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Home Builders Institute Partners with Sixteen Community Organizations to Provide Mentoring Services for At-Risk Youth

Washington D.C. – August 16, 2010 – Home Builders Institute (HBI) today announced partnerships with sixteen community organizations to provide mentoring services for at-risk youth as part of the Construction-Coaching Opportunities to Reach Employment (C-CORE) program. Funded by a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, the industry-sponsored C-CORE mentoring program matches youth aged 16 to 18 with mentors recruited from the greater home building community, from carpenters and contractors to real estate agents and appraisers.

“Community partners are key to the success of the HBI C-CORE mentoring program,” said Fred Humphreys, president and chief executive officer of Home Builders Institute. “They provide structure at the grassroots level to ensure that mentoring services are being delivered effectively and provide support and guidance as young people explore a future career in the home building industry.”

HBI C-CORE community partners will facilitate the day-to-day operations of the mentoring programs in each of their cities. They will be responsible for recruiting and training mentors, facilitating positive relationships between mentors and mentees, and improving the employability of mentees through leadership development and community engagement.

The following organizations will serve as HBI C-CORE community partners through February 2013.

Arizona

- United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, Tucson, AZ

California

- Reach Out, San Bernardino, CA
- VIP Mentors, Inc., San Diego, CA

Colorado

- Colorado Youth at Risk, Denver, CO

Florida

- Youth Central, Orlando, FL
- Bay Area Youth Services, Inc., Tampa, FL
- Communities in Schools of Miami, Inc., Miami FL
- Daniel Memorial, Inc., Jacksonville, FL

Georgia

- Communities in Schools of Georgia, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Louisiana

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeast Louisiana, New Orleans, LA

Mississippi

- The Paxen Group, Inc., Jackson, MS

Nevada

- Builders Association of Northern Nevada, Reno, NV

New Mexico

- Youth Development, Inc., Albuquerque, NM

South Carolina

- Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia, Columbia, SC
- Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia, Greenville, SC

Texas

- The Paxen Group, Inc., Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

For more information about the C-CORE program, or to become a mentor, visit www.hbi.org or contact Tadar Muhammad at 1-863-557-5054.

About Home Builders Institute

Home Builders Institute, the workforce development arm of the National Association of Home Builders [NAHB], is dedicated to the advancement and enrichment of education and training programs serving the needs of the housing industry. For more than 35 years, HBI has trained and placed thousands of youth and adults for careers in residential construction, ensuring that America has a skilled workforce today and for the future. HBI offers a range of education, training, job placement and curriculum development programs. For more information, go to www.hbi.org.

