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TEXAS BUILDER FIRST TO RECEIVE MASTERBUILDER DESIGNATION

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (November 5, 2003)—Waxahacie, Texas builder, Jim Sargent, of Bentwood Homes, is the first recipient of the Energy & Environmental Building Association's Institute of Building Technology MasterBuilder designation. The organization presented the certificate of completion to Sargent at its annual Building Solutions Conference, October 18, 2003 in Chicago, IL.

Following 100 hours of Building Science classroom and field experience, Sargent demonstrated his competency in building performance standards with the construction of house. Sargent used the building standards developed by EEBA and the US Department of Energy's Building America Program. Following the completion of the house, testing was done to verify the performance of the home to the set criteria.

Jim Sargent began his custom home building business in the 1970's during the oil embargo and ensuing energy crisis. And began the practice of monitoring the energy consumption of each home he built, a practice he continues today. His understanding of "What Works and Why" in healthy, energy efficient construction has made him a popular

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guest on Dallas radio and TV shows. He teaches Energy Efficient Construction for the

National Association of Home Builders' University of Housing. The NAHB has recognized Jim as a Graduate Master Builder, GMB; a Certified Graduate Builder, CGB; and a Certified Aging in Place Specialist.

The EEBA Institute of Building Technology provides quality education to the building industry in the area of building science, home performance principles and practices. They have been selected by the US Department of Energy as the educational coordinators of the Building America Houses That Work series offered nationally to builders, contractors and the building trades.

The Energy & Environmental Building Association is an international, membership based, non-profit organization that promotes the awareness, education and development of energy efficient and environmentally responsible building and communities since 1982. For more information on the EEBA organization visit www.eeba.org.

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