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Colorado Custom Homes honored with the New Millennium Energy Star Builder Award

Award further signifies custom homebuilder's commitment to energy efficient homes

Windsor, CO (December 2006) – Colorado Custom Homes, one of Colorado's most respected and sought after custom homebuilders, is proud to announce that the company was recently presented with the New Millennium Energy Star Award at the recent Energy Star awards program which honors energy efficiency within the homebuilding industry.

The award was part of the "New Rising Star Builder" category, and was based on Colorado Custom Homes' "commitment to highly energy-efficient homes", and was presented, in part, by Sam Rashkin, National Director of the U.S. EPA Energy Star Program.

"The 'New Millennium Energy Star Award' is significant within the homebuilding industry, where energy efficiency is a very high priority to both builders and customers," said David Tschetter of Colorado Custom Homes. "It's a tremendous honor for Colorado Custom Homes to receive this recognition. Our company is focused on designing and building homes that are among the finest and most energy efficient in the country, saving our customers thousands of dollars in energy costs."

Colorado Custom Homes has been an Energy Star partner since early 2005. The ERA independently verifies that Colorado Custom Homes builds homes that are at least 30 percent more energy efficient than homes built to the 1993 National Model Energy Code or 15 percent more efficient than state energy code, based on whichever is the more rigorous standard. Efficiencies are based on heating, cooling and hot water energy use, and are typically achieved by the following:

- building envelope upgrades
- high performance windows
- upgraded heating and air conditioning systems
- tight duct systems
- upgraded water-heating equipment

Energy Star was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Now in partnership with DOE, EPA works with more than 8,000 organizations to improve the energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. It is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Results are already adding up. Americans, with the help of Energy Star, saved enough energy in 2005 alone to avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 23 million cars — all while saving \$12 billion on their utility bills.

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