

# News Release



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### **Renewal of retrofit program welcome news for homeowners, CHBA CI says**

**Kamloops**, July 13, 2011 – The Canadian Home Builders' Association Central Interior (CHBA CI) today applauded Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver on the announced details of a renewed ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program.

CHBA CI President Brian Hayashi of Nexbuild Construction said: "This announcement will be well received by both our residential housing industry and households. It means that homeowners can begin the process of making their homes more energy efficient, right away."

The program is complemented by the government's on-going support for the R-2000 initiative, the EnerGuide Rating System and ENERGY STAR for New Homes.

By requiring written receipts for expenses eligible for a grant, the ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program has the added benefit of encouraging people to work with professional renovators. This will bolster the government's efforts to combat the underground cash economy in home renovation services.

"The renewal of the ecoENERGY Retrofit program will help to enhance the quality of our country's housing stock, particularly in terms of its environmental performance," Mr. Hayashi said. "The residential sector is already a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and this federal government commitment will help homeowners achieve even more. Improved energy efficiency saves homeowners money, and it will help British Columbia meet its environmental goals."

The Canadian Home Builders' Association Central Interior (CHBA CI) is the voice of the residential construction industry in the BC Interior, representing 200 member companies. Membership comprises new home builders, renovators, developers, trade contractors, building material suppliers, lenders and other professionals in the housing sector.

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