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February 18, 2009 -The National Green Building Standard™ for all residential construction work including single-family homes, apartments and condos, land development and remodeling and renovation was recently approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

“I am excited to announce the approval of the National Green Building Standard for single-family homes, apartments and condos, land development and remodeling and renovation. Receiving accreditation from ANSI means this will serve as the only green building rating system approved by the consensus-based group for residential green homes and raises the bar for builders, remodelers, and developers utilizing green practices. The Standard’s requirement of third party verifiers ensures consumers are receiving authentic, verifiable green practices in their homes,” said David Kovich, Chairman of the Indiana Builders Association Green Building Committee and President of Komark, Ltd. based in Lafayette, Indiana.

The standard defines what green practices can be incorporated into residential development and construction as well as how home owners can operate and maintain their green homes.

But the National Green Building Standard also provides for flexibility – allowing home builders and home buyers to make green choices based on climate and geography as well as style preferences and budget.

As part of the stringent process required by ANSI, NAHB and the International Code Council gathered a fully inclusive and representative consensus committee composed of a broad spectrum of builders, architects, product manufacturers, regulators and environmental experts. The work of the consensus committee was administered by the National Association of Home Builders Research Center, an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer.

The consensus committee deliberated the content of the standard for more than a year, held four public hearings and evaluated more than 2,000 public comments in the development of the standard.