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New Home Provides Dramatic Reduction in Greenhouse Gases and Dependency on Foreign Oil

Neumann Developments Inc. is Changing How American Homes are Built

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Waukesha, Wis. (March 24, 2009) -- Neumann Developments Inc., a Waukesha-based building and development company, is changing the way American homes are built by constructing an economically viable mainstream home that will produce more energy than it consumes – allowing for a dramatic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and dependency on foreign oil.

Through the combination of several readily available technologies, which include a solar photovoltaic system (PV), geothermal heating and cooling system and solar domestic hot water, this home has the ability to produce 100 percent of the energy needed to heat and cool the home, run all the appliances and power the occupant's electric vehicle to and from work. The name of the home is the Energy Producing Home by Neumann Developments (E^P Home).

“We have to change the way we build homes today,” said Mark Neumann, co-owner of Neumann Developments, Inc. “Energy costs have fluctuated drastically in the last year, buildings are the top contributor of greenhouse gas emissions and our dependence on foreign oil has increased by 50 percent since 1970. Our goal is to lead by example, the E^P Home demonstrates what is available to every American right now – the ability to control their energy costs, whether its natural gas, electrical rates or gasoline, in an environmentally responsible manner.”

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, buildings in the U.S. produce 48 percent of greenhouse gases, while transportation produces 27 percent and manufacturing 25 percent. Greenhouse gases are generated by the combustion of fossil fuels in energy use and have been linked to global warming by increasing the average surface temperature of the earth.

The E^P Home will utilize a solar photovoltaic system to satisfy all the electric demands of the home and charge the plug-in hybrid electric vehicle. The projected electrical use of the home is approximately 17,168 kWh per year; this figure includes a daily commute to the new Aurora Medical Center in Oconomowoc. The PV system is anticipated to produce approximately 19,324 kWh per year, with the surplus being sold back to the local utility company.

The home is located in the Autumn Ridge Development three miles west of Oconomowoc — within the Oconomowoc School District. Building begun in early February of 2009 and will be completed by August. The home is being showcased in the Milwaukee Area Metropolitan Builders Association's 2009 Affordably Green Built Parade of Homes.

When the E^P Home is sold, the net proceeds from the sale will be donated to Educational Enterprises, a non-profit inner-city network of schools whose mission is to inspire, support, and equip the next generation to become serving leaders. Educational Enterprises is a rapidly growing non-profit company with over 700 students in four schools, located in two states, whose vision is to change the world of education by empowering students through character development and the expectation to achieve academic excellence. The Milwaukee arm of Educational Enterprises is Hope Schools (<http://www.thehopeschools.org/index.html>).

For more information on the E^P Home by Neumann Developments, please visit www.energyproducinghome.com.

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Neumann Developments Inc. (www.neumanndevelopments.com)

Neumann Developments Inc. is a Waukesha-based development company devoted to preserving open and green spaces in southern Wisconsin, paying particular attention to environmentally sensitive areas, while providing job opportunities and housing opportunities for the people of the area. Their vision statement “Preserving Land Through Development in Harmony With Nature,” highlights their environmentally friendly approach to development and their desire to find ways to promote other environmentally conserving ideas.

Autumn Ridge Development

The Autumn Ridge Development is located three miles west of Oconomowoc in the Oconomowoc school district. This development, approximately halfway between Milwaukee and Madison, has 205 acres of green space that includes numerous wetlands, wooded corridors, streams, parks, ponds and countless other natural features.