

# Southern Utah Sees Exceptional Growth of Insulated Concrete Homes



**C**edar City Utah – Driving by you may not know it to look at it, after it's built anyway, but one of the 2006 ICHBA Parade of Homes will have upgraded exterior walls made out of a fairly new method of construction. Imagine having a home built out of solid concrete insulated by over 2 1/2 inches of foam on each side.

The process is simple. Lightweight fast interlocking foam blocks (think Legos) snap together to create formwork for poured concrete walls. Rebar is set in with each course, the wall forms are braced and windows and doors are "bucked out". Then, structural concrete is pumped into the cavity of the forms creating a solid mass wall envelope, resistant to storm, pest, sound, flood, and best of all...because the foam forms stay in place after the pour...the walls are exceptionally insulated.

Across the country, insulated concrete houses are saving their owners an average of 40% on their heating/cooling bills vs. the same size "stick-built" homes.

In Southern Utah, one of the firms recognizing this method of upgraded construction is Blackburn and Associates dba BA Rentals Inc. The outfit is a 5th generation builder in Cedar City, has been a leader in Southern Utah since 1955 and has over 30 insulated concrete projects completed to date using the Anix brand ICF's (Insulated Concrete Forms).

Of those 30 projects, 6 so far have been featured in the ICHBA Parade of Homes Program. The 2006 Parade Home will be over 5000 sq ft, utilizing the Anix system for the exterior walls from footing to 2nd story top plate. The home is a three level, with basement and two story above. Located in Fiddlers Canyon, and will be under construction thru July 2006.

As an example of the growth of this industry, it is surprising to discover insulated concrete form usage is the fastest growing new method for residential construction in North America.



Owners of these types of homes report tremendous energy savings, and an altogether side benefit, a sense of quiet and comfort of having a solid insulated concrete home envelope.

"Our home is quiet, sturdy, and energy efficient. Heating and cooling now costs us less than when we lived in an apartment half the size of our home. I would definitely build again using the Anix system."

Kirk and Stacy Jones  
Satisfied Anix Customers.

"Blackburn and Associates completed a 40,000 square foot headquarters building using the Insulated Concrete Form Anix System in late 1999 for State Bank of Southern Utah's headquarter building. State Bank is very satisfied with our beautiful building and found it to be very efficient to heat



and cool. We also believe it will be resistant to natural disasters and weather. If we had it to do over we would certainly choose the Anix System and we heartily recommend it to other businesses."

Ronald W. Heaton President and CEO  
State Bank of Southern Utah

"After living in a two story for nine years and enduring many sleepless, windy nights. We chose Anix for our next home. We can honestly say, we only know the wind is blowing now by what is observed from the window. The energy efficiency and superior structural properties are the icing on the cake."

David & Julie Holmes  
Anix Customers



Blackburn dba BA Rentals have been authorized distributors of the Anix Insulated Concrete Forms since 1996. Kurt LeFevre of Kurt Built LLC is one of the reasons the Southern Utah market is experiencing the growth of ICF's. His abilities with the system, that he has passed on to many other contractors with open arms have advanced the market usage and efficiencies.

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