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Design Tech Homes is Nation's Only Custom Home Builder Awarded *Energy Star Partner of the Year 2011*

EPA Recognizes Leaders in Energy Efficiency / Local Custom Home Builder Selected Among 8,400 Energy Star Qualified Home Builders

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored 111 Energy Star partners who have demonstrated leadership and commitment in protecting American's health and the environment through energy efficiency achievements during an awards ceremony held April 12th in Washington DC. The 2011 Energy Star award winners include manufacturers, retailers, public schools, hospitals, real estate companies and home builders. Forty-four organizations were honored as *Energy Star Partner of the Year 2011* including Boeing, Colgate-Palmolive, Hanesbrands, Kohl's, Panasonic, Sears, Staples and **Design Tech Homes**.

Design Tech Homes is one of four home builders in the nation awarded this year, out of 8,400 qualified home builders, and the only *custom* home builder to receive the *Energy Star Partner of the Year 2011* title. Design Tech Homes was chosen because of its commitment to building 100% ENERGY STAR homes, and for strategically and comprehensively managing its energy use as well as promoting ENERGY STAR products and services to consumers.

"Partners like Design Tech Homes that build homes that earn the ENERGY STAR are helping American home buyers find more comfortable homes that also save money on energy bills and protect the environment," said Elizabeth Craig, Acting Director of EPA's Office of Atmospheric Programs. "Home builders such as Design Tech Homes are building an energy-efficient future for America's families that will continue to deliver savings for years to come."

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants associated with energy use. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 kinds of products as well as new homes and buildings. Last year alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved \$18 billion on their utility bills and prevented greenhouse gas equivalent to those of 34 million cars. Products, homes and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR prevent emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the EPA.

Design Tech Homes is one of the largest privately owned custom home builders in Texas with information centers located in Houston and San Antonio. For more information about the Energy Star Awards, go to www.energystar.gov/awards For more information about Design Tech Homes, go to www.DTH.com



Mike Feigin, CEO of Design Tech Homes, accepting the *Energy Star Partner of the Year 2011 Award*.



Design Tech Homes received the *Energy Star Partner of the Year 2011 Award* in Washington D.C. April 12th. Design Tech Homes representatives (from left to right): Deena Stephenson, Marketing Director; Barbara Feigin, CFO; Mike Feigin, CEO.