

# Montana Green Building - QUICK FACTS SHEET

- **GB focuses on 7 environmental aspects of building**
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Indoor Air Quality
  - Water Conservation
  - Site Design
  - Material and Resource Conservation
  - Operation, maintenance, and homeowner education
  - Global Impacts
- **Voluntary Guidelines with a National Standard**
  - Green Build Standard is being developed with the International Codes Council, the same organization that develops building codes
  - Only program to be ANSI certified
  - Developed with over 64 different groups – including the EPA, Dept. of Energy, U.S Navy, National Association of Homebuilders
  - Tested: 130 Builders Associations promoting Green Build in 2008 – 130,000 houses certified.
- **How Does it Work?**
  - Point System – with 4 different levels of green
    - Prescriptive path – for ease of use (checklist)
  - Yearly review of standards
  - Montana Adaptation
  - Not a one-size fits all program
  - Maintains Affordability of workforce housing
- **Who Will Be Involved**
  - Focus is on residential construction
  - 200 – 300 builders will be signed up in 2008 – starting in June
  - Between 10 – 20% of homes are incorporating "green build" now
  - Substantial growth - 30% increase green incorporation in 2008 and
- **Maintains Affordability**
  - Flexibility is key – point system ensures that process can adapt to site conditions
  - One size fits all would not work
  - Voluntary process and different levels of green.
  - Accepts other standards – credit given for Energy Star, WASTECAP
  - Standards will adapt with market innovations