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ABODE WINS NATIONAL ACCLAIM AT 2010 BALA AWARDS

Regional Builder Recognized Nationally for Innovative Green Design

January 19, 2010 – ABODE Builders of New England was a multiple winner at the Best in American Living Awards (BALA), announced yesterday during the 66th NAHB International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, NV. The BALA awards are considered the most prestigious new-home design competition in the building industry, with judging conducted by an expert panel of builders, design professionals, land planners and interior designers.

ABODE's "mountain-style" model home in Plymouth, NH, garnered a national Emerald Award for *Best Green-Built Home*, a category recognizing new homes that meet green certification standards and achieve high design excellence. ABODE also took top honors in the North Atlantic Region for the same category, bringing the home's overall award total to nine in the past twelve months. "It is a tremendous honor to be recognized on a national stage as a leader in the green home building industry. These distinctions confirm our dedication to integrating smart, quality design into each of our projects without losing focus on the efficiency of the building process," stated Sue Hawkes, Principal of ABODE. The winning projects will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Professional Builder* magazine.

ABODE's hybrid construction® process is transforming the green home building industry by combining advanced production systems and green technologies that result in higher energy efficiency and faster delivery time without compromising design or style.

For more information, visit www.yourabodehome.com or call 877-391-0039. Model tours are available by appointment.

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ABOUT ABODE: ABODE is an innovative new way to build. ABODE hybrid construction® combines advanced production systems, hand craftsmanship and green technologies to create an individually inspired home that is structurally stronger, more energy efficient and more environmentally friendly than a conventionally built house. For additional information visit our model home located at 568 Tenney Mountain Highway in Plymouth, NH. www.yourabodehome.com

ABOUT NAHB: NAHB is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association whose mission is to enhance the climate for housing and the building industry. Chief among NAHB's goals is providing and expanding opportunities for all consumers to have safe, decent and affordable housing. As "the voice of America's housing industry," NAHB helps promote policies that will keep housing a national priority. Founded in 1942, NAHB is a federation of more than 800 state and local associations. www.nahb.org