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Pictured above are the ABODE Design Center and Model Home and the October 11th Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**FIRST BUILD GREEN NH[®] CERTIFIED HOME IN STATE UNVEILED AT ANNUAL
NEW HAMPSHIRE PARADE OF HOMES[®]**

PLYMOUTH, NH, October 15, 2008 -

The Home Builders and Remodelers Association of New Hampshire (HBRANH) announced the awarding of the first Gold Level certification under the new **Build Green NH[®]** program. **The Build Green NH[®]** program is modeled after the National Association of Home Builders' **National Green Building Program[™]**, the first ever residential green building standard in the U.S.

The program recognizes green building techniques and technologies in several areas, including lot preparation and design, resource efficiency, energy efficiency, water efficiency and conservation, occupancy comfort and indoor environmental quality, and operation maintenance and homeowner education.

The first certification was awarded to the model home of **ABODE Builders of New England** at its design center in Plymouth, NH at a special ribbon cutting event on Saturday, October 11th where attendees included Kendall Buck – Executive Vice President of HBRANH, Amy Ignatius, Director from NH Office of Energy & Planning, Ray Burton - Executive Councilor District1, State Senator Deborah Reynolds and State Representative Mary Cooney.

The home was also entered into the 2nd annual **NEW HAMPSHIRE PARADE OF HOMES[®]** on the first and second weekends of October. Information and directions to Parade homes can be found at www.nhparadeofhomes.com.

The Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of New Hampshire is committed to promoting green building techniques and technologies among its members. Information about the **Build Green NH[®]** program can be found at www.greenbuildnh.org. To learn more about ABODE, please visit www.yourabodehome.com.

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ABOUT HBRANH: The HBRANH is one of New Hampshire's largest trade associations with a combined membership of over one thousand one hundred companies, employing over 60,000 citizens, involved in all aspects of the building industry.

The HBRANH is dedicated to the evolution and continued growth of the building industry, to provide affordable housing for all income levels, and to build a positive image for the building industry.