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## MERITAGE HOMES TO GIVE AWAY REVOLUTIONARY "NET-ZERO" HOME

### Only 10 More Days in Sweepstakes to Win Extreme Energy-Efficient Home in America

PHOENIX, AZ -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 05/20/11 -- Imagine winning a home of your dreams during one of the worst recessions in history.

Meritage Homes, one of the top 10 homebuilders in the nation, will award one lucky winner not just any home -- but an [extreme energy-efficient home](#) -- as part of its Net Zero Revolution Home Sweepstakes. Participants can enter at [facebook.com/meritagehomes](http://facebook.com/meritagehomes) through May 30.

Meritage debuted the first net-zero tract home in America -- which produces as much energy as it consumes -- last month in metropolitan Phoenix. A net-zero home is the ultimate in energy-efficient building, thanks to more than a dozen sustainable features -- from spray foam insulation to solar panels, a weather-sensing irrigation system, Low-E windows and remote-controlled thermostats -- incorporated into the design and building of the home from the ground up.

There are an estimated 100 net-zero homes in the United States, but all of them are custom-built or spec-display homes.

Until now.

"A net-zero home is not the home of the future anymore," said C.R. Herro, Meritage Homes' vice president of Environmental Affairs. "The future is now."

For more information about Meritage Homes' extreme energy-efficient communities, visit [meritagehomes.com](http://meritagehomes.com).

#### About Meritage Homes Corporation

Meritage Homes is one of the top 10 homebuilders in the United States based on homes closed. Meritage builds a variety of homes across the Southern and Western states to appeal to a wide range of buyers, including first-time, move-up, luxury and active adults. As of Dec. 31, 2010, the company had 151 actively selling communities in 12 metropolitan areas, including Houston, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Phoenix/Scottsdale, Tucson, Las Vegas, Denver, Orlando and the East Bay/Central Valley and Southern California. In 2010, Meritage celebrated its 25th anniversary and launched a new Simply Smart Series™ of homes and a 99-day guaranteed completion program in certain communities, and is the only large national homebuilder to be 100 percent ENERGY STAR® qualified in every home started since Jan. 1, 2010. Meritage has designed and built nearly 70,000 homes in its 25-year history, and has a reputation for its distinctive style, quality construction, and positive customer experience.

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