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**HOME STAR Coalition Members Honored at
National Home Performance Conference**
*Coalitions Members Recognized as Champions of
Residential Energy Retrofit Industry*

Austin, TX – Four members of the HOME STAR Coalition were honored today at the 24th annual ACI Home Performance Conference for their leadership in helping to advance federal HOME STAR legislation. Steve Cowell, CEO of Conservation Services Group; Rick Gerardi, Vice President of Masco Home Services; Matt Golden, Founder and President of Recurve, and Mike Rogers, Senior Vice President of GreenHomes America, received awards for distinguished service from the ACI Board of Directors and the ACI network for their sustained dedication to the residential energy retrofit and home performance industry.

“It’s an honor to be selected, along with Rick, Matt and Mike, for this award. The reception to HOME STAR, among the hundreds of attendees of this conference, has been overwhelmingly positive. ACI participants are experts at identifying and employing best residential building practices and programs. They truly understand what a shot in the arm HOME STAR would be, if passed. I am very proud to be part of this effort to boost the US economy and our industry. The award means a lot. Thank you,” said Cowell.

The ACI Home Performance Conference brings together business leaders, industry experts, government officials and academics to explore forward-thinking building science issues. This year, the conference addressed both hot and cold climate issues and focused on “whole home” energy retrofit solutions. ACI also hosted a HOME STAR summit, which was led by U.S. Representative Peter Welch (D-VT), sponsor of the “Home Star Energy Retrofit Bill of 2010,” Department of Energy (DOE) official Kathleen Hogan and several HOME STAR Coalition members.

The weeklong ACI conference comes days after a major legislative victory for HOME STAR in Congress: the bill passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Thursday, April 15 and is now headed to the House floor for a full vote. HOME STAR legislation has been introduced and is pending in the Senate.

HOME STAR is a market-driven, low-bureaucracy program that would create jobs fast by scaling the existing home energy efficiency improvement industry. HOME STAR would use incentives to spur more Americans to start making their homes more energy efficient. It would establish a \$6 billion rebate program to encourage immediate investment in energy-efficient appliances, building mechanical systems and insulation, and whole-home energy efficiency retrofits. Consumers nationwide would embrace HOME STAR because it will be simple, accessible and help them save money.

The HOME STAR Coalition represents over 1,000 construction contractors, building products and mechanical manufacturers, retail sales businesses, environmental and energy efficiency groups and labor advocates from all 50 states who want to see the job creation and energy savings benefits of federal HOME STAR legislation realized. For more information about HOME STAR and the HOME STAR Coalition, visit www.homestarcoalition.org.

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