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Two Greensboro Companies Recognized by Green Plus North American Sustainable Enterprise Awards

June 21, 2010 – Greensboro businesses EcoSelect Furniture and Environmental Solutions Group have achieved national recognition for the example they set as sustainable smaller businesses. On Friday, June 18, the Institute for Sustainable Development announced the winners of the Green Plus North American Sustainable Enterprise Awards. EcoSelect Furniture and Environmental Solutions Group (ESG) were named as finalists.

ESG, a member of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, achieved its Green Plus Certification in 2010. The company assesses buildings and develops remedial plans for hazard control and removal; provides third-party verification for ENERGY STAR homes, Green Buildings, and LEED IEQ, and Indoor Air Quality commissioning; and analyzes the energy performance of residential and commercial buildings. For more information, log on to www.esgtesting.com.

“In the past couple of years Environmental Solutions Group has seen a dramatic increase in sustainable practices in workplaces and homes in Greensboro,” says Craig Whittaker, Founder and President of ESG. “It has become apparent that we must do all we can to protect our environment in order to preserve the vitality of our community. ESG is thrilled to receive this recognition from the Institute for Sustainable Development and we hope it will help draw attention to the importance of sustainability.”

EcoSelect Furniture, also a finalist, manufactures eco-friendly leather and hemp fabric furniture. Each piece of leather furniture is crafted locally using recycled or bio-degradable tanning chemicals, and the hemp fabrics EcoSelect uses are dyed and woven in the United States with green materials.

Durham-based The King's Daughters Inn won the top award given by the Institute, Green Plus Sustainable Enterprise of the Year.

Green Plus is a program of the North Carolina-based Institute for Sustainable Development. For more information on the Green Plus North American Sustainable Enterprise Awards or the Institute for Sustainable Development, please see www.gogreenplus.org.

The Chamber of Commerce is Greensboro's premiere business association, working to build a vibrant economy one business at a time through unique educational programs, leadership training, and opportunities to network with key business leaders. The Chamber is a member of the Greensboro Partnership, united with Greensboro Economic Development Alliance and Action Greensboro to create a growing economy and vibrant quality of life. To learn more about the Chamber and its activities in the community visit www.greensborochamber.com.

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