



## New Harmony chosen as finalist for green home award

Green Builder Media has chosen New Harmony Mutual Housing, a South Davis apartment complex, as a finalist for its sixth annual Home of the Year award.

If New Harmony wins, it will be the first time a project from Davis has done so. Winners will be announced in December in Green Builder Magazine.

“We are honored to be recognized for the vision we had in creating New Harmony, and for breaking new ground in green and sustainable building,” said Rachel Iskow, Mutual Housing California’s chief executive officer.

Projects for consideration ranged from ultra-modern homes to apartment complexes. Custom, production, remodel and restoration single and multifamily projects were eligible.

A mix of architects, builders and green building experts looked for sustainable features, innovative design, whole home performance and integration with the natural environment.

Although third-party green certification was not required, New Harmony earned 197 points in its certification from Build It Green, an Oakland-based nonprofit. The 69-apartment complex also exceeds California energy conservation requirements by 32 percent.

The New Harmony Mutual Housing site is an odd-shaped plot on Cowell Boulevard adjacent to Interstate 80. Kuchman Architects laid out the buildings parallel to the freeway to create outdoor spaces within, reducing air pollution.

Using north- and south-facing windows makes use of delta breezes and provides natural ventilation. All apartments have sliding glass doors to the south for light as well as views of the nearby bike path. South-facing windows also have sun shades.

Apartments have Energy Star appliances and tankless water heaters synced with a water-loop, hydronic heating system.

Founded in 1988, Mutual Housing California develops and operates well-designed rental housing for the diversity of the region’s households. The communities have 3,000 residents, nearly half of whom are children.

Through Mutual Housing’s focus on leadership, the nonprofit also provides training and mentoring as well as educational programs, community-building activities and services for residents and neighbors.

Mutual Housing California develops housing that is affordable to a diversity of households. Our housing builds strong and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development. For more information, call (916) 453-8400 or visit our website at [mutualhousing.com](http://mutualhousing.com).