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Dear California New Homes Program Participants,

As many of you know, the state of California has created the New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP<sup>1</sup>) to encourage the use of solar in new residential construction projects. The NSHP has linked photovoltaic (PV) incentives to energy efficiency for the first time. As a result, in order to receive incentive dollars from the NSHP for installing PV, all homes must be at least 15% better than required under Title 24 (Tier I). There is also a Tier II of the NSHP, requiring homes be 35% better than required under Title 24.

In order to align with the NSHP performance tiers, the California New Homes Program (CANHP) has added the Tier I and Tier II code-plus incentive levels. The following incentive levels are now available to all CANHP participants:

PERFORMANCE MARGIN	PARTICIPATION OPTION	INCENTIVES
15% (Tier I)	NSHP Code-plus <sup>2</sup> or ENERGY STAR <sup>3</sup>	\$400 – Coastal (CZ 1-7) \$500 – Inland (CZ 8-16)
20%	ENERGY STAR only	\$700 Inland Only
35% (Tier II)	NSHP Code-plus <sup>4</sup> or ENERGY STAR	\$2000 Inland & Coastal

This new program offering and collateral materials are expected to be finalized within the next several weeks. However, **we are now accepting applications** for all of the aforementioned participation options (as well as prescriptive measures) using the existing program applications. Additional CANHP information is available at our web site: [www.sce.com/builder](http://www.sce.com/builder)

We are excited to be rolling out this new component of the program, which aligns perfectly with the NSHP as well as the energy performance requirements of most green building programs in California. We look forward to your participation!

Best,

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<sup>1</sup> The NSHP guidebook has full requirement details (<http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/nshp/>)

<sup>2</sup> Under the Tier I NSHP Code-plus option builders are not required to install PV.

<sup>3</sup> Under the ENERGY STAR participation option, measures such as Tight Ducts, Quality Insulation Installation and Thermal Bypass Checklist Procedures, and HVAC right-sizing are required by the US EPA. The NSHP Code-plus options do NOT require these measures.

<sup>4</sup> Under the Tier II NSHP Code-plus option builders are required to install PV. Incentives for PV installation are available from the CEC. Any appliances installed must also meet ENERGY STAR requirements.