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### **THERMWISE BUILDER REBATES PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 2009 BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

*Awards recognize Utah builders who are committed to building high-quality energy efficient homes*

Salt Lake City, Utah – January 25, 2010 – The Questar Gas ThermWise Builder Rebates Program is pleased to announce the 2009 Builder of the Year Awards. Established to recognize and honor Utah builders who are dedicated to building high-quality energy-efficient homes, the awards are offered in three categories: large, medium and small production builders. Within each category, Platinum winners receive \$2500 and Gold winners receive \$1500 in marketing funds to promote the energy efficient features of their homes.

“With more homebuyers interested in lowering their energy bills and reducing their impact on the environment, building energy efficient and high performance homes just makes sense,” said Bryan Taylor, Questar Gas ThermWise Program Manager. “We’re so pleased to honor these exceptional Utah builders because they are focused on offering more value to homebuyers and making a positive difference in their local communities.” The combined efforts of all of the builders participating in the ThermWise Program in 2009 resulted in saving nearly 50,000 decatherms of natural gas. This is equal to planting 68,744 trees or taking 485 cars off the road for 1 year.

#### **Large production builder (over 75 homes per year) winner:**

*Platinum: Perry Homes*

For over 30 years, Perry Homes has built high-quality affordable homes for Utah residents. To meet rising demand for homes that use less energy and deliver utility bill savings, they now build 100 percent of their homes to ENERGY STAR certification.

#### **Medium production builder (25-75 homes per year) winners:**

*Platinum: Rainey Homes*

Rainey Homes approaches each of the homes they build as a whole system. From blown-in insulation, to 90% furnaces and low-e windows, Rainey ensures that they meet and exceed the ENERGY STAR requirements. In 2009, Rainey Homes partnered with Homes for Our Troops to build a highly efficient ENERGY STAR home for a soldier injured in Iraq at no cost to the veteran.

*Gold: Kartchner Homes*

In 2009, every home built by Kartchner Homes was ENERGY STAR certified. The company is dedicated to building homes that will save homebuyers on their energy bills and increase their comfort.

**Small production builder (less than 25 homes per year) winners:**

*Platinum: Magleby Companies*

Magleby Companies is determined to build for a better tomorrow by using energy efficient technologies and green building materials today. Always willing to raise the bar, the company is now using thermal imaging technology in all of their building projects.

*Gold: Jaffa Group*

Jaffa Group strives to build all of their homes to the NAHB Green Building standard and is committed to ensuring all their homes have maximum insulation and the most efficient equipment possible.

Along with cash rebates, the ThermWise Builder Rebates Program offers participating builders free marketing materials, sales training, cooperative marketing funds and visibility on the ThermWise.com website. To learn more about the ThermWise Builder Rebates Program and how you can get involved, please visit [www.ThermWise.com](http://www.ThermWise.com).