

**Submitted by Graham Wright of Passive House
Business Energy Tax Credit 7/7/10**

Hi Aeron,
Could you pass this news on to the Reach Code committee?

Regards,
Graham

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Just an FYI...

I had a meeting yesterday with Robert DelMar and Alan Seymour (both are analysts with the Oregon Department of Energy) to discuss the final tax-credit paperwork for our Passive House project. Under ODOE's "Business Energy Tax Credit, Oregon High Performance Home", we are the pilot project for the "Renewable Equivalent Shell Measure" path. This path incentivizes deep energy saving measures rather than the active production of energy.

The interesting thing that I learned yesterday is that rather than a generic list of assembly u-values, they are looking for verification via certification from PHIUS. I asked them to reiterate their stance on the requirements for meeting the "Renewable Equivalent Shell Measure" path, and their response was "Passive House certification". The internal paperwork that they have regarding the requirements actually lists Passive House as the performance path for the tax credit!

The total incentive for just the shell measures isn't huge, but it is twice that of a High Performance Home alone (\$4,000 vs. \$2,000) and of course there are other incentives for non shell elements (total on our project is \$8,440).

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