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On Top of the World wins top EPA national honor

OCALA, FLA. – On Top of the World Communities is the only Florida home builder to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with a 2010 ENERGY STAR® Excellence in ENERGY STAR Promotion Award for its energy-efficient homes and consumer-education programs.

Moreover, On Top of the World Communities was one of just six home builders across the country to be so honored at recent ceremonies in Washington, D.C., says company president Kenneth D. Colen. Winners were selected from more than 17,000 companies and organizations nationwide.

According to the EPA, On Top of the World Communities was selected “for its outstanding contributions to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions by educating new-home buyers about the value of choosing an ENERGY STAR-qualified home.”

The EPA reports that last year alone, Americans ... with the help of ENERGY STAR... saved \$17 billion on their energy bills and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions equivalent to what is produced by 30 million vehicles.

One example of On Top of the World's commitment to this effort was last year's decision by company officials to offer a solar-power option on every new home it builds. In fact, one home in the community's new model-home center – the 2,188-square-foot Huntley II – features solar panels as a secondary source of energy that saves as much as 75 percent on monthly energy bills.

ENERGY STAR construction employs the whole-envelope approach that integrates tight-home construction techniques to reduce drafts, noise and moisture, while improving air quality and reducing the escape of conditioned air.

All On Top of the World homes are steel-reinforced concrete block construction, and every home meets or exceeds ENERGY STAR guidelines ... verified by independent inspectors. And On Top of the World is Florida's first active-adult community to receive 100 percent ENERGY STAR qualification on all new homes.

Located 8445 SW 80 St. in th Ocala, On Top of the World Communities is a 12,972-acre master-planned community offering sustainable, high-performance homes and state-of-the-art amenities for 21st century active adults.

Named to the list of America's 100 Best Master-Planned Communities by Where to Retire magazine and Best Neighborhood for 55+ by Ocala magazine, On Top of the World Communities has built more than 4,500 homes in 14 neighborhoods in this central Florida location since construction began in the 1980s.

Among the community's variety of venues for fitness, golf, swimming and scores of physical activities is the Master the Possibilities Education Center, where 600 classes, lectures, presentations and film series are taught each year by a professional faculty.

Also located here is the Circle Square Cultural Center – Ocala's largest indoor venue for concerts, art exhibits, conventions and social functions – that draws top-name entertainment to its 830-seat theater.

For more details, visit OnTopoftheWorld.com.