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FGBC Announces 2013 Green Achievement Winners

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) continues to be the leading certifier of green projects in Florida with the following projects participating in its certification programs as of August 31, 2013:

- 6,969 Residential Units (Single & Multi-Family)
67 Local Governments
62 Land Developments
26 Commercial Buildings
9 Hi-Rise Residential Buildings

During the organization's recent annual GreenTrends Conference, winners were recognized and presented with recycled glass awards. Congratulations to each of the winners of the 2013 FGBC Green Achievement Awards for their commitment to sustainability, excellence, and to the mission of FGBC.

Highest Scoring Certified Green Commercial Building

Martin County Fire & Rescue Station #22 in Stuart

Builder: Martin County General Services

Highest Scoring Certified Green High-Rise Residential Building

Progresso Point in Fort Lauderdale

Builder: Reliance Housing Foundation

Highest Scoring Certified Green Local Government

County: Miami-Dade County

City: City of Wellington

In the Highest Scoring Home Category, the Top 10 contenders were:

Table with 4 columns: Builder, Home, City, Score. Rows include Bill Kimberl (2001 Ellicott Drive, Tallahassee, 219) and Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County (6 nominations) with three entries for Dream Lane in Nokomis (215, 215, 218).

	5392 Dream Lane	Nokomis.....	218
	5368 Dream Lane	Nokomis.....	217
	5374 Dream Lane	Nokomis.....	217
Marc Rutenberg Homes	2712 Deer Track Way	Palm Harbor.....	214
Phil Kean Designs	229 Alexander Place.....	Winter Park	231
The Artec Group	116 Wall Street.....	Reddington Shores..	221

Taking first place for the **highest scoring FGBC Certified Green Home** in the state was **Phil Kean Designs** for 229 Alexander Place in Winter Park with a platinum-level score of 231 out of a 100-point required minimum. Congratulations also to **The Artec Group** for a close 2nd!

FGBC certified 1,345 homes last year, the highest year for home certifications in its 12-year history. A total of 92 builders participated in the FGBC Green Home certification program. The Top 10 Builders based on **Most Homes Certified**, were:

<u>Builder</u>	<u>City</u>	<u># of Homes</u>
Current Builders	Pompano Beach.....	101
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami	Miami	52
Homes by WestBay	Lithia	37
K Hovnanian Homes	Tampa.....	81
Minto Communities LLC	Coconut Creek.....	74
Neal Communities	Lakewood Ranch.....	210
PHG Builders LLC	Miami	202
Premier Construction & Development	Tallahassee	50
Taylor Morrison	Temple Terrace.....	36
William Ryan Homes	Tampa.....	51

Winner of the **FGBC Green Builder of the Year** award in the **single-family category** went to **Neal Communities** with a total of 210 FGBC Certified Green Homes.

In the multi-family category, **PHG Builders LLC** took home the **FGBC Green Multi-Family Builder of the Year** honor with 202 FGBC certified units.

The leading Certifying Agents based on total number of homes certified were, in alphabetical order:

Kyle Abney	320
Randy Conn	96
Jennifer Languell	83

Drew Smith 486
Joseph Weaver 144

For the third year in a row, **Drew Smith** with Two Trails, Inc. in Sarasota earned **FGBC Certifying Agent of the Year** with 486 homes certified in 2012.

Each year the FGBC selects a volunteer of the year, based on nominations received from the general membership. This award honors an extraordinary FGBC member for their passionate belief in the mission of FGBC and for their contributions to its success. The 2013 **FGBC Volunteer of the Year** was awarded to **Cindy Hall** of Jensen Beach. As a Senior Officer, Cindy realized the importance of insulating FGBC from the impact of the recession. She was comprehensive in her thought processes and did not shy away from hard decisions that were necessary for FGBC's financial stability. But serving the members was always a focus with Cindy. She took the time to participate on just about every FGBC committee, making sure their voices were heard and the Board was attentive to their needs.

About the Florida Green Building Coalition

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) is a nonprofit 501(C)3 Florida corporation founded in 2000 dedicated to improving the built environment. Its mission is "to lead and promote sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through regional education and certification programs." FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with climate specific criteria to address issues caused by Florida's hot-humid environment and natural disasters. Currently, FGBC is the leading certifier of green projects in Florida. For more information about the FGBC "Florida Green" certification programs visit www.floridagreenbuilding.org.

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