

Hints For The Home

“Dream Job” Might Be As Close As Your Home Office

(NAPSA)—When it comes to places to work, an increasing number of people now say “there’s no place like home.”

In just one year, more than 20 million people did at least some work at home as part of their primary job, according to numbers from a Bureau of Labor Statistics report—and with good reason.

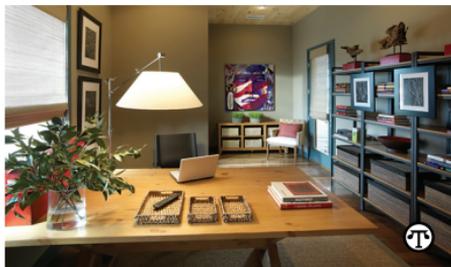
Eliminating the daily commute can save gas and energy and, in some cases, the equipment and space you use may be tax deductible. And as the “three-second commute” continues to gain popularity, employers—and home designers—have reacted.

For instance, designers included a home office in the HGTV Dream Home 2010 near Santa Fe, N.M., making the house multifunctional as well as beautiful.

If you dream about working from home, the following tips could help you imagine how to relocate your dream job to your home office:

- Remember that entrepreneurs aren’t the only ones who can benefit from working at home. Check with your employer. Many major companies and corporations are now encouraging their employees to work from home because it saves the company money and resources.

- Consider creating a separate entrance for your home office to eliminate the need for business-related visitors to enter the family’s private space. The home office in the HGTV Dream Home



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Experts say millions of Americans enjoy the “three-second commute,” working from home.

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- Design a dedicated space for work with plenty of built-ins for storage and Internet technology. Interconnectivity now allows for content management, document sharing and videoconferencing online and the creation of a complete business center.

- If possible, make the workspace multifunctional. Use a large table to anchor the room and double as a desk or homework space for kids.

- Look for selected communities such as those in New Mexico that are developing “success centers,” or places for their local home-based workers to congregate during any given day to seek camaraderie, get business support, find business leads and network.

For more information or to learn how you can enter for a chance to win the HGTV Dream Home, visit the Web site www.HGTV.com/dreamhome.