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## **Developer, Architect Selected for Issaquah's Ambitious Zero Energy Project**

(Seattle, Wash.)—Noland Homes has been selected by the City of Issaquah as the developer and builder for a 10-unit, zero net energy and zero carbon emission demonstration project. The project is designed to revolutionize the way Puget Sound residents think about the impacts of building on the environment and climate change.

The homes are expected to break ground in Summer 2008, and be completed by Fall 2009.

Noland Homes will be working under the guidance of the City of Issaquah and in partnership with Port Blakely Communities, Puget Sound Energy, King County, Built Green and the WSU Energy Program on what is to be the most innovative, energy-efficient green housing developments in the Pacific Northwest. The project will accelerate highly green development throughout the region by demonstrating advanced, yet practical green building design and technologies.

"At Noland Homes, we are constantly challenging ourselves to push the envelope on green building and design," said Jim Noland, president of Noland Homes. "We are very excited about this opportunity, as it is a natural step in the progression of our company and furthers our commitment to sustainability in the community."

Noland Homes recently selected David Vandervort Architects of Seattle to lead the design of the project. They were chosen for their innovative design ideas and experience in building homes incorporating a number of sustainable elements including rainwater harvesting, photovoltaic panels and green roofs.

The 10-unit townhome project will be located in the Issaquah Highlands neighborhood of Issaquah near the Park and Ride. It will feature residences ranging in size from 500 to 1,700 square feet. Some goals of the finished homes include having them be carbon neutral, use half as much water as the average house, and achieve the status of net zero energy by producing as much energy as they consume.

"We are really excited to have Noland Homes on board as developer for this project" said Brad Liljequist, the City's project manager. "We feel that they bring the right balance of creativity, organizational strength, understanding of the market, and commitment to green building," said Liljequist. "They understand the seriousness of the project and have shown a strong commitment to its success."

### **About Noland Homes**

In business since 1999, Seattle-based Noland Homes builds energy efficient and environmentally friendly townhomes and single-family residences with an urban aesthetic. In 2007 they will build nearly 100 homes with sales totaling \$40 million. Current projects include Brighton on Park in Issaquah, Latitude Townhomes in Ballard and Townhomes on Palatine in Fremont. For more information, visit [www.nolandhomes.com](http://www.nolandhomes.com).

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