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'Florida Green' Building Projects Honored at 36th Annual AURORA

ALYS BEACH, Fla. -- Alys Beach Construction was honored with six prestigious AURORA Awards, including four for Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) "Florida Green" certified homes, during the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC) in Orlando.

"FGBC members work every day to make homes more sustainable, healthier and happier living environments, setting an example for what is possible in green building throughout the state," said FGBC President Jeremy Nelson. "I commend the commitment and leadership in sustainable building from these recipients."

This year's competition drew 400 entries in 55 categories, including single-family homes, custom homes, multifamily projects, kitchen and bath design, interior detailing, and interior merchandising.

"It was a great night for Alys Beach, a mixed-use, traditional neighborhood on Scenic 30-A fronting the Gulf of Mexico, and these remarkable "Florida Green" homes," noted FGBC member and Alys Beach Certifying Agent, Pattie Glenn of GreenSmart®, Inc.



Alys Beach was recognized for their Villas at Caliza Courts project, which won "Golden Aurora Best in Show Award" for Best Community Design.

Special thanks to developer EBSCO, the innovative design team at Khoury-Vogt Architects, Town Architects, and Alys Beach Construction, including visionary project manager, Michael Kestner, who spearheaded the sustainable vision for the project.

"Building green excellence isn't hard to do when you implement it from the design stage, which also reduces your costs," said Kestner, "Then, integrating best construction practices to build the house as a system saves more energy, water, and resources, while working with your green team to document your process.

"Florida Green" AURORA winners included:

Villas at Caliza Courts, Grand Aurora Best in Show, Best Community Design. Certified FGBC Platinum and Florida Water Star Gold. Architect is Khoury-Vogt Architects.

Buffington Residence, Grand Aurora, Best Custom Home - 6,000 to 8,000 square feet. Certified FGBC Gold. Architect is Domin Bock Architect, LLC.

Fogleman Residence, Grand Aurora, Best Single-Family Detached Home - 3,000 to 3,499 square feet. Certified FGBC Gold. Architect is Eric Watson Architect, P.A.

Shaw Residence, Grand Aurora, Best Single-Family Detached Home - 3,500 to 3,999 square feet. Certified FGBC Green. Architect is Domin Bock Architects, LLC.

The Green\$mart® Team is specifically trained to recognize, certify, and convey property value that saves money, energy, water, and resources, which promotes durability while it protects comfort, health and safety.

Construction is under way at Alys Beach on Clermont Courts, a nine-plex of FGBC "Florida Green" homes and sister-project to the award-winning Caliza Courts.

Promoting as state of sustainability since 2000, FGBC is the leading certified for green projects in Florida. FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with climate specific criteria to address issues caused by Florida's unique topography, hot-humid environment and natural disasters.

FGBC is an independent non-profit organization that was established to promote green building in Florida. FGBC's membership is comprised of individuals and businesses from all areas of the building industry including research, design, materials, products, construction, inspection, marketing, finance and sales.

With over 17,000 certifications, the Florida Green Building Coalition is by far the largest certifier of green homes, communities and local governments in Florida. Florida Green are the only standards developed with Florida-specific criteria. They address Florida's hot-humid climate, environment, topography and natural disasters.

For more information on "Florida Green" contact the Florida Green Building Coalition, e-mail info@floridagreenbuilding.org or visit www.floridagreenbuilding.org.