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LOCAL BUILDER WINS NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARD

Flynn Building Company Wins Gold EnergyValue Housing Award

February 9, 2012, Orlando, Fla.— Flynn Building Company of Boise, Idaho, has been recognized by the NAHB Research Center and U.S. Department of Energy as a leader in energy-efficient construction. As the winner of a 2012 Gold EnergyValue Housing Award (EVHA) in the custom home/cold climate category, the company has demonstrated a laudable commitment to building energy-efficient homes.

Now in its 17th year, the EVHA program not only recognizes builders' and remodelers' energy-efficient practices, but also serves to educate the home building industry and the public about advanced technologies and successful approaches to energy-efficient construction that can now be implemented by mainstream building professionals. EVHA winners consider the effect of every material and product on a home's overall efficiency – from the framing methods used, the type and location of insulation installed, and the selection of appliances, to the other critical details like air sealing, ductwork placement, and HVAC sizing, EVHA winners make sure the entire home works together as an efficient and integrated system.

Michael Luzier, president of the NAHB Research Center said, "EVHA winners are pioneers in their fields and the level of innovation and home design this year is outstanding. Clearly, the home building industry's efforts to expand energy efficiency and green building have taken hold and will continue to make a difference for future generations."

Flynn Building Company was approached by Northwest Energy Star and Idaho Power to build Idaho's first net-zero energy home for the St. Jude Children's Hospital Dream Home Giveaway and jumped immediately on board. Since the company already builds all its homes to align with and be certified to the [National Green Building Standard](#), owner Scott Flynn was intrigued by the prospect of pushing his product to the net-zero level and simultaneously being able to help deliver on the promise that St. Jude's makes to all the children and families it helps across the country.

Although it was St. Jude's idea to do a net-zero energy home, the decisions about how to accomplish net-zero were left to the design team which included Flynn, an architect, and an energy consultant with

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support from DOE's Building America Program. In their design, the team opted to include a highly insulated double-wall system, triple-pane windows, a ductless mini-split heat pump, and a heat recovery ventilator. Combined with a 110-s.f. evacuated tube solar thermal water heating system and an 8.2 kW photovoltaic (PV) array, the home received a HERS rating of -8 with PV and 40 without PV. The new homeowners living in this award-winning 1,935-s.f. St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway certainly won big – not only by winning a house with a \$100 raffle ticket, but also by reaping the rewards of net-zero energy living.

The EVHA program is managed by the [NAHB Research Center](#), and supported by the U.S. Department of Energy through its [Building America program](#), the [National Association of Home Builders \(NAHB\)](#), and the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory \(NREL\)](#). This year's award sponsors include: **Platinum Sponsor** [BASF – The Chemical Company](#); **Gold Sponsors** [Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc.](#) with [Progressive Foam Technologies, Inc.](#), [DuPont](#), [Icynene, Inc.](#), and [Reflectix, Inc.](#); **Silver Sponsors** [Whirlpool Corporation](#) and [SEISCO International Limited](#); and **In-Kind Sponsors** [BuildingGreen, Inc.](#), [Fine Homebuilding](#), and [GreenBuildingAdvisor.com](#).

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About the NAHB Research Center: Located in Upper Marlboro, Md., the NAHB Research Center promotes innovation in housing technology to improve the durability, affordability, and environmental performance of homes and home building products. Created over 40 years ago as a subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the NAHB Research Center has established itself as *the* source for reliable, objective information and research on housing construction and development issues. Through its various testing and certification services, the Research Center seal is internationally-recognized as a mark of product quality and an assurance of product performance.

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About Flynn Building Company:

Scott Flynn, a Certified Green Professional, has been in the building industry for over 20 years, the first half in the field and the second half as the owner of Flynn Building Company in Boise, Idaho. Flynn certifies all its homes to the National Green Building Standard. Scott provides his clients with the healthiest, highest performing custom homes designed to reduce negative impacts on the environment and create a positive impact on his clients' health and wallets.

Flynn Building Company constructed Idaho's First Verified Net Zero Energy Home, NAHB Certified Green Home and Certified Green Renovation. In 2010, Flynn Building Company received the Enviroguard Pollution Prevention Award from the City of Boise.