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Wisconsin ENERGY STAR® Homes Program Wins National Award

- Award recognizes the successful construction of nearly 1,700 energy efficient homes in 2007 -

MADISON, Wis. (May 12, 2008) — Focus on Energy’s Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program recently won a 2007 ENERGY STAR Outstanding Achievement award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Each year the EPA’s ENERGY STAR Homes Program recognizes program partners who certify more than 500 qualified homes in a year. With the help of its consultant network, the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program qualified 1,680 homes in 2007, bringing its total number of homes to more than 9,100 since Focus on Energy’s inception in July 2001.

“Being recognized with this award is a testament to the dedication of our program consultants and the builders they work with to uphold a set of proven and effective building standards,” said Sue Hanson, program manager for Focus on Energy’s Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program. “Their combined technical expertise during the planning, construction and testing of each home results in a dwelling that combines enhanced comfort and safety with increased durability and energy efficiency.”

Homes constructed under the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Program are built to be an estimated 25 percent more energy efficient than homes built to Wisconsin’s Uniform Dwelling Code. The program consultants and participating builders work together based on the principles of applied building science and the recognition that a home is an integrated and interactive system. This system is designed, built and tested to meet program standards. A few of the practices and technologies that contribute to the homes’ exceptional performance include tight construction, improved insulation, tested ventilation and energy efficient heating and cooling equipment.

To find out more about why homes certified under the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program are better, visit focusonenergy.com/yournewhome or call (800) 762-7077.

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About the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes Program

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 more than 9,000 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 be 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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