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COLTER CONSTRUCTION UNVEILS DELAWARE'S MOST ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME

Terrance Babbie, President of Colter Construction, welcomed a standing room only crowd at a ribbon cutting ceremony at Sandstone unveiling Delaware's most energy efficient home, with a HERS rating of 49. Delaware State Housing Authority Director, Anas Ben Addi, praised Colter's commitment to building homes that are not simply efficient, but affordable as well. Ed Minch of Energy Services Group, the home's certified energy rater, educated the crowd about how a home achieves a HERS score.

This beautifully appointed home was built by Terrance Babbie, President of Colter Construction, Inc. through a collaborative effort with a team of Energy Efficient experts. Babbie has been committed to bringing "the most energy efficient" and affordable homes to Delaware and this home is the hallmark of his dedication.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce together with Terrance Babbie along with Chris Parmele a Specialist from Dow Chemical, Armin Rudd, Principal Engineering with Building Science

Corporation, George Simmons, President of BF Rich Windows and Doors and Ed Minch, Owner of Energy Services Group, to officially open this superior energy efficient home.

This home has surpassed all other energy efficient homes in Delaware by having the lowest HERS Rating for a home without the addition of solar or wind power. Most homes built in the last 6 years average a HERS rating of 100-130. This number is based on a scoring system which compares the builder's home to a home built to the specifications for the HERS Reference Home which has a base line HERS score of 100 (based on the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code). The lower a home's HERS Index, the more energy efficient it is in comparison to the HERS Reference Home. Utility bills for this home are expected to be 50-60% less than the average utility bills in a new home.

This home is located in the community of Sandstone. Just north of Milton, Delaware, this community features larger homesites (1/2 - 3/4 acre), picnic pavillion, garden park, garden paths, clubhouse and swimming pool and is just a few miles from the beaches and shopping. For more information visit the website at www.SandstoneDe.com or call the sales office at 302-422-9600.

Pictured in the photo are:

Front Row L to R - George Simmons/President of BR Rich Windows and Doors, Anas Ben Addi/DSHA Director; Terrance Babbie/President Colter Construction; Vance Phillips / Sussex County Council; Amanda Melson Admin Asst. Colter Construction

Back Row L to R: Ed Minch/Owner Energy Service Group; Kate Rohre / Kent-Sussex Director from the Office on Congressman Mike Castle Jeanne Dukes/Nemours Health & Prevention Services/GT Chamber; Shannon Carmean/Sergovic & Carmean/GT Chamber; Karen Duffield/Exec. Dir. Georgetown Chamber;Joan Tyndall, Sergovic & Carmean/GT Chamber; Carolyn Quinn/M Insurance Services/GT Chamber; Autumn Miller/ Manager Colter Construction