

# ENERGY STAR MULTIFAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION AND DOE ZERO ENERGY READY HOMES



The new ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction and Zero Energy Ready Homes programs present three certification pathways for residential buildings of all sizes. BER will provide project support right from the outset, reviewing documentation, identifying opportunities throughout the building process, offering technical assistance and performing field assessments as required to ensure success at the final certification stage.

## WORK WITH BER AS YOUR RESNET HERS PROVIDER:

## OR WORK WITH BER AS YOUR MRO:

The Energy Rating Index (ERI) path works by conducting energy ratings on individual dwelling units under the supervision of BER as a RESNET Rating Provider.

### PATHWAY 1: ERI PATH

Now open to buildings of all sizes, raters essentially work through their regular HERS process, provider and approved HERS software — no MRO is required! Just model the dwelling units to meet or exceed an Energy Rating Index (ERI) Target, fill out the design and field checklists, and follow a prescriptive package of energy efficient measures in common spaces. Pricing is consistent with your regular HERS pricing tier.



BER is proud to have been recognized by the EPA and DOE as a Multifamily Review Organization (MRO). We are one of a few organizations nationwide holding this designation. An MRO is a third-party organization recognized to provide oversight for multifamily projects pursuing certification under the Prescriptive or ASHRAE paths. To be recognized as an MRO, an organization must demonstrate impartiality, a commitment to a high level of quality assurance, and nationwide reach. The MRO designation will allow us to support all your multifamily projects, regardless of which path is the best fit.

### PATHWAY 2: ASHRAE PATH

ASHRAE Path projects conduct whole building testing and modeling based on ASHRAE Standard 90.1. Model the entire building to demonstrate savings above code, fill out the workbook and checklists and submit to BER for approval.

### OR PATHWAY 3: PRESCRIPTIVE PATH

Prescriptive Path projects follow strict guidelines for insulation, mechanicals and testing of energy efficient measures in both dwelling units AND common spaces. Fill out the workbook and checklists and submit to BER for approval. (Not available in California)