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News Release

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U.S. Green Building Council South Florida Chapter Announces GalaVerde Award Winners

Boca Raton, FL (August 29, 2011) -- The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) South Florida Chapter has announced winners of the nonprofit organization's GalaVerde: The 2011 LEEDership and Green Awards Program.

Presented by Coastal Construction Group, GalaVerde recognized and honored those outstanding projects, inspirational businesses, dedicated individuals, and instrumental Chapter members who are LEEDing the way to a more sustainable built environment in our South Florida community. Nearly 400 attendees attended the awards ceremony on August 27 at the Signature Grand in Davie. Winners are as follows:

Outstanding LEED New Construction Project Presented by Trane

- FAU College of Engineering & Computer Science

Outstanding LEED Commercial Interiors Project Presented by Crossroads Architecture

- co-winner: DHL Global Forwarding at MICC
- co-winner: Lexus Florida Training Center

Outstanding LEED Core and Shell Project Presented by The Spinnaker Group

- co-winner: 1450 Brickell
- co-winner: Wells Fargo Center

Outstanding LEED Existing Building Operations and Maintenance Project Presented by Trane

- 110 Tower

Outstanding LEED for Schools Project Presented by Coastal Construction

- St. Stephen's Episcopal Day School

Outstanding LEED for Retail Project

- Pizza Fusion -- Weston

Outstanding LEED Multi-Family Project Presented by E3 Building Sciences

- NW Gardens I

Outstanding LEED for Homes Project -- Single Family Project Presented by Abney + Abney Green Solutions

- GlassHouse by Zahn Development

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Outstanding Community LEEDer Presented by JM Family Enterprises

- Rob Hink

Outstanding Green Business Presented by GSD Contracting

- The Spinnaker Group

Outstanding Green Government

- City of Boynton Beach

Outstanding Green Elected Official

- Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs

The Honorable Manny Diaz, former Mayor of the City of Miami and a longstanding champion of sustainability and green building, highlighted the evening of recognition and appreciation for the South Florida green-building community as the event's keynote speaker.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council, is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art "green" strategies in five areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building techniques and the LEED Green Building Rating System.

In addition to Coastal Construction Group as GalaVerde's Presenting Sponsor, and the other award-specific sponsors noted above, additional underwriting for the evening came from Siemens; Calvin Giordano & Associates; Southeastern Printing Company; iQuest Productions; Renewable Choice Energy; and the Signature Grand.

To learn more about GalaVerde and the USGBC South Florida Chapter, including access to event photos, the Chapter's volunteer leadership or any award winners, contact Lee Cooke, Executive Director, 561-373-7367, lcooke@usgbcfsf.org.

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The U.S. Green Building Council South Florida Chapter, a nonprofit (501[c][3]) organization, embraces the adoption of innovative building practices that conserve land, energy, water, resources and materials. Its mission is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. Headquartered on the campus of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, the volunteer-governed Chapter has more than 1,000 passionate members and 4,000 friends providing educational programs and services to the South Florida community from its Treasure Coast, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Keys Branches. To learn more: Lee Cooke, Executive Director, 561-373-7367, lcooke@usgbcfsf.org, www.usgbcfsf.org.