

## **Living By Higher Standards...**



Building ENERGY STAR homes using Quad-Lock's stay-inplace Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF), Geothermal HVAC Systems and ENERGY STAR rated appliances.

Rockford, IL - Rutu Construction is premiering its first ENERGY STAR home project. Construction on this approximately 2475 sqft two-story home began in late May and features Quad-Lock ICF exterior walls, an engineered Geothermal HVAC system, Low E Argonfilled double-pane windows and ENERGY STAR appliances that will help to reduce energy consumption by 60 to 75%. Mitesh Bhalavat, PE, owner of Rutu Construction is so confident in the quality and performance of the construction that he is providing a 10-year structural warranty on this home. Mr. Bhalavat comments "not only will home owners be amazed in the



construction aspects of a concrete home but they will be in awe of the living qualities". These qualities include: unheralded quietness, a draft-free environment and of course, huge savings on energy consumption which leads to lower operating costs.



Mr. Bhalavat, an ENERGY STAR partner continues, "homeowners today are more aware of efficiencies and environmental issues than ever before here is a building technology and associated home products that are in direct support of these issues. We are currently planning more ENERGY STAR homes using these technologies to create environmentally friendly neighborhoods. Smart homeowners know that it's not just the location but the quality and the performance of a home that

should be considered when buying. On average, energy efficient homes appraise \$20 more for every dollar of energy saved per year."



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Why pay more money for heating and cooling of your home if you can use that same money to pay down your mortgage and live in a better quality home? Quad-Lock homes give you that opportunity and in addition, are:

- HEALTHY: Quad-Lock walls dramatically reduce outside noise creating a peaceful indoor atmosphere with STC ratings of 50-58. Airtight Quad-Lock walls reduce air infiltration, create a mold-free environment and eliminate drafts.
- **SAFE:** Quad-Lock walls offer exceptional protection from Mother Nature and the test of time, including a 3-4 hour fire rating.
- **RESPONSIBLE**: Less energy and water are used in Quad-Lock's manufacturing process and construction waste is not only minimized but can be recycled.
- ENERGY & COST EFFICIENT: Energy savings (heating and cooling) are documented to range from 40 to 70%. Home insurance companies provide discounts ranging 8% to 15% on insurance premiums for concrete homes.

Midwest Stucco & Insulated Concrete Forms, located in Addison, IL distribute and service the Quad-Lock Building System throughout the state of Illinois. Ray Witczak, Director of Quad-Lock Operations for Midwest Stucco indicates "because of the rising cost of energy, we have seen a rapid increase in insulating concrete form (ICF) construction over the last several months. We are very encouraged that a growing number of builders like Rutu Construction are offering a solid, long lasting, energy efficient alternative to typical building methods." Further, Ray states "MWS is committed to being a leader in the growing ICF market – we are focused on supplying ICF and associated accessories for residential and light commercial projects in the state."

To learn more about its ENERGY STAR features, book an appointment to tour this home by calling Rutu Construction at (815) 979-2673 — you'll be glad you did. Find out for yourself why Quad-Lock ICF and these other ENERGY STAR products should be part of your next home building project. Visit www.rfdhomes.com for more details on this home. Visit www.quadlock.com to learn more about insulating concrete forms and their benefits.

