



## BACKGROUND

### **The R-2000 Initiative**

The R-2000 Initiative is a collaboration between the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) and the Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE) of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). For close to three decades, the two partners have worked together on the components that make up the R-2000 Program.

### **The 10 Most Important Things to Know About R-2000**

1. R-2000 represents a way of building homes, not a specific design, style or type of home. Virtually any home can become an R-2000 home.
2. R-2000 homes are built to the R-2000 Standard—a series of strict technical requirements for energy efficiency, indoor air quality and environmental responsibility, above and beyond anything required by building codes.
3. The R-2000 Standard is voluntary. Builders choose to build R-2000 homes because they believe that the technology is superior to conventional construction and they want to provide their customers with a better built home.
4. Every R-2000 builder has taken extra training in advanced design and construction techniques. And every R-2000 builder has a license to prove it. Only licensed R-2000 builders can offer you an R-2000 home.
5. R-2000 homes are not experimental. They use only proven technology, proven techniques and proven products.
6. The Standard is updated periodically to reflect the latest research and developments in the industry, and to keep R-2000 on the leading edge.
7. Every R-2000 home goes through a strict independent quality assurance process of testing and verification from beginning to end, from blueprint to completion. No other homes offer this level of quality assurance.
8. Every R-2000 home is certified. Once a home has passed all tests and inspections, you will receive a numbered certificate from the Government of Canada—your proof that you own an R-2000 home.
9. Only certified homes are R-2000 homes. Homes that are "almost R-2000" or "as good as" or "built to the standard but not certified"...don't count, because those homes don't have quality assured performance.
10. Amid growing concerns over greenhouse gasses and global warming, R-2000 provides a model for environmentally responsible housing, both in Canada and around the world.

For more information about the R2000 Program visit [www.r2000.chba.ca](http://www.r2000.chba.ca).