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2011 EarthCraft Award Winners Celebrate Completion of 13,000 EarthCraft Buildings across the Southeast

ATLANTA, GA – May 18, 2011 – The Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association (GAHBA) and Southface celebrated eleven years of green building with over 70 EarthCraft builders, contractors, designers, architects and sponsors gathered at the Southface Southeast Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Training (SWEET) Center in Atlanta.

Led by David Ellis, Executive Vice President of the Greater Atlanta HBA, and Dennis Creech, Executive Director of Southface, attendees celebrated the completion of over 6,400 EarthCraft single family homes; over 7,000 EarthCraft multifamily units; 75 EarthCraft renovation projects; five EarthCraft community developments; and nine EarthCraft light commercial buildings, all of which have been completed over the last eleven years, addressing the increasing need for energy, water and resource efficiency in the Southeast.

The EarthCraft program also received a grant from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) in 2010 to increase its engagement with home builder associations across Georgia, and to train additional building professionals on EarthCraft design and construction principles. To date, more than 100 people in 8 cities have participated in this program, with more than 20 trainings planned for the year.

Said David Ellis, "The EarthCraft builders we recognized today at this awards event routinely deliver innovative, highly marketable projects that provide their owners with comfortable living and high indoor air quality, and save them money on utilities. We congratulate them for their outstanding work."

Remarked Southface's Dennis Creech, "We are very proud of the work our EarthCraft professionals do across the Southeast, and it's encouraging to see demand and market share for green homes and buildings continue to grow here and across the country. While the current market is still tough, we are seeing positive signs that the next generation of homes and light commercial buildings will be increasingly green."

EarthCraft 2010 Award Winners and Nominees

EarthCraft House

2010 'Platinum' Project of the Year

268 Wilde Trail, Athens
Imery Group

Nominees:

Pine Mountain Builders
Bonacori Custom Homes

EarthCraft House

2010 'Gold' Project of the Year
Patrick Square Homes, Clemson
JMC Homes of South Carolina

Nominees:

Artisan Home Crafters
Eastbrook Homes

EarthCraft House

2010 'Certified' Project of the Year
The Richie Residence, Palmetto
McKinney Builders

Nominees:

East Tennessee Housing Authority
Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County
Artisan Home Crafters
Stephen Karle Custom Homes

EarthCraft Renovation

2010 Project of the Year
CHRIS Kids Summit Trail
SawHorse

Nominees:

Fuller Center
BarNone

EarthCraft Renovation

2010 Renovator of the Year
Pinnacle Custom Builders

Nominees:

Cablik Enterprises
Renewal

EarthCraft Multifamily

2010 Project of the Year
Adamsville Green Senior, Atlanta
Mercy Housing

Nominees:

Integral Group / IBG Construction
TCG Development / Coastal Carolina Construction

EarthCraft Multifamily

2010 Project Team of the Year
Mercy Housing
Atlas Development
Norsouth Construction

EarthCraft Light Commercial

2010 Project of the Year
Chastain Tennis Center, Atlanta
ASTRA Group

Nominee: Triple C Camp

EarthCraft Light Commercial

2010 Builder of the Year
T.E.A.L. Construction

Technical Advisors for Nominated and Award-Winning Projects

Ed Foskey
Sam Young
Jack Queen
Dodd Wood
Andy Bell
Todd Usher
Pete Moncada
Cosco Jones
Matt Monroe

About EarthCraft

EarthCraft is a green building certification program designed to address climate, energy and water issues unique to the southeastern United States. EarthCraft serves as a blueprint for energy and resource efficient single-family homes, multifamily structures, renovation projects, community developments and light-commercial buildings. Founded by the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association and Southface in 1999, the EarthCraft program has certified more than 13,000 projects throughout the Southeast. Please visit www.earthcraft.org for more information.

About 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 is the Southeast's non-profit leader in the promotion of sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. Please visit Southface at www.southface.org.

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