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**2011 Green Innovation Awards Highlight
Green Building and Sustainable Community Successes at
VSBN's 16th Annual Meeting Celebration**

Arlington, VA – The 2011 Virginia Green Innovation Awards were announced by Virginia Sustainable Building Network and presented at their 16th Annual Meeting Celebration, which took place June 29, 2011 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. For 2011 the winners are:

Best Green Business

Sustainable Design Consulting, LLC, Richmond, VA, www.sustaindesign.net

Contact: Sandra Leibowitz, AIA, LEED AP+, Managing Principal, 804-644-3880x1101,
sandra@sustaindesign.net

Best Green Organization

Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg, VA, www.chpc2.org

Contact: Susan Sisk, Chief Administrative Officer, 540-382-2002, ext. 3304, ssisk@chpc2.org

Best Green Designer

George C. Nasis, AIA, LEED AP, Moseley Architects, Richmond, VA,
www.moseleyarchitects.com

Contact: George C. Nasis, AIA, LEED AP, Vice President, 757-368-2800
gnasis@moseleyarchitects.com

Best Green Residential Project - New Construction

Woodhill Residence, Artisan Construction, Charlottesville, VA, www.artisaninc.com

Contact: Doug Lowe, LEED AP, President, 434-979-6399, mdlowe@artisaninc.com

Best Green Residential Project - Renovation

Duke Bloemers Residence, The Gaines Group, Charlottesville, VA, www.thegainesgroup.com

Contact: Charles Hendricks, AIA, CSI, CDT, LEED AP, Architect, 540-437-0012,
cbhendricks@thegainesgroup.com

Best Green Institutional Project - Higher Education

Virginia Commonwealth University Cary Street Gym, Richmond, VA, www.vcu.edu

Contact: Carl Purdin, Assistant Director, Design Services, VCU Facilities Management, 804-828-0391, cfpurdin@vcu.edu

Best Green Institutional Project - K-12

Center for Energy Efficient Design, Franklin County Public Schools, Rocky Mount, VA,
www.frco.k12.va.us

Contact: Neil Sigmon, Architecture and Engineering, Gereau Center, 540-483-5446, neil.sigmon@frco.k12.va.us

Best Green Commercial Project - Large

Dam Neck Naval Base, Norfolk, VA, www.navy.mil

Contact: Andrew Porter, P.E., C.E.M., Deputy Public Works Officer, Public Works Department Oceana, NAVFAC MIDLANT, 757-433-3321, Andrew.porter@navy.mil

Best Green Commercial Project - Office

DPR Construction Inc., Richmond Office, Richmond, VA, www.dpr.com

Contact: Karin Fossett, karinf@dpr.com, 703-342-1785

Most Sustainable Community Program

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, www.vcu.edu

Contact: Jacek Ghosh, M.Arch., LEED AP, Director of Sustainability, 804-628-5199, jghosh@vcu.edu

VSBN also gave Special Recognition awards to outgoing Board of Director members:

Robert Somers, II, Ph.D., P.E., LEED AP
2rw Consultants Inc.

Daryl Bishop, CEM
Pepco Energy Services

Eric Oliver, P.E., LEED AP
EMO Energy Solutions, LLC

Colin Arnold, AIA, LEED AP
Community Design Studio, LLC

M. Douglas Lowe, LEED AP
Artisan Construction, Inc.

The theme for this year's Annual Meeting was the "**Living City Block - Creating Resilient, Highly Efficient Cities One Block at a Time.**" President and founder of this program, Llewelyn Wells, enlightened the audience about this initiative. The program is working initially in Denver, Colorado to achieve their goal of taking one and a half city blocks and transforming them into a regenerative, energy and resource super-efficient, and economically sustainable community. Additional projects are currently envisioned for neighborhoods in Washington DC and Brooklyn, NY. A panel of local government, community, and business representatives, led by Daniel Slone, Partner, McGuire Woods, discussed the potential for a Living City Block initiative in Richmond. View the speaker's presentations and pictures from the event at www.vsbnet.org.

We are pleased to have held our Annual Meeting at the historic and Virginia Green-certified Jefferson Hotel.

Virginia Sustainable Building Network (VSBN) is the only statewide organization to bring together representatives from diverse sectors who are interested in building energy-efficient, healthy, environmentally friendly buildings and sustainable communities. VSBN was incorporated as a non-profit (501-c-3) organization in 1995 to promote Green Building and Sustainable Development across Virginia.

Visit the VSBN website for more information: www.vsbnet.org or contact Annette Osso, LEED AP, President, VSBN, at 703-486-2966.