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Heritage Modular Named Green Business of the Year

Heritage Modular, an Excel Homes building partner, of Needham, Mass., has been awarded the Green Business of the Year Award of the Year from Newton Needham Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding efforts to incorporate environmentally sustainable business practices into their daily operations. The award was presented in May 2009, during the Newton Needham Chamber of Commerce awards presentation. Heritage has been an Energy Star partner since 2007 and has since become a leader in the effort to offer modular home customers high-efficiency, low-emission choices in new homes.

Excel Homes, the nation's largest custom modular home manufacturer and a certified Energy Star partner, works with more than 400 builders throughout the country and has been helping Heritage and their customers manage the process to better support the environment in a way that benefits everyone's bottom line.

"We set high standards for our builders and are extremely proud of Heritage Modular for their success and leadership as an Energy Star partner," says Steve Scharnhorst, Excel's president and CEO. "Heritage exceeds expectations every time, which makes their partnership so valuable."

Since joining Energy Star, Heritage has completed a number of Energy Star modular homes, including a 4,200-sq.-ft. Colonial in Westwood, Mass., which achieved the Energy Star II rating, the highest level offered by Energy Star. Homes certified with an Energy Star label offer homeowners all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-efficiency improvements that deliver better performance, greater comfort and lower utility bills, all while helping to protect the environment.

The modular building process is efficient by nature and easily adapted to the Energy Star program. Excel Homes, which constructed the modules for the Westwood house, has embraced the Energy Star program and offers an Energy Star certification package that allows builders like Heritage and their customers the option to build their modular home to Energy Star standards.