

## **Cellar Ridge Custom Homes Awarded 2011 Home of the Year by Northwest ENERGY STAR® Homes**

(McMinnville, OR) – Cellar Ridge Custom Homes was recently awarded the Home of the Year award by Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes and its utility partners. The Northwest Oregon-based green builder has been selected for their commitment to incorporating energy-efficient building techniques and design into their homes, practicing social responsibility within their communities, and providing their customers with improved comfort and reduced energy bills.

“The Britton project was built for a woman who came to us seeking what most clients want, a beautiful home that fits exactly her needs, is reasonably priced, and is green. Using a host of innovative technologies and creative design, we were able to give her just that” Says John Mead, founder of Cellar Ridge Custom Homes

Since joining the program in 2007, Cellar Ridge Custom Homes has built a total of eight ENERGY STAR qualified homes, including the first qualified for the honor in McMinnville, the company’s home town. The Home of the Year award is given based on a range of criteria including the number of qualifying homes the builder constructed, use of the ENERGY STAR brand in marketing and sales and a commitment to quality that meets and even extends Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes standards.

Matthew Daby, the home’s designer, notes, “The interior public spaces (kitchen, living, dining room) were also designed and positioned to flow as one open space to make the modest sized 1,285 square foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home live larger.” Although open to each other, each respective space in the house was given its own shape to help define its function and give each a unique personality. Ample high efficiency windows connect the indoors with the outdoors.

“We are so impressed by the dedication of Cellar Ridge Custom Homes to continue to build high quality, energy-efficient homes in a market where increased requirements and downward price pressures are causing many builders to cut costs and cut corners,” said Neil Grigsby, program manager for Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes. “Our builders’ commitment to excellence is exemplified by Cellar Ridge Custom Homes, who is a true leader in building high-performance, energy-efficient homes and educating the homebuyer on the importance of energy efficiency and better quality construction.”

Homes earning the nationally recognized ENERGY STAR label are at least 15 percent more energy-efficient than homes built to current state codes in the Northwest. More than just energy savings, the label delivers better comfort, safety and quality of living. During 2011 alone, over 3,000 ENERGY STAR qualified homes were constructed by 460 area builders, adding to the over 18,200 homes that have been certified since the program’s inception. These numbers are a testament to the region’s ongoing commitment to furthering energy efficiency standards by encouraging consumers to see ENERGY STAR as the baseline and driving increases in state building codes.

Cellar Ridge is noted as the builder of Earth Advantage's highest rated home to date, [The Malone Residence](#), in Northeast Portland as well as the LEED Platinum, [Morning Sun](#) home for Oregon solar pioneer Doug Boleyn. To learn more about Cellar Ridge Custom Homes, visit [CellarRidge.com](#). For more information about ENERGY STAR qualified homes, visit [NorthwestENERGYSTAR.com](#).