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Dear Sustainable Builders, Architects, Designers and Homeowners:

We are pleased to announce the **Twelfth Annual Cool House Tour** sponsored by the Texas Solar Energy Society and Austin Energy's Green Building Program (AE).

This tour features ten outstanding green-built homes and residential solar installations on Sunday afternoon June 22, 2008. We invite you to submit nominations to [info@txses.org](mailto:info@txses.org) or **TXSES, PO Box 1447, Austin, TX 78767** by **Friday March 7th, 2008**. Homes must be available for viewing by the selection committee March 24<sup>th</sup> through April 11th, 2008.

Eligible projects include new construction, additions and remodels completed after 2000.

Variety and geographical location will affect selection with priority given to:

1. Design and construction demonstrating energy, water and resource efficiency while providing a safe, healthy and durable shelter
2. Projects illustrating passive and/or active solar design and technology
3. Projects incorporating alternative building materials or the efficient use of traditional methods and materials
4. Projects with an AE Green Building 4 or 5 star rating
5. Projects completed by April 11, 2008

A complete application will include: Contact Data Sheet, Project Data Sheet and a signed Homeowner Release Form. For your convenience, a set of these forms is posted at:

[http://www.txses.org/cht08/home\\_tour\\_apps\\_08.pdf](http://www.txses.org/cht08/home_tour_apps_08.pdf) or a Microsoft Word document at [http://www.txses.org/cht08/home\\_tour\\_apps\\_08.doc](http://www.txses.org/cht08/home_tour_apps_08.doc).

An Austin tradition, the Cool House Tour showcases the best work in green building while educating the public that resource conservation doesn't sacrifice style or comfort.

We expect more than 2,000 visitors looking for ways to employ green building techniques into their own homes or looking for architects, builders, and contractors for new construction projects. Watch your mail for advertising opportunities in this year's expanded tour guidebook, designed as a long-standing resource and reference tool.

Join us in highlighting Austin's finest green building technologies.  
**Submit your nomination today!**

Best regards,



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