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EPA NAMES ENVIRONMENTAL BUILDING SOLUTIONS 2008 ENERGY STAR® PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Environmental Building Solutions earns award for protecting the environment through energy efficiency

[Charlotte, NC March 4] – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has named Environmental Building Solutions (EBS) as a 2008 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for its outstanding work in fostering consumer awareness and high demand for energy efficient and green homes over the past year. EBS's accomplishments were recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on April 1, 2008.

EBS provides the evaluation, testing, and independent verification required for ENERGY STAR certified homes. As one of the first Home Energy Raters in Charlotte, EBS has contributed firsthand to the energy efficiency and green housing market transformation by introducing the ENERGY STAR for New Homes program to the region and using it as a vehicle to move homebuilders and homeowners to environmentally responsible building, retrofitting and remodeling. The company has rated an estimated 95% of the ENERGY STAR certified homes in Charlotte this year and it currently services over 90 builders in the region. EBS certified a total of 615 homes in 2007 and has already contracted to rate over 1,000 homes for 2008.

Besides rating homes for ENERGY STAR, the company helps builders construct tighter homes and perform the air sealing work associated with ensuring the homes can meet the certification. EBS also performs HVAC load calculations and seals crawl spaces for increased efficiency and better indoor air quality. Through its energy conservation services and partnership with the ENERGY STAR program, EBS has so far helped save 600,000 lbs of greenhouse gases from being emitted into the air.

"The growth in market share of ENERGY STAR qualified homes clearly shows that both home builders and home buyers are recognizing the importance of energy efficiency," said Scott Spivak, President of Environmental Building Solutions "The ENERGY STAR label on a new home means that it will be more efficient, comfortable, and durable; while reducing a third of energy costs and helping to protect the environment."

EBS goes beyond certifying new homes for ENERGY STAR. The company offers the same benefits for existing homes through its *Green Home Solutions* division. They conduct Home Energy & Health Assessments to help homeowners make energy smart choices for their home; such as air sealing, improving duct work and adding proper ventilation. EBS provides educational material to help homeowners make the suggested home improvements on their own or EBS will perform the work with its professional Green Collar Crew.

About ENERGY STAR:
ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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