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Absolute Quality Contractors Honored as Calvert County Sustainable Business of the Year

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 8, 2011 – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the Calvert County Citizens Green Team, presented Absolute Quality Contractors of Prince Frederick with the Sustainable Business of the Year Award at its Nov. 15 meeting in appreciation of its contributions toward a more sustainable community.

Absolute Quality Contractors (AQC) is a general contractor, custom builder and remodeling company that has served Southern Maryland for more than 15 years. Owner and President Wayne Tabor personally oversees each AQC project and ensures the highest quality materials are used.

AQC earned the sustainability award by specializing in many “green” services including photovoltaic solar and thermal solar installations, radiant heat, metal roofs and even rain barrel installation. AQC is also building Calvert County’s first straw bale home in Port Republic. This earth-friendly type of construction traces its roots back to 1890s Nebraska. Straw bales are a natural and renewable building material with very high insulation values. A typical straw bale wall is approximately three times as efficient as conventional framing. Building with bales also reduces the amount of lumber used and therefore the number of trees consumed in typical construction.

The Calvert County Citizens Green Team, sponsor of the Sustainable Business of the Year Award, is a group of county residents and business owners working to promote sustainable practices in the community. The team coordinates the annual Calvert County Green Expo.

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Calvert County is Maryland’s smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.