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Contemporary Green Home Wins Peoples Choice Award Up & Coming Local Green Builder Takes Home Another Green Building Award

Bend, Oregon, October 5, 2009 - Holly Contracting & Design, Inc., an up & coming local grass roots company, has won their 3rd award for their sustainably built contemporary spec home located in Northwest Crossing, this time The People's Choice Award. Over the weekend, the 7th Annual Central Oregon Green and Solar Home tour, sponsored by Cascadia Region Green Building Council, showcased six of the region's elite sustainable homes. The tour offered a look into homes with a wide variety of sustainable features. At the conclusion of the tour, the public submitted their votes, and Holly Contracting & Design's Dorion Spec Home was selected as the "Peoples Choice" winner.

Completed in the summer of 2009, Holly Contracting participated in the Central Oregon Builders Association 2009 Tour of Homes with the Dorion Spec Home, winning awards for both Green Building and Best Landscaping in its price range. This award winning home, designed by The Shelter Studio, encompasses Holly Contracting & Design's basic philosophies of sustainable design & building; keep it simple, work with what the environment has to offer, keep it healthy, choose your products and materials wisely, and make it beautiful. This home is receiving third party certifications from **LEED for homes**, Earth Advantage & Energy Star. Noted for its materials & finishes, in the home you will find salvaged Redwood window sills, smooth trowel plaster walls and formaldehyde free Walnut Cabinetry.. According to the recently developed Energy Performance Score (EPS), this home is estimated to save close to 25 million BTU's per year compared to the same home built to Oregon code and may cost about \$111 per month to operate. Energy efficiency is been achieved by a passive solar design, a tight envelope with a blower door test rating of 2.9 air changes per hour, and a hi-efficiency mechanical system.

"The Dorion Spec Home was designed & built as a showpiece, to put into practice our philosophies about sustainable building & design." says Jane Bowerman, co-owner of the company, "We consider ourselves a new generation of builders, and are eager to move forward with sustainable projects, creating high performance buildings that people will want to work and live in." Winning 2 of the most sought after Green Building awards in Central Oregon, and receiving hi marks in the third party certification on this home, you can be sure to expect great things from the up & coming Holly Contracting & Design, Inc. For more information, please visit the company's website at www.hollycontracting.com.

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Background:

Holly Contracting & Design, Inc. was founded by locals David Hall & Jane Bowerman, brother & sister, inspired by a passion for sustainability and the green building industry. David & Jane grew up in Central Oregon, and both established careers in the construction field, David in project management and Jane in interior design. Jane is a LEED Accredited Professional, and they are both Certified Sustainable Building Advisors. Holly Contracting & Design is named after David's and Jane's grandfather, Forrest M. Holly. Forrest lost his sight while attending college, and with typical can-do determination, he began building homes, and Holly Construction Company was born. Forrest's resulting successes in designing, building and customer satisfaction throughout his career are a major inspiration and motivating factor for the founders of Holly Contracting and Design. Overcoming challenges is in their blood.