

# Lincoln Builder Debuts America's First PATH Concept Home in Omaha

**Brighton Construction's Efficient, Sustainable and Affordable House is a Model for the New American Dream**

On June 6 HBAL-member Fernando Pagés helped HUD Assistant Secretary Darlene Williams and Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey cut the ribbon on a new innovative house that his company began building in November 2006 under HUD's PATH program.

"By using building techniques that create better homes faster, and applying cutting-edge technologies for sustainability and efficiency, I can do a better job of providing durable, comfortable and affordable homes," said Pagés. "Plus, innovation and vision allow America's homebuilding industry to continually improve our building processes and quality."

The PATH program -- the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing - is a public private partnership between the U.S. government and America's housing industry that works together to advance the use of technology in the housing infrastructure throughout the country.

"With the PATH Concept Home, HUD has created a blueprint for the future of the American Dream by using innovative housing technologies that support our goals of sustainability, efficiency and flexibility in an affordable home," Williams told the gathering of community and industry leaders. "June is National Homeownership Month and we are excited to showcase a home that is affordable to purchase, maintain and renovate as families and their needs change over time."

The architecture firm, Torti Gallas and Partners, created the PATH Concept Home Omaha design. The 2,100 SF craftsman style house meets the requirements for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Homes, Environments For Living®, ENERGY STAR™ and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Green Building Guidelines. The Concept Home plans are available at [www.pathnet.org](http://www.pathnet.org).

The City of Omaha donated an in-fill lot for the PATH Concept Home. The site, on the near north side in the Long School Neighborhood, is a corner lot nestled among new affordable homes and older bungalows. It is convenient to both downtown Omaha and Creighton University and the neighborhood is also part of broad commercial and residential redevelopment efforts by the city.

"The Concept Home demonstrates how innovative building can create affordable homes," said Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey. "The city's many economic development efforts, from our downtown and riverfront redevelopment to projects strengthening our city's neighborhoods and small business districts, serve as an appropriate setting for the Concept Home, HUD's new American Dream."

More than 250 people toured the PATH Concept Home Omaha on its opening day. The home will remain open by appointment for public viewings during the month of June. Interested organizations should contact Matt Hawkins at Newport Partners LLC, [mhawkins@newportpartnersllc.com](mailto:mhawkins@newportpartnersllc.com) (301.889.0017).

For additional information on the PATH Concept Home including the plans, videos and photographs documenting the construction process and the builder's blog, please visit the Concept Home section of [PATHnet.org](http://PATHnet.org).



Omaha Mayor Fahey, Macie Huston, HUD, Fernando Pages, and Darlene Williams, HUD



Media coverage of the ribbon-cutting was extensive.



PATH Concept House Omaha at 25th and Parker Streets.