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Wisconsin ENERGY STAR® Homes Program Recognizes Building Professionals for Roles in Building High Performance Homes

MADISON, Wis. (February 8, 2007) – Several builders and other industry professionals have been recognized by the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program. Awards were given in two categories for excellence in upholding the standards of the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program, and certificates of recognition were given in five categories.

The Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program is part of Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative. Thanks to the partnership between these professionals and the program, residents statewide have been able to enjoy new homes that integrate the latest in building science technology, resulting in increased comfort, safety, durability and energy efficiency of new homes. The Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program award recipients are among a growing group who strive to provide the best, most innovative building practices for their customers while helping residents save money on their energy bills.

"On behalf of Focus on Energy and the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program, I want to congratulate the award recipients for their continued hard work and dedication to excellence in new home construction," said Greg Nahn, Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program manager. "Because of their efforts, homes built in Wisconsin are some of the most energy efficient, high quality homes in the country."

The winners were:

Excellence in Building Air Tightness Award

This award acknowledges builders who built the tightest certified Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes in their respective regions.

- Nikolai Builders LLC (Weston, Wis.)
- Builders Mart (Boyceville, Wis.)
- Timberland Builders (Janesville, Wis.)

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- Mueller Construction & Cabinetry, Inc. (Belgium, Wis.)

Consultant of the Year Award

This award acknowledges the program consultant who best exemplifies the spirit and commitment to providing professional consulting and testing services to the residential new construction industry in Wisconsin.

- Doug Meek, Highland Building Consultants, LLC (Green Bay, Wis.)

Certificates of Recognition were given to:

New Builder Partners

Certificates were presented to builders new to the program who certified the most homes in the year.

- Classic Custom Homes (Waunakee, Wis.)
- Tycore Built (Green Bay, Wis.)
- Great American Homes (Menomonee, Wis.)
- Mid Wisconsin Homes (Waupaca, Wis.)

Sustained Excellence in Building Performance

Certificates were presented to current participating builders who have certified at least 30 homes and averaged the lowest air infiltration rates over that time.

- Boerst Builders (Seymour, Wis.)
- Ralph Gulig Construction (Fond du Lac, Wis.)
- Schmidt Brothers Custom Homes Inc. (Appleton, Wis.)
- Barton Designs (Suamico, Wis.)
- Scheelk Construction Inc. (Sobieski, Wis.)
- Christel & Heiberger Builders Inc. (New Holstein, Wis.)
- Kraus Construction (Kiel, Wis.)
- Kickapoo Homes of Viroqua, Inc. (Viroqua, Wis.)
- Housing Authority, City of Milwaukee (Milwaukee)

Milestone Recognition

Certificates were presented to current participating builders who reached milestones in program certified homes.

- Veridian Homes LLC (Madison, Wis.) – 1500 homes – Hans Hoffman, consultant

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- Schmidt Brothers Custom Homes Inc. (Appleton, Wis.) – 300 homes – Chuck Greening, consultant
- Premier Builders (Wauwaukee, Wis.) – 200 homes – Mark Fredenberg, consultant
- Lexington Homes LLC (Green Bay, Wis.) – 200 homes – Doug Meek, consultant
- Kegonsa Builders Inc. (Stoughton, Wis.) – 150 homes – Jacob Schoepp, consultant
- Voyager Homes (Sun Prairie, Wis.) – 100 homes – Hans Hoffman, consultant
- Foresight Development (Schofield, Wis.) – 100 homes – Marvin Hafenbreadl, consultant

Habitat for Humanity Chapter Participation

Certificates were presented to Wisconsin chapters that are active participants in the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program.

- Habitat of Central Wisconsin (Stevens Point, Wis.)
- Habitat of Chippewa Valley (Eau Claire, Wis.)
- Habitat of Dane County (Madison, Wis.)
- Habitat of Door County (Sturgeon Bay, Wis.)
- Habitat of Fond du Lac (Fond du Lac, Wis.)
- Habitat of Greater Fox Cities (Menasha, Wis.)
- Habitat of Greater Green Bay (Green Bay, Wis.)
- Habitat of Manitowoc County (Manitowoc, Wis.)
- Habitat of Marshfield (Marshfield, Wis.)
- Habitat of Milwaukee (Milwaukee)
- Habitat of Northwoods Wisconsin (Minocqua, Wis.)
- Habitat for Humanity Rock County (Janesville, Wis.)
- Habitat of Vernon County (Viola, Wis.)
- Habitat of Waushara County (Wautoma, Wis.)

Student Energy Efficiency Building Excellence

Certificates were presented in recognition of those school districts and teachers that participate in the KEEP and Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program building energy efficient student homes.

- Madison LaFollette High School (Madison Metropolitan School District) – Steve Munson, teacher; Hans Hoffman, consultant

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- P.J. Jacobs J.H. (Stevens Point Area Public School District), in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity – Dave Rasmussen, teacher; Marvin Hafenbreadl, consultant
- Appleton Area School District – Gary Vanness, teacher; Joe Nagan, consultant
- Hartford Union High School (Hartford School District), in cooperative effort with the Hartford Rotary – John Lonergan, teacher; Tom Bawolek, consultant
- Sheboygan Area School District – Dave Vande Voort, teacher; Pat Miller, consultant

About Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes

Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes is one of the Focus on Energy Residential Programs. New homes are constructed to meet program standards and are estimated to be 25 percent more energy efficient than homes built to Wisconsin's Uniform Dwelling Code. To date, the more than 350 builders who have partnered with the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program have constructed over 7,500 new homes. For information about the program, call 800.762.7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

About Focus on Energy

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not get completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information call 800.762.7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

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