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SIERRA HOMES TAPPED FOR STATE AND NATIONAL HOME BUILDING AWARDS

Sierra Homes, owned by David and Teresa Fransik, was presented a Texas Star Award for the Green Building Project of the Year at the Sunbelt Builders Show, October 29-31, in Grapevine, Texas. The Star Awards, conducted by the Texas Association of Builders (TAB), is the Southwest's premier building industry awards program.

"While it is always nice to receive recognition for your work, we were especially excited to win one of the three awards TAB presents for green building, which are relatively new categories in the competition," said Teresa Fransik. "The entire theme of this year's builders show was 'Green is Mainstream.' We know our industry is on the verge of something big and Sierra Homes in Fredericksburg, Texas, is considered at the forefront of it all."

Sierra Homes has also been named one of 20 finalists, from 15 states, by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center to receive the 2010 EnergyValue Housing Award (EVHA), the nation's preeminent energy efficiency award honoring builders who voluntarily incorporate energy efficiency into all aspects of new home construction.

Now in its 15th year, the EVHA is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy through its Building America program, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), in addition to the NAHB Research Center. The EVHA challenges builders to elevate standards for energy-efficient construction, provides educational opportunities for home builders, and fosters the adoption of energy efficiency principles.

Finalists were selected from builders' projects in three climate regions (cold, moderate, hot) and five categories (affordable, custom/demonstration, factory-built, multi-family, production). The awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held during the International Builders' Show on January 18, 2010, at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel. While finalists have already been notified of their status, their placement (Gold, Silver, Builder of the Year, People's

Choice) will be announced at the awards celebration. The public is invited to vote for the People's Choice Award at www.nahbrc.com/evha.

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