



GREEN BUILT NORTH TEXAS WINS THE NAHB NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

In less than two years since its public introduction, the rapid development and expansion of Green Built North Texas (GBNT) earned the HBA program the prestigious National Green Building Program of the Year Award from NAHB at this month's 10th Annual National Green Building Conference in New Orleans. GBNT joined 17 other building professionals from around the nation who were honored for their excellence and innovation in green home building.

"From its inception, Green Built North Texas has enjoyed tremendous support from industry professionals who each share a common commitment to the construction of resource-efficient homes in this market, said GBNT Chairman, Dan Fette, CGB, CGP, who accepted the award along with HBA staff member Phil Crone. "The remarkable increase in the program's membership and the number of builders constructing homes to our protocol means that the best is yet to come for Green Built North Texas."

GBNT's membership now includes over 150 home builders, industry supporters and sponsors across Texas. These builders, which include some of the region's largest, have registered more than 400 homes with the program since the introduction of its home verification and registration process earlier this year. These homes are verified by independent third party companies for compliance with the program's climate-specific construction protocol that addresses six categories of construction including jobsite management, water efficiency, indoor air quality, energy efficiency, material usage and homeowner education.

This verification process has paved the way for one of the program's most ambitious projects to date. In the coming months, all registered homes will be moved into an enhanced online search engine that will allow consumers to locate GBNT homes that are either completed or under construction by criteria such as builder, subdivision, zip code, and city.

It is anticipated that more than 3,000 verified homes could be registered with GBNT by the end of the year. The emission reductions achieved by these 3,000 homes over a 30-year mortgage is estimated to be the equivalent of taking more than 30,000 cars off of the road. The water usage reduction attributable to 3,000 GBNT homes could save more than a billion gallons of our region's vital water resources over the same 30-year period, enough to satisfy the lifetime water demand of more than 60,000 people.

"The dedication and expertise of our membership will enable Green Built North Texas to build upon its past accomplishments and continue to further the HBA's mission of providing the region with quality housing and valuable industry information," said HBA staff member Phil Crone. "The program they've developed and the resources that support it will help the region confront its environmental challenges for years to come."

GBNT will once again take center stage when the National Green Building Conference comes to North Texas next year. The conference will be held May 8-10 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in downtown Dallas.