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GREENHOMES BY HUGHESCO WINS TOP STATE AWARDS FOR PERFORMANCE AND CONSUMER EDUCATION

Amherst company achieves highest energy savings for its homeowner customers.

Amherst, N.Y. — May 1, 2006 — GreenHomes™ by HughesCo, a national home performance contractor based here, has won the New York Energy Star for Homes Excellence in Energy Savings award for providing residential customers with the highest energy savings per home performance job, as well as for its outstanding quality and customer service. The company also received the Excellence in Advertising award for providing consistent and effective consumer education and promotion of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR.

Sponsored by The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), the New York ENERGY STAR for Homes awards were created in 2002 to honor builders, contractors, home energy raters, and trade allies who are leaders in residential energy efficiency.

“I commend the professionals who have set a new standard for building performance excellence through New York’s ENERGY STAR for Homes programs, and look forward to expanding upon that success in 2006,” said Peter R. Smith, president of NYSERDA. “With rising energy prices, there’s never

been a better time for building professionals to help their customers reduce energy costs through improved energy efficiency.”

“As one of the largest home performance providers in New York, GreenHomes is very proud to receive these awards from NYSERDA and LIPA,” said Mike Robinson, president of GreenHomes, “We completely support ENERGY STAR and are dedicated to promoting the whole-home approach. We are also committed to saving our customers money and energy while making them safer and more comfortable in their homes. In fact, GreenHomes customers save an average of more than \$800 per year in energy costs. Being recognized validates our innovative business model and customer focus.”

According to NYSERDA, Excellence in Energy Savings is awarded annually to the participating home performance contractor that has provided the highest energy savings per job, and rewards those that provide comprehensive treatments in accordance with the principles of building science and the whole-house approach. The Excellence in Advertising award, also annual, recognizes a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractor for outstanding work, on the local level, in transforming the market through aggressive consumer education and marketing efforts.

2006 award winners were chosen from almost 500 participating Home Performance with ENERGY STAR companies including contractors, builders, energy raters, and trade organizations.

About Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and New York ENERGY STAR labeled Homes

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Homes programs are sponsored by NYSERDA and LIPA under Governor Pataki’s New York Energy Smartsm program. Under the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, 1-4 family homes of any style or size can be improved to reduce energy use by up to 40 percent. New homes built to New York ENERGY STAR standards are up to 30 percent more efficient than conventionally built new homes. For more information about these programs, visit www.GetEnergySmart.org or call 1.877.NY.SMART. For more information about LIPA’s Clean Energy Initiative and LIPA’s electric conservation efficiency programs, visit www.lipower.org/cej.

About GreenHomes

Headquartered in Amherst, N.Y., GreenHomes America, LLC was formed in 2005 to help homeowners cost-effectively increase the comfort, health, and safety of their homes, as well as significantly reduce their energy bills. With operations in Amherst, Rochester, Syracuse, and Long Island, N.Y., and a large staff of highly trained building science auditors and specialists, GreenHomes is the largest, most successful single-source home performance contracting (HPC) provider in the country.

GreenHomes America performs the entire scope of work, eliminating the need for homeowners to manage their schedules around multiple, single-service contractors and ensuring they receive the highest quality installations and service. The result is an optimal in-home environment that can reduce energy use by up to 60 percent or more. And, the results are guaranteed. GreenHomes works with Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and is accredited by the Building Performance Institute (BPI).

GreenHomes America is a division of The Linc Group, LLC, the most innovative provider of facility performance services nationwide. For more information on GreenHomes America and home performance contracting, call 1.877.867.2833 or visit www.greenhomesamerica.com.

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