

July 31, 2018

Dear John Sarter,

Congratulations! After completing our initial review, the U.S. Department of Energy has determined that the submission for **the Sol Lux Alpha project** from **Off the Grid Design** has been selected as a 2018 Housing Innovation Award winner in the **Multifamily** category! This is a significant accomplishment because this year was especially competitive with stronger applications and more limited number of awards than any prior year. Most importantly, your leadership is paving the way for the rest of the U.S. housing market to provide zero energy ready homes that are better for our nation, our communities, and our homeowners.

We are now moving on to the next and final step of the awards process. All winning applications are currently under review by our esteemed panel of judges to determine who will be this year's Grand Winners. A Grand Winner will be awarded in each of the five award categories: Custom Buyer, Custom Spec, Affordable, Multifamily, and Production. Grand Award Winners will not be announced until the Housing Innovation Awards Ceremony.

Please make plans to join us at this year's awards ceremony at the **EEBA High Performance Home Summit 2018 at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego, CA** (*see registration info below*). As a Housing Innovation Award winner, you receive:

- Recognition at the Housing Innovation Awards Ceremony on **October 16th, from 12:20 PM – 2:20 PM** in front of the full plenary EEBA audience.
- A customized poster of your winning home that will be on display during the Housing Innovation Award Ceremony.
- A 2018 Housing Innovation Award Winner plaque for all winners and a crystal trophy for all Grand Winners.
- Professional photographs of you and/or your company representatives receiving the award from DOE.
- Recognition in a DOE press alert informing national media about the Housing Innovation Awards.
- Your award-winning home featured on the [DOE Tour of Zero](#).
- Recognition on the [DOE Housing Innovation Awards webpage](#).
- Special recognition as a Housing Innovation Award Winner on the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home [Partner Locator](#).

- An invitation to join us at our Leading Builder Roundtable Meeting on **Monday, October 15th from 10:00-3:00 at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego, CA.** (RSVP for the roundtable to zero@newportpartnersllc.com)

Due to the need to balance conference costs and budgets, EEBA is no longer able to offer complementary conference registrations to award winners as they have in the past. We recommend attending the full summit, but if you are only able to attend the award ceremony, you can purchase discounted tickets.

Next Steps:

1. Register as soon as possible for the EEBA High Performance Home Summit (or just the awards lunch) by calling EEBA at 952-881-1098 or 602-510-9360. Do not Register online (pricing below)
 - Full Summit Registration for HIA Winner \$398 (half-price).
 - Additional registrants from awardee can register for the full conference for \$720 (\$75 discount from regular price)
 - Daily Registration for HIA Winner Day 1 only for \$325 (\$25 discount)
 - Day 1 Lunch/award Ticket only for \$75
2. RSVP for the award ceremony here by emailing zero@newportpartnersllc.com. This will let program staff know whether or not to expect you to receive your award.
3. RSVP for the roundtable by emailing zero@newportpartnersllc.com.
4. Make your travel arrangements.

If you have any questions or issues regarding your award, the marketing and promotional materials, or registering for the conference and ceremony, please contact the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program staff at **301-889-0017** or via email at zero@newportpartnersllc.com. Congratulations again on your award and start making those travel arrangements. We're looking forward to seeing you in San Diego for another great event!

Sincerely,



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