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**EPA RECOGNIZES ARCHITECTURAL ENERGY CORPORATION WITH
ENERGY STAR[®] TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Architectural Energy Corporation earns award for protecting the environment through energy efficiency

Boulder, Colorado, March 4, 2004 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized Architectural Energy Corporation with a Technical Excellence Award for outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by enabling new homes to earn the ENERGY STAR. Architectural Energy Corporation's accomplishments were recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 2, 2004.

Architectural Energy Corporation is being honored for its REM/Rate[™] and REM/Design[™] residential energy analysis, code compliance and rating software tools that are assisting home builders and home energy raters throughout the country design and rate ENERGY STAR qualified homes which meet EPA's strict guidelines for energy-efficiency. ENERGY STAR qualified homes are significantly more energy efficient than homes built to standard practice or local energy code.

"Architectural Energy Corporation's REM/Rate[™] software has been used to qualify over 100,000 homes across the nation to earn the ENERGY STAR. We are proud to support the design and construction of the next generation of energy-efficient housing" said Michael J. Holtz, FAIA, President of Architectural Energy Corporation. "The new home designs developed or rated with our REM software meet energy efficient standards that ensure they are good for both the homeowner and the environment."

EPA is recognizing a variety of organizations for their contribution to the construction of energy-efficient homes that benefit the environment, while providing homeowners with a quieter, more comfortable, and healthier home, with significant utility savings. These award-winning companies were selected from over 3,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR program.

In 2002 alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved enough energy to power 15 million homes and reduce air pollution equivalent to that of 15 million cars - all while saving consumers \$7 billion.

"Architectural Energy Corporation has shown tremendous vision by empowering home builders and energy raters to offer homes that are better for the environment," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division. "Every ENERGY STAR Home keeps 4,500 pounds of greenhouse gases out of our air each year. That is a tremendous help for our environment."

About Architectural Energy Corporation

Architectural Energy Corporation (AEC) is an interdisciplinary, privately held engineering firm concerned with energy, buildings and the environment. AEC assists its clients to design, commission and operate their buildings at peak performance over their useful life. This mission is accomplished through a comprehensive and innovative suite of professional services and products which address sustainable design and analysis; commissioning and diagnostic testing; utility and energy service company engineering services; energy information systems, services and data acquisition equipment; Internet services; hardware and software product development; performance evaluation; and market transformation services. For more information about Architectural Energy Corporation, visit www.archenergy.com or call (303) 444-4149.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce air pollution through increased energy efficiency. The program offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 7,000 organizations have become ENERGY STAR partners and are committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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