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2007 Virginia Green Innovation Awards Announced

Williamsburg, VA – The 2007 Virginia Green Innovation Awards were announced by Virginia Sustainable Building Network and presented at their 12th Annual Meeting Celebration, which took place June 28, 2007 at University Center, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. For 2007 the winners are:

Green Business

Eco Supply Center, Richmond, Virginia, www.ecosupplycenter.com

Contact: Anthony Brozna, 804-232-8416

Green Organization

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington, Virginia, www.nvrpa.org/parks/potomacoverlook/

Contact: Martin Ogle, 703-528-5406

Green Designer

Siteworks, Charlottesville, Virginia, www.siteworks-studio.com

Contact: Pete O'Shea, 434-923-8100

Residential Project

Debbie Gunn Cottage, North Garden, Virginia, www.hfoesch.com

Contact: Fred Oesch, 434-831-1003

Residential Community Development Project

Fort Belvoir Military Family Housing, Fort Belvoir, Virginia,

www.clarkrealty.com/recentevents/releases/164.stm

Contact: Tom Boylan, 703-781-2008

Institutional Project

T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria, Virginia, www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/

Contact: Mark Burke, 571-221-9250

Commercial Project

One and Two Potomac Yards, Arlington, Virginia, Crescent Resources, www.crescent-resources.com/commer/washington/default.asp

Contact: Dan Kohlhepp, Ph.D., 703-416-4443

Most Sustainable Community Program

Sustainable Blacksburg, www.sustainableblacksburg.org

Contact: Kelly Mattingly, 540-961-1142

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Special Recognition - For Commitment to Sustainable Building

The College of William and Mary. Their newly completed LEED® projects are Jamestown North and South Dormitories www.clarknexsen.com, and the Recreation Center www.moseleyarchitects.com/recwillmary.html. William and Mary Contact: Sam Sadler, 757-221-1236

Special Recognition - For Support of Sustainable Development in Virginia (specifically for their support of and work with the EarthCraft House™ Virginia Single Family Program)

Daryl Bishop, C.E.M., General Manager, Pepco Energy Services, Richmond, Virginia, www.pepcoenergy.com. Contact: 804-378-5497

Michael L. Toalson, , Executive Vice President, Home Builders Association of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, www.hbav.com. Contact: 804-643-2797

Each year VSBN members are asked to nominate Green businesses, organizations, design firms, and community programs that represent “the best Green projects or programs 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; 3) completed and/or on-going programs and projects; and 4) promotion of Green Building and Sustainable Development principles in the local community.

Eric Oliver, PE, LEED® AP, Principal of EMO Energy Solutions, and VSBN Board Chairman, formally announced the winners on Thursday, June 28, 2007. All winners and nominees displayed their projects and program information at the June 28th Annual Meeting in Williamsburg.

In addition to presenting the awards and information displays, the theme was “Moving toward Carbon Neutral Buildings”. Speakers who addressed this topic were: Scott Kelly, AIA, LEED®AP, Revision Architecture, who spoke about “Living Building Design in the Mid-Atlantic region”. Greg Mella, AIA, LEED®AP, Smith Group and Eric Oliver, P.E. LEED®AP and President of EMO Energy Solutions, spoke about the American Institute of Architects (AIA) headquarters renovation. AIA is designing their building upgrade to meet the 2030 Challenge of reduced carbon emissions. The 2030 Challenge directs AIA members to design buildings with diminished consumption of fossil fuels with the goal of eliminating the emission of green house gases from new and renovated buildings by 2030.

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 of promoting Green Building and Sustainable Development, 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, President, VSBN, at 703-486-2966.