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Greater San Antonio Builders Association Appointed to Board of Metropolitan Partnership for Energy

The Greater San Antonio Builders Association (GSABA) has joined the board of directors of the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy. The Metropolitan Partnership for Energy (MPE) is a non-profit organization that develops and implements energy and emissions reduction policies for air quality improvement, water conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy, and is an official partnership of Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, CPS Energy, San Antonio Water System, VIA Metropolitan Transit, the Alamo Area Council of Governments, the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, and Solar San Antonio. The Greater San Antonio Builders Association is a not-for-profit trade association established to represent builders, developers, remodelers and affiliated industry members in cooperation to benefit and promote homeownership.

The MPE's main program is Build San Antonio Green™, our community's residential green building program. The Greater San Antonio Builders Association has recognized the importance of building green, and in 2002 came together with MPE to create the Build San Antonio Green™ program in order to certify homes as being built green. Build San Antonio Green™ is co-administered by the Greater San Antonio Builders Association and MPE, and they are committed to educating the builder and homeowner about the importance of building green, and the benefits associated with it. To this end, GSABA has been appointed to a seat on the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy's board of directors. GSABA will use its marketing prowess to increase awareness of the Build San Antonio Green™ program throughout San Antonio and the immediate area.

As a result of the homes certified under the Build San Antonio Green™ program, over 422 tons of CO₂ emissions are being prevented each year, which is the equivalent of taking 70 cars off the road. Together, green home owners are saving over \$44,000 per year in energy costs. These reductions are due to the increased energy efficiency of the Build San Antonio Green™ homes.

There has been tremendous growth in the Build San Antonio Green™ program in the last year. From mid- 2007 to the present, 158 homes have been certified as built green under the program, and several hundred homes are expected to receive certification in 2008.

The Build San Antonio Green™ program focuses on five areas: site management, energy efficiency, water conservation, materials, and health/indoor air quality. Build San Antonio Green™ is not only our community's local green building program, it is also the only green building program that includes and encourages the Unified Development Code Neighborhood Patterns, SAWS Rebates and Landscape List, San Antonio Landscape Care Guide, CPS Energy Rebates and Net Metering Program, and The City of San Antonio's Tree Protection Ordinance. Build San Antonio Green™ is also the only green building program that was developed specifically for the unique climate conditions in the San Antonio area.

For more information about the Build San Antonio Green™ Program and how MPE is working to increase energy efficiency, reduce emissions, and increase sustainability, please contact Anita Ledbetter, Executive Director of MPE at 210.224.7278 or aledbetter@buildsagreen.org or Becky Oliver, Executive Vice President of the Greater San Antonio Builders Association at 210.696.3800 or oliverpub@aol.com