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CGC Announces the Winners of the 5th Annual GeoExchange Excellence Awards

Markham (Ontario), December 7, 2011 – The Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) heartily congratulated the 2011 winners of the 5th GeoExchange Excellence Awards here tonight. The prizes for Excellence are awarded to regional geothermal heat pump projects which showcase both complexity and quality of installation and design. This year, CGC bestowed awards for projects in three regions: Québec, Ontario and British Columbia. There were no entries for Atlantic Canada or the Prairies. Seven finalists competed during the last stage of the award process.

The projects were evaluated based on originality, innovation, and technological advancement. Other criteria included technical difficulties encountered and solved in the project, the building owner commitment to achieve comfort for occupants and users, as well as other proven community benefits. Complexity of the work considering the nature of the building, financial constraints and demonstrated energy and economic savings were also among the judging criteria. The awards ceremony took place at CGC's 5th National GeoExchange Technical & Policy Forum dinner on December 7.

The 2011 prizes of excellence were awarded to:

Paradise Systems (British Columbia) for the **SUMMERLAND RESIDENCE**

Dessau (Québec) for the **CARTIERVILLE Y CENTER**

Advanced Buildings Solutions Inc., ABS Green Inc., and Imran Majeed (Ontario) for the **TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG UNITED COMMUNITIES CREDIT UNION COMPLEX**

An independent jury of energy stakeholders managed the selection process. Members of the 2011 jury were:

Grant McVicar, Director, Energy Conservation, BioEnergy and BioResources
Saskatchewan Research Council

Sara Mudge, Residential Energy Advisor
Efficiency New Brunswick

Kevin Frankowski, Vice-President Projects
WADE Canada

CGC thanks the members of the jury for their work and congratulates the 2011 awards recipients.

The Canadian GeoExchange Coalition acts as the industry catalyst to unite private and public sector stakeholders, and to expand the market for geothermal heat pump technology in Canada. As the nexus of information, training, certification, standards and public awareness, we work to build the necessary infrastructure to foster Canadian industry growth. Website: www.geoexchange.ca

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