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NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES HONORS BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR ENERGY-SAVING SERVICES

(ATLANTIC CITY, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*[™] honored 10 of the state's leading builders, contractors and trade allies on September 9, 2008, at the *ACI New Jersey Home Performance Conference for Whole House Energy Solutions* conference and recognition ceremony. BPU Commissioner Nicholas V. Asselta was on hand to congratulate each of the winners and give them their award.

As partners in the *New Jersey ENERGY STAR*[®] *Homes* and *Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*[®] programs, these businesses and organizations were awarded for their commitment, professionalism and skill in expanding the field of home performance and residential energy efficiency.

“Now builders and contractors have a way to differentiate themselves in a highly competitive market, while offering their customers valuable, high-quality service that allows them to keep more money in their pockets in the long run,” said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. “These programs are an important part of New Jersey's goal to reduce energy use 20 percent by 2020.”

New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes use 15 to 35 percent less energy than conventionally built new homes. *Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*[®] assists residents with existing homes to save up to 30 percent on energy costs and improve the comfort, health and safety of the home. Both programs, sponsored by BPU's *Clean Energy Program*, help New Jersey residents reduce energy use and costs and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

“The contractors, builders and trade allies in these programs understand the value to their business and their customers when it comes to investing in energy efficiency,” said Commissioner Asselta. “New Jersey is currently home to more than 500 energy, environmental and engineering companies, and we have the opportunity to establish New Jersey as a national hub for the emerging clean energy industry.”

The following contractors, builders and trade ally organizations were recognized:

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New Jersey ENERGY STAR® Homes

- **K. Hovnanian Homes, Edison** – Superior Sales, Outstanding Achievement
- **Pennrose Management Company, Neptune** – Outstanding Commitment to Affordable Housing
- **Walters Homes, Barnegat** – Excellence in Advertising, Outstanding Achievement
- **The Matzel & Mumford Organization, Hazlet** – Excellence in Energy Performance for Production Builders
- **C & S Custom Builders, Inc., Wall Township** – Excellence in Energy Performance for Custom Builders
- **Kitchen & Associates Architectural Services, Collingswood** – Outstanding Trade Ally
- **New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency, Trenton** – Outstanding Trade Ally, Special Recognition

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR

- **Hutchinson Plumbing Heating Cooling, Cherry Hill** – Outstanding Achievement, Excellence in Advertising
- **Beehive Heating & Cooling LLC, Jackson** – Excellence in Energy Savings
- **Energy Services Group, Swedesboro** – Outstanding Partnership

For more information about *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*, visit www.njcleanenergy.com or call 1-866-NJSMART (1-866-657-6278).

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program(NJCEP)

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.

