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**SIX SOUTHWEST COMPANIES WIN NATIONAL
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARDS**

(Boulder, CO) – Six companies located in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah have been named **2007 ENERGY STAR Award Winners**. The awards will be formally announced at the 2007 ENERGY STAR® Awards Ceremony, to be held later today in Washington, D.C. The ENERGY STAR Awards are given annually by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy to companies excelling in the area of energy efficiency.

Winners from the Southwest include:

Astoria Homes of Las Vegas, Nevada, **Ence Homes** of St. George, Utah, and **Nevada ENERGY STAR Partners**, also of Las Vegas, have been named winners of the “Sustained Excellence Award” for their commitment to building and promoting ENERGY STAR new homes.

Rocky Mountain Power of Salt Lake City was named a winner of the “Excellence in ENERGY STAR Promotion” award, for its ENERGY STAR New Homes program’s comprehensive consumer marketing and education campaign on the benefits of purchasing an energy-efficient new home.

Arizona Public Service of Phoenix was named a “Partner of the Year – Energy Efficiency Program Delivery” award winner for its Residential Lighting initiative, which promotes compact fluorescent light bulbs to customers.

Energy Inspectors of Las Vegas was named an ENERGY STAR “Partner of the Year – New Homes” winner for its outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through its work as a home energy rating company analyzing and testing the energy efficiency of homes.

“The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project commends all of these companies for their innovative efforts and leadership in promoting and advancing energy efficiency,” said Howard Geller, SWEEP’s Executive Director. “These companies are demonstrating that pursuing energy efficiency makes good business sense even in states where energy prices are relatively low compared to others parts of the country.”

Learn more about ENERGY STAR by visiting www.energystar.gov.

About SWEEP: SWEEP is a public interest organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. SWEEP helps to promote ENERGY STAR products and buildings. For more information, visit the SWEEP website at www.swenergy.org.

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