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**2009 EarthCraft Award Winners Celebrate 10 Years of Green Building
across the Southeast; Over 8,500 EarthCraft Buildings Certified in Six States**

ATLANTA, GA – January 29, 2010 – The Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association (GAHBA) and Southface kicked off the EarthCraft program's second decade with a grand celebration at Philips Arena. More than 250 EarthCraft builders, contractors, designers, architects and sponsors gathered at Philips, the country's first LEED certified sports arena, to celebrate a decade of accomplishments in green building across the Southeast.

Led by David Ellis, executive vice president of the Greater Atlanta HBA and Dennis Creech, executive director of Southface, attendees celebrated the decade's completion of 5,371 EarthCraft single family homes; 3,117 EarthCraft multifamily units; 55 EarthCraft renovation projects; five EarthCraft community developments; and five EarthCraft light commercial buildings, all of which are designed and built for energy, water and resource efficiency.

The EarthCraft program also received a grant from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) to increase its engagement with home builder associations across the state, and to train additional building professionals on EarthCraft design and construction principles.

Said David Ellis, "We are very proud of the work our EarthCraft professionals do in the Southeast, recognizing that EarthCraft buildings address the unique energy, water and climate conditions prevalent in this region of the country. The EarthCraft team congratulates all 2009 award nominees and winners!"

Single Family Builder of the Year for Metro Atlanta

- DR Horton, Inc.
- Monte Hewett Homes, LLC
- Windsong Properties
- The Plinth Group (**winner**)

Single Family Builder of the Year for the Southeast Region

- Pulte Homes, Inc.
- Haven Custom Homes
- Simonini Builders, Inc.
- Crescent Homes, Inc. (**winner**)

Renovator of the Year

- Amazing America
- Hammertime Construction, Inc.
- Athens Land Trust
- Wickstead Works (**winner**)

Multifamily Builder of the Year

- Gables Residential
- Fortune-Johnson, Inc.
- Hogan Construction Group
- Catamount Constructors, Inc. (**winner**)

Affordable Housing Builder of the Year

- Atlanta Habitat for Humanity
- Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity
- Habitat for Humanity, Mobile County
- J.M. Wilkerson Construction Company, Inc. (**winner**)

Single Family Project of the Year

- Going Green House – Brock Built, LLC
- Trenor Residence – Addison Homes, LLC
- Hoover's Green Home – Alpha Home Builders
- The New World Homes by New World Home, LLC (**winner**)

Renovation Project of the Year

- North Pope Street – Athens Land Trust
- Mohan Residence – Camdur Building Group
- North Highland Avenue – Amazing America
- Welcome House – Progressive Redevelopment, Inc.
- Lyons Residence – Cruikshank Remodeling
- The Glasgow Residence by Hammertime Construction Inc. (**winner**)

Multifamily Project of the Year

- Campus Crossing at Briarcliff – Campus Apartments
- Gables Midtown – Gables Residential
- Sustainable Fellwood – Melaver, Inc.
- Tremont by Coro Realty Advisors, LLC (**winner**)

Light Commercial Project of the Year

- The Murial Lokey Center of Emmaus House
- AVI by Marvin Design Gallery (**winner**)

Affordable Multifamily Project of the Year

- Welcome House – PROGRESSIVE Redevelopment, Inc.
- Phoenix Pass – Manor Homes, Inc.
- The Avery – Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity
- Summit Trail, CHRIS Kids (**winner**)

Single Family Developer of the Year

- Monte Hewett
- DR Horton
- O'Dwyer Associates
- Waterford Homes, Inc.
- Monte Hewett Homes, LLC (**winner**)

Multifamily Developer of the Year

- Campus Apartments
- Coro Realty Advisors, LLC
- Gables Residential (**winner**)

Communities Developer of the Year

- Melaver, Inc.
- Patrick Square, LLC, JMC Communities (**winner**)

Affordable Multifamily Developer of the Year

- PROGRESSIVE Redevelopment, Inc.
- Atlanta Habitat for Humanity
- Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity
- Melaver, Inc. (**winner**)

Sponsor of the Year

- CertainTeed
- Huber
Panasonic
- MARVIN / Integrity (**winner**)

EarthCraft event sponsors included the following organizations: Owens Corning; Georgia Pacific; Water Furnace; Icynene; Boral Bricks; Panasonic; Marvin Windows and Doors; Henry Company; J.M. Huber Corporation; and Johns Manville.

About EarthCraft

A joint program of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association and Southface, EarthCraft is a green building program that addresses the unique climate conditions of the Southeast, and includes more than 450 trained builders from across six states. All EarthCraft buildings undergo two independent 3rd party inspections to evaluate compliance with these program requirements:

- Advanced energy-efficiency capabilities, including ENERGY STAR lighting and appliances, that reduce energy consumption;
- Water conservation capabilities that save potable water;
- Resource-conserving design and materials to minimize impact on landfills;
- Healthy indoor air quality for occupant comfort;
- Good site location and planning for transportation convenience;
- An education program for homeowners to ensure optimum benefit from living in an EarthCraft building.

About the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association

The Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association (HBA) is a nonprofit professional trade association dedicated to promoting, protecting and preserving the homebuilding industry as a

viable economic force in the Atlanta area. Please visit www.atlantahomebuilders.com for more information.

About Southface

Southface promotes sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. Please visit www.southface.org for more information.

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