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2006 Virginia Green Innovation Awards Announced

Charlottesville, VA – The 2006 Virginia Green Innovation Awards were announced by Virginia Sustainable Building Network and presented at their 11th Annual Meeting Celebration, which took place June 9, 2006 at Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia. For 2006 the winners are:

Green Businesses

Natural Neutral, L.L.C. (Contact: John Meggs – jmeggs@natureneutral.com)

The Habitat Store in Charlottesville (Contact: Ryan Jacobi, ryan@cvillehabitatstore.org)

Green Organizations

Norfolk Environmental Commission (Contact: John Deuel – john.deuel@norfolk.gov)

Appalachian Sustainable Development (Contact: John Flaccovento – asd@eva.org and Eric Gilchrist – ericg@ntelos.net)

Green Designers

Colin Arnold, AIA, LEED® AP, Community Design Studio, LLC (Contact: carnold@chpc2.org)

Patrick Farley, AIA, Watershed Architects (Patrick@watershedarch.net)

Best Residential Project

ecoMOD Project (Contact: John Quale – quale@virginia.edu)

Best Institutional Project

Hermitage Elementary School, Virginia Beach City Public Schools (Kenney Payne – kpayne@moseleyarchitects.com; Bryna Dunn – bdunn@moseleyarchitects.com)

Best Commercial Project

CarMax Corporate Headquarters (Michelle Topping – michelle_topping@carmax.com)

Most Sustainable Community

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (Contact: Bill Wanner – wwanner@tjpd.org)

(including the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Nelson County, Louisa County, Greene County, Fluvanna County)

Each year VSBN members are asked to nominate Green businesses, design firms, and community programs that represent “the best in Virginia.” The VSBN Board of Directors votes on the winners among nominees that represent Virginia businesses, organizations, and governments focused on Green Building and Sustainable Development. The criteria for the awards were: 1) environmentally responsible products, projects, and programs; 2) emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable energy use; and 3) completed and/or on-going programs and projects; 4) promotion of Green Building and Sustainable Development principles in the local community.

Eric Oliver, PE, LEED® AP, Principle of EMO Energy Solutions, and VSBN President, formally announced the winners on Monday, June 5, 2006. All winners and nominees displayed their projects and program information at the June 9th Annual Meeting in Charlottesville. In addition to presenting the awards and information displays, the theme this year focused on speakers that address Global Change-Local Solutions. John Woody, from the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, and speakers from the Charlottesville Waldorf Foundation, Charlottesville Community Design Center, EMO Energy Solutions, Corning, Inc., and Artisan Construction discussed global climates issues and local activities that help to address this issue.

Virginia Sustainable Building Network (VSBN) is the only statewide organization to bring together representatives from diverse sectors who are interested in building healthy, environmentally friendly buildings and sustainable communities. VSBN was incorporated as a non-profit (501-c-3) organization in 1995, under the leadership of Karl Bren, formerly the Non-Profit Affairs Director of Virginia Housing Development Authority. The VSBN Board of Directors has developed a direction for VSBN that works to change the way homes, buildings, and communities are built.

To accomplish its mission, VSBN carries out workshops, regional and state-wide conferences, and provides training and technical resources for members of the design and construction industry, local and state government, private building owners, school systems, and affordable housing organizations. VSBN provides information and education on building methods, materials, and designs that save energy costs, reduce waste and promote recycling, reduce environmental impacts and exposure to unhealthy substances, strengthen local economies, and contribute to an enhanced quality of life. It has developed an ever-growing information clearinghouse and resource directory and serves as a regional networking organization.

Visit the VSBN website for more information: www.vsbnet.org or call Annette Osso, Executive Director, VSBN, at 703-486-2966.