nhomebuilders@windstream.net) or [barbieb07@gmail.com](mailto:barbieb07@gmail.com)

The Congressman's office will need a complete list of all members attending this event.

**Congratulations  
On your Award  
Gene Knaggs!**

*Finishing in the top five in the  
country on building a  
Zero Energy Ready Home*



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**Highlights - - - Visit this website for valuable information**

- [The Impact of Building Energy Codes](#)
- [DOE Proposals for the 2018 IECC](#)
- [IECC Prototype Models for Commercial Buildings](#)
- [Upcoming Training Events & Available Resources](#)
- [Residential Energy Code Field Study](#)

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# Open Your Doors to New Members



## FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### About the Drive:

Winners are determined based upon percentage growth of new Builder and Associate members during their competition month. For example, if an HBA participates in September, its result is based on the percentage of new Builder and Associate members recruited during September when compared to its roster at the end of August. If that HBA had 40 Builder and Associate members at the close of August and adds 20 new Builder and Associate Members in September, it saw 50% growth during that month.

### What could you win? (in your size category)

- First Place - \$2,500
- Second Place - \$2,000
- Third Place - \$1,500
- Fourth Place - \$1,000
- Fifth Place - \$500

**NSHBA** would like to join forces with all five locals and work to grow the association in 2017.

To make it fun, we will keep a chart throughout the year to show our progress at each of our meetings.

## ONE A MONTH for NSHBA

**THE GOAL:** Each local will strive to get one member a month for the year. Your goal is 12. If you get all 12 at one event you have met your goal. Set your own pace. Have fun doing it. The industry is staying strong. The three legged stool of local, NSHBA and NAHB provides networking, education, and certification to set you apart from other builders and subcontractors. It also provides you with the assurance that legislation is being monitored at all times. NAHB has a staff that does nothing but monitor bills and fight for positive legislation. Regulations that are frivolous and unnecessary are being fought at all levels daily. This insures keeping the cost of housing down. Currently, over 25% of the cost of a home is regulations. Our three associations are constantly looking out for our members to minimize that. At the state level, efforts are underway to put more people in the workforce for housing. In addition, at the local level, there are Parade of Homes and Home Shows that pay for your membership if you get just one customer from the event. Joining provides insurance for your business. The competition will kick off January 1st and run through December 31st of next year.



**Good Luck.....**

## **Subject: Elliot's Brief Blog - The Bowtie Economist**

### **Healthy Households**

US household wealth reached \$89.1 trillion in 16Q2, the third straight record setting quarter. Wealth cyclically peaked in 07Q2 at \$67.7 trillion, and then declined through 09Q1, bottoming at \$54.4 trillion. Relatedly, the 16Q2 US household debt service ratio, the ratio of total required household debt payments to total disposable income, remains at 10%, near an all-time low and down dramatically from 13% in 07Q4. Collectively, households look quite good.

### **Productivity Promotion**

With labor productivity growth dismal, here is a to-do list: increase infrastructure spending, improve K-12 education, boost funding for basic research, make our corporate tax structure internationally competitive, encourage the educated and talented to immigrate, reduce regulation and increase corporate competition. Initially, focus where the problems are worst and these policies should be pursued even if the near-term deficit rises. Simultaneously, the growth rate of entitlement spending must be reduced.

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Excerpt from:

## ***Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry's***

# ***NEWS UPDATE***

### **'Editorial: Metro Community College looks to fill workforce shortage'**

(Omaha World-Herald) -- In a World-Herald editorial at Omaha.com, the newspaper writes about how the metro is moving to fill the looming job gap. The newspaper notes that "the number of workers needed in the Omaha-area construction sector from 2010 to 2020 is projected to increase by 27%. About 5,300 positions will be needed." The editorial cites a recent Nebraska Chamber survey that showed more than 25% of respondents said their growth prospects are limited by a lack of adequately skilled job applicants. The World-Herald notes that "Nebraska's community colleges have a crucial role to play in filling that gap" and recognizes Metropolitan Community College for its "well-designed initiative" to boost modern manufacturing; teach today's construction skills -- including architectural drafting, civil engineering, electrical technology and plumbing; and instruct math and tech skills.

[http://www.omaha.com/opinion/editorial-metro-moves-to-fill-the-looming-job-gap/article\\_4e03fa05-d50c-59fd-ad3e-a8ffe36dbab0.html](http://www.omaha.com/opinion/editorial-metro-moves-to-fill-the-looming-job-gap/article_4e03fa05-d50c-59fd-ad3e-a8ffe36dbab0.html)

# WASHINGTON UPDATE:

## Inside Washington

### House Votes to Delay Overtime Rule

NAHB continues push for stronger relief.

[http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/house-votes-to-delay-overtime-rule-more-comprehensive-relief-needed/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Story1-1003&utm\\_campaign=MMB2016](http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/house-votes-to-delay-overtime-rule-more-comprehensive-relief-needed/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Story1-1003&utm_campaign=MMB2016)

### White House Releases Housing Development Toolkit

Though aimed at reducing regulatory hurdles, the strategies focus too much on inclusionary zoning.

[http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/white-house-releases-housing-development-toolkit/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Story2-1003&utm\\_campaign=MMB2016](http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/white-house-releases-housing-development-toolkit/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Story2-1003&utm_campaign=MMB2016)

### November Elections Could Chart the Future of Housing

You can help strengthen housing's voice in Washington.

[http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/build-pac-flexes-political-muscle/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Story3-1003&utm\\_campaign=MMB2016](http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/build-pac-flexes-political-muscle/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Story3-1003&utm_campaign=MMB2016)

## Codes & Regulations

### New Voting Guides Point to Better Building Code Decisions

ICC will soon vote on thousands of proposed changes, many that would add unreasonable costs.

[http://nahbnow.com/2016/10/new-voting-guides-point-to-better-building-code-decisions/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Story6-1003&utm\\_campaign=MMB2016](http://nahbnow.com/2016/10/new-voting-guides-point-to-better-building-code-decisions/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Story6-1003&utm_campaign=MMB2016)

### Court Hears Marathon Argument on Climate Change Rule

Clean Power Plan rule could uniquely impact home builders.

[http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/full-circuit-court-hears-oral-arguments-on-clean-power-plan-rule/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Story7-1003&utm\\_campaign=MMB2016](http://nahbnow.com/2016/09/full-circuit-court-hears-oral-arguments-on-clean-power-plan-rule/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Story7-1003&utm_campaign=MMB2016)



**2017 NAHB International Builders Show**

**January 10 - 12, 2017 - Orlando, FL**

[www.buildersshow.com](http://www.buildersshow.com)

## **27 Pre-Show Courses in One Place**

Take a pre-show course on a specific industry topic while increasing your skill set. These one- and two-day courses give you a chance to really get immersed in a specific topic, including:

- Marketing, Sales and Communication Strategies
- Business Management
- Estimating & Scheduling
- Budget & Cost Control
- Universal Design / Build ... and so much more!

In the days leading up to the Builders' Show, 27 pre-show courses are being offered. Nowhere else during the year will you find all of these course available in one place, at one time.

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**Education: NAHB – Webinar Wednesdays**



**[Succession Transition How to Plan for a Successful Outcome](#)**

***Business Improvement Series, Oct. 19, 2-3 p.m. ET***

The home building industry is predominantly composed of entrepreneurial family-owned-businesses. Builders need to plan for the implications of a sale or transition of their businesses to the next generation of leadership. In this webinar, learn about the business, tax and personal considerations to examine for a successful business transition or retirement. **[Register today!](#)**



**[RRP Enforcement: What to Expect When You're Inspected](#)**

***Policy and Finance Series, Nov. 9, 2-3 p.m. ET***

This webinar will provide remodelers information on what to expect if they are inspected by the EPA under the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP). Remodelers will gain a greater understanding of how EPA enforces the RRP rule, as well as learn specific strategies on how to handle questions and requests for information from EPA inspectors. Finally, participants will gain a perspective on how the EPA views the RRP rule and motivations for its enforcement strategy. **[Register today!](#)**

**NSHBA Mission Statement**

*The Nebraska State Home Builders is the unified voice serving the housing industry, providing education and information to government officials, our members and the people of Nebraska*

**We also represent the residential and light commercial building industry at the state level and assists local associations and individual members by pursuing a suitable environment to ensure the vitality of the building industry for the benefit of its members, and to promote quality & affordable housing for the people of Nebraska.**



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