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ENERGYVALUE HOUSING AWARDS HONOR BUILDERS WHO FOCUS ON CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION

January 13, 2005, Orlando, Fla. - As energy costs continue to rise, consumers are looking for companies to help them find ways to reduce their energy consumption. In direct response to their customers' concerns, many home builders have taken great strides to incorporate features that make homes more energy efficient, and have less of an impact on the surrounding environment. Tonight, at a dinner ceremony in conjunction with the 2005 International Builders' Show, 24 of these home builders will receive EnergyValue Housing Awards (EVHA).

The EVHA program honors builders who voluntarily integrate energy efficiency into the design, construction, and marketing of their new homes. It also educates the home building industry and the public about successful approaches to energy-efficient construction. EVHA award categories target home builders in the affordable, custom/demonstration, factory-built, production, and multifamily categories for hot, moderate, and cold climate regions.

Sanford Smith, corporate manager of real estate and facilities for Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., will keynote the ceremony. At Toyota, Smith heads a department of 40 associates involved in the planning,

development, and operations of all facilities projects. His portfolio consists of a diverse range of facility types, including office space, ports, and distribution centers. His department's leading edge work on environmental issues has received honors from the American Institute of Architects, International Interior Design Association, International Facilities Management Association, and the U.S. Green Building Council. Smith recently received the Environmental Leadership Award from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In accepting the keynote invitation, Smith said, "Toyota Motor Sales is committed to the development of environmental goals in every aspect of our business. I am excited to keynote an awards ceremony that honors similarly forward-thinking businesses in the home building industry."

Some of the practices and products included in this year's winners' homes are:

- Climate-specific selection of equipment and systems
- High R-value insulation in ceilings and walls
- Innovative air sealing and duct practices
- Fluorescent lighting
- Pre-construction energy analysis
- High-efficiency heating and cooling
- Outstanding Home Energy Rating System (HERS) scores
- Solar hot water heating systems

At the dinner ceremony, the 2005 EVHA Builder of the Year award will be presented to John Wesley Miller of Tucson. Miller has demonstrated his commitment to customer satisfaction by adopting exceptional standards of energy-efficient and environmentally-responsible construction. Miller, a national leader in energy conservation and green building practices, has received several other industry honors for his energy and environmentally-conscious business practices and home building techniques. He was named the City of Tucson's Most Energy Efficient Builder for 2003, the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association's 2003 Builder of the Year, and the National Green Building Conference's 2002 Outstanding Green Advocate of the Year. In partnership with the NAHB Research Center and Tucson Electric Power, Miller built the Tucson Zero Energy Home, which is designed to produce as much energy as it consumes over the course of a year.

The 2005 EnergyValue Housing Award winners are:

AWARD TYPE	NAME	LOCATION
Builder of the Year, Gold	John Wesley Miller of John Wesley Miller Companies	Tucson, AZ

Gold	Dick Pierce of American Youth Works/Casa Verde Builders	Austin, TX
Gold	Jammie Sabin of Aspen Homes of Colorado, Inc.	Loveland, CO
Gold	Donald Ferrier of Ferrier Builders, Inc.	Fort Worth, TX
Gold	Walt Holton of Holton Homes, Inc.	Nampa, ID
Gold	Vernon McKown of Ideal Homes of Norman, LLC	Norman, OK
Gold	Justin Wilson of McStain Neighborhoods	Boulder, CO
Gold	Joyce Mason of Pardee Homes	Los Angeles, CA
Gold	Tony Grahame of Yavapai College	Chino Valley, AZ
Silver	Allen E. Stine of All America Homes of Gainesville, Inc.	Gainesville, FL
Silver	Jammie Sabin of Aspen Homes of Colorado, Inc.	Loveland, CO
Silver	Les Bluestone of Blue Sea Construction Company	New York, NY
Silver	Paul Konove of Carolina Country Builders	Pittsboro, NC
Silver	Vernon McKown of Ideal Homes of Norman, LLC	Norman, OK
Silver	Murray Rust of Montgomery and Rust, Inc.	Allison Park, PA
Silver	John Stewart of Premier Homes	Roseville, CA
Silver	Shirley Thielen of Wonderland Hill Development Company	Boulder, CO
Honorable Mention	Juddy Carter of Carter Construction	Gainesville, FL
Honorable Mention	David Ritchie of Chisholm Creek Development, LLC	Enid, OK
Honorable Mention	Chuck Miller of Chuck Miller Construction, Inc.	Hidden Springs, ID
Honorable Mention	Rob Howard of Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley	Hickory, NC
Honorable Mention	Don McCarthy of Neighbor for Neighbor, Inc.	Tulsa, OK
Honorable	Judy Fosdick of Tierra Concrete Homes,	Boone, CO

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NAHB Research Center president, Michael Luzier said, "We are excited about the quality and quantity of award-winning builders this year. Clearly, the home building industry's efforts to incorporate energy efficiency and environmental consciousness is growing, and these innovative professionals are leading the way."

The EVHA program is managed by the NAHB Research Center, and operated in partnership with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the U.S. Department of Energy through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Award sponsors include the AAMA Vinyl Materials Council, Building Green, Inc., ECO-Block, LLC, Icynene, Inc., FannieMae, the Vinyl Institute, and the AAMA Vinyl Materials Council. For more information on the EVHA program, visit www.nahbrc.org/evha or contact Tom Kenney at tkenney@nahbrc.org or (800) 638-8556, ext. 6246.

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The NAHB Research Center, located in Upper Marlboro, Md., promotes innovation in housing technology to improve the quality, durability, affordability, and environmental performance of homes and home building products. Created over 40 years ago as a subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the NAHB Research Center has established itself as the source for reliable, objective information and research on housing construction and development issues. Through its various testing and certification services, the Research Center seal is internationally-recognized as a mark of product quality and an assurance of product performance.

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