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Local Companies Recognized for Creating Green Collar Jobs and Saving Families Money

Annapolis, MD – The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is pleased to announce the 2008 Contractor of the Year Awards for Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® to two Baltimore-based companies, TerraLogos Green Home Services, LLC, and Home Energy Loss Professionals (HELP). TerraLogos Green Home Services received the award for the most reported number of residential energy improvement jobs. HELP received the award for highest average energy savings achieved for homeowners.

Through its partnership with *Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*, a national comprehensive energy efficiency program, Maryland has been able to oversee the green collar job training and certification of over 110 energy efficiency auditors and full-service contractors in the past year alone. As a direct result, homeowners now have access to full diagnostic home energy audits and necessary energy improvements done by specially trained and certified contractors. In addition, once the energy improvements are completed, the Maryland Home Performance program then conducts Quality Assurance (either on-site or through contractor job reports) to ensure the work was done properly. The program empowers residents to take control of energy usage in their homes, while maximizing energy efficiency and saving money.

“Energy efficiency is as close as we can come to a ‘silver bullet’ solution to our energy and environmental challenges.” noted Director Malcolm Woolf. “Through Governor O’Malley’s leadership, this partnership is another step towards creating additional jobs, saving families’ money, and helping to address climate change.”

The Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program was inspired by Governor Martin O'Malley’s initiative, EmPOWER Maryland, which aims to reduce per capita electricity consumption of 15% by 2015. The Maryland Home Performance program has the potential to go far in helping the state reach this goal.

For more information on the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program, visit www.MdHomePerformance.org. For additional information from the Maryland Energy Administration, visit www.energy.maryland.gov.

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