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ARCHITECTS EASE MICHIGAN BUILDERS INTO THE NEW ENERGY CODE

Dominick Tringali Architects is working on assisting builders in our industry in the transition to the new energy code in a simple and affordable manner. Everyone involved in the building industry can benefit from the tools and services we have implemented as a result of the new bill that passed this week.

DTA has created a new guide, called the 'DTA Guide to Green Building.' The guide is a set of standard plans, showing builders numerous ways to tighten up framing, seal and insulate the homes properly, and eliminate wasted building products. We also specify green building products in a 'good, better and best' format - allowing builders and/or their clients to decide how sustainable they want their homes to be. This guide comes in a CD format and can be printed out as a set of plans at any printing store. We consider this guide to be an extremely cost effective and easy-to-understand method for transitioning into 'green' building.

As a result of the energy bill passing and as a standard service to our clients, DTA will now be incorporating various notes into our drawings that will be necessary for homes to pass the new energy codes. We have also implemented an affordable, fixed-fee rate to help any builder update their existing house plans to meet the new energy code.

We are eager to assist builders in learning how to build in a more energy efficient and sustainable manner. We think this new bill will benefit everyone involved - saving future homeowners money on energy costs and giving them sustainable, healthy homes; and also saving builders money by eliminating wasted building products and showing them fresh ideas that may give them a competitive edge in this tough market.

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