## **Getting Started: Readiness Checklist**

## 4. Construction Program Considerations

Recommendations	Outcomes/Tasks	Done
Prepare green construction project	Select construction project that entails green building elements including:	П
	Lot design and preparation	
	Resource efficiency	
	Energy efficiency and renewable energy	
	Water efficiency	
	Indoor environmental quality	
	Waste reduction and recycling	
	Select Construction project that:	
	Promotes green building energy/money saving opportunities	
	Includes systematic cost evaluation measures to ensure that the budget stays aligned with deliverable milestones.	
	Includes a construction management plan that defines technical requirements, schedules, resources needed, and budget.	
Prepare to utilize Energy Star resources	Make sure that construction staff are prepared to install necessary appliances and resources in homes including:	О
	1. Effective Insulation – Properly installed and inspected insulation in floors, walls, and attics ensures even temperatures throughout the house, reduced energy use, and increased comfort	
	2. <b>High-Performance Windows</b> – Energy-efficient windows	
	3. Tight Construction and Ducts – Sealing holes and cracks in the home's "envelope" and in heating and cooling duct systems.	
	<b>4. Efficient Heating and Cooling Equipment</b> – In addition to using less energy to operate, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems can be quieter, reduce indoor humidity, and improve the overall comfort of the home	
	<b>5. Energy Efficient</b> – Products including lighting fixtures, compact fluorescent bulbs, ventilation fans, and appliances.	
	Ask Construction staff to work (as needed) with an ENERGY STAR builder partner in choosing the most appropriate energy-saving features for homes/buildings involved.	