Zetland Homes LLC Demonstration Green Home Wins National Dream Home Award

New Hampshire custom green home builder Zetland Homes LLC wins Silver Dream Home Award for Green Home of the Year

June 18, 2009 - PRLog -- The 21st Century Victorian Demonstration Green Home built by Zetland Homes LLC of Hopkinton, New Hampshire, won Silver in the Green Home category of the Dream Home Awards. The announcement was made by Michele Kelly of Dream Home Awards which recognizes excellence in the nation’s building industry (www.dreamhomeawards.com/media.html). The Demonstration Green Home (www.zetlandparade.com) showcases green building using readily available technology and recent advances in residential building science. It shows that a conventional stick built home can be made very energy efficient; the home was rated 5 star plus according to Energy Star. Zetland Homes LLC built the Demonstration Green Home under the United States Green Building Council LEED for Homes Pilot Program.

“Our main focus with the Demonstration Green Home was to build a very energy efficient home without it costing a fortune and the judges must have appreciated that” said Steven Reddy of Zetland Homes LLC. The super energy efficiency comes from careful air sealing and the Smart R insulation package developed for the home. “Our Smart R insulation provides an airtight wall with an R value of 25+ without breaking the bank” notes Reddy. Heating, domestic hot water, and air conditioning are provided by a standing column geothermal system which is also designed to keep the installed cost low. The heat recovery ventilation (HRV) system provides filtered fresh air to the homes occupants making it healthy to live in. Other green building features include careful placement of the house on the site, space saving design, low VOC paints, bamboo flooring, recycled content carpet, water saving fixtures, and increased durability built into the home. The Demonstration Green Home also received the 2008 Cornerstone Gold awards for “most energy efficient design” and “best home under $450,000”. Architect Barry Arthur Hoeg helped design the home.

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