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## **Transformations, Inc. wins 2 awards from U.S. Department of Energy National Challenge Home Program**

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Transformations, Inc. won two national awards from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Challenge Home program for building high performance, energy-efficient homes. The DOE selected Transformations as a winner in the Custom Home and Production categories.

Transformations won awards for two homes, both of which are classified as "net zero;" that is, they have zero net energy consumption and zero carbon emissions annually. In fact, the two homes built by Transformations were projected to produce about 10,000 kilowatt hours of energy more than they consumed---enough power to drive a Nissan Leaf or Chevy Volt for 30,000 miles each year. The two homes were moderately priced: \$360,000 for the production home and \$450,000 for the custom home.

These building projects align with the Mass. governor Deval Patrick's administration plans for zero net energy development in Mass., as well as President Obama's plans to mitigate climate change.

"In Devens we've built housing for the future: energy-efficient, moderately-priced homes," said Carter Scott, president of Transformations. "These well-priced and well-sized homes can be built anywhere in Massachusetts. By creating both green jobs and green housing at affordable prices, this project has increased local economic activity and expanded our options for sustainable housing."

"With the progressive state, federal, utility and lender incentives for high performance homes, Transformations can now produce a zero net energy home for the same cost as conventional construction in a Mass. investor-owned utility service territory with a solar lease. This is huge news because it allows a paradigm shift in housing for Mass. California has enacted legislation mandating zero energy homes by 2020. Massachusetts can now be on its way to following in California's footsteps." said Scott.

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