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New certification offered

**SOUTHFACE ANNOUNCES A NEW TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR HOME PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROFESSIONALS**

*As a Building Performance Institute Affiliate, Southface will provide training, field and written exams to contractors and technicians in the home performance industry*

**ATLANTA** (December 12, 2007) –Southface today announced a new partnership with the Building Performance Institute (BPI) to help the home performance industry, train and certify professional contractors and technicians. As a BPI Affiliate, Southface will provide training, field and written exams, which lead to national certification. Upon successful completion of both exams, technicians will receive national accreditation as a BPI certified professional. The Building Performance Institute (BPI) is a nationally recognized leader in training, certification and accreditation, as well as quality assurance programs in the building performance industry.

Southface offers Home Performance Assessments training and one-on-one mentoring to prepare professionals for these exams and participation in Home Performance with ENERGY STAR. The rigorous field and written exams ensure the quality and proficiency of building science professionals. The written exam warrants comprehension of the policies and procedures necessary to provide superior service and expertise. The field test challenges the candidate to apply the whole-house approach to diagnosing and solving energy efficiency, comfort, and indoor air quality problems in a real existing home. The cost of the written exam is \$200 and the field exam is \$350. To learn more about the program and certification, please visit <http://www.southfacehomeperformance.com>.

Key benefits for home performance training and certification include:

- National certification as a BPI Certified Professional
- Training and mentoring by a Southface building science professional
- Knowledge of whole-house evaluation and diagnostic equipment
- Satisfied customers and fewer call backs

**About Southface**

Since 1978, Southface has encouraged responsible solutions for environmental living. Driven by the Southeast's growing need to save energy and water and preserve our natural resources, Southface has successfully fostered unique partnerships with public, private and nonprofit organizations. Southface programs and publications reach design and construction professionals, homeowners, government officials and others to promote sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. For more information, visit Southface at [www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org).

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