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New England HVAC Technicians Receive COOL SMART Awards for “Green” Efforts at ACCA Golf Tournament

STOW, Mass., Oct. 14, 2008 – Eleven HVAC contractors based in New England received outstanding performance awards during the ACCA – New England Golf Tournament at the Stow Acres Country Club in Stow, Mass. The honors were presented during a lunch ceremony attended by Ted Leopkey, of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who gave the keynote address. Nearly 150 HVAC contractors throughout the region participated in the event, held last month.

COOL SMART, a program from National Grid and NSTAR Electric, was the exclusive presenting sponsor of the ACCA Golf Tournament for the third consecutive year. The event has become increasingly popular each season and was booked to capacity months before the event.

COOL SMART was launched in 2003 and is a central air conditioner rebate program for National Grid and NSTAR Electric residential customers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The initiative promotes the purchase and proper installation of energy efficient, ENERGY STAR[®]-qualified residential HVAC systems. Contractors installing equipment through the program can save their customers up to 30 percent on cooling costs. Participants also broaden their scope of services to increase sales and profits, while differentiating themselves from the competition.

Leopkey, an EPA program analyst who oversees the HVAC quality installation component of the federal ENERGY STAR program, gave the keynote address. He said, “By participating in The COOL SMART program, HVAC contractors are taking a big step to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help the environment. The EPA is proud to partner with the COOL SMART program and I extend my sincerest congratulations to the winners. We hope that contractors and consumers will save even more heating and cooling energy by taking advantage of our new ENERGY STAR Quality Installation verification program to be offered through COOL SMART in 2009.”

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The COOL SMART awards are based on leadership, quality installations and active program participation. The top Massachusetts award recipients are:

Boucher Energy Systems
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Heating and Air Conditioning Services, Inc.
Mark E. Meacham, Inc.
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Top Rhode Island award recipients are:

Carjon AC and Heating
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Conservation Services Group (CSG), a Westborough, Mass.-based energy services firm, is the administrator of the COOL SMART program for National Grid and NSTAR Electric.

NSTAR is the largest Massachusetts-based, investor-owned electric and gas utility, with revenues of approximately \$3.3 billion and assets totaling approximately \$7.8 billion. NSTAR transmits and delivers electricity and gas to 1.1 million electric customers in 81 communities and nearly 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities. NSTAR employs more than 3,100 employees in its regulated business.

National Grid is an international energy delivery company. In the U.S., National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island, and manages the electricity network on Long Island under an agreement with the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). It is the largest distributor of natural gas in the northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.4 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island. National Grid also owns over 4,000 megawatts of contracted electricity generation that provides power to over one million LIPA customers.

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