The Art, the Science, & the Business of High Performance Homes

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- Consulting (including building investigations)
- Teaching
- Public speaking
- Writing (BuildingGreen online publications)
- Contract research (govt. agencies, product mfgrs, private sector building industry clients)
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Learning Objectives - You will be able to:

• **Make** the connections between energy and moisture flows
• **Place** quality in the context of high performance homes
• **Integrate** principles of high performance into the design, the construction, and the marketing of high performance homes
• **Recognize** fellow building professionals as collaborators rather than competitors
• **Explain** durability as arguably the single most important green building attribute
• **Identify** fundamental control layers: water, air, vapor, and heat
• **Build** the three-legged stool of quality: design, materials, construction.
Defining high performance

- Efficient (energy and water)
- Comfortable
- Safe ("healthy")
- Durable
- "Valuable"
Just three things...
To be high performance...

1 - Buildings must be beautiful
AD Stenger – Eichler: Austin, TX
Frank Lloyd Wright – Falling Waters
tah.mah.lah – Portola Valley, CA
Jim Burton: Shenandoah Valley, VA
Nathan Good: Cannon Beach, OR
Ecofutures Building Inc. – Boulder, CO
Lemon Passive House – Brattleboro VT
Living Building Challenge
“The project must contain design features intended solely for human delight and the celebration of culture, spirit and place appropriate to its function.”
Beauty must be more than skin deep; deep beauty endures.
Steve Baczek – Reading MA (Passive House)