THE HOME DEPOT WINS 2013 WATERSENSE® RETAIL PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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ATLANTA, Oct. 10, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today recognized The Home Depot® with a 2013 WaterSense Retail Partner of the Year award. The Home Depot was honored during the WaterSmart Innovations Conference for its commitment to water efficiency and outstanding efforts to support the WaterSense program during 2012.

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In 2012 alone, WaterSense-labeled products and new homes helped Americans save more than 202 billion gallons of water. More than 2,700 utility, manufacturer, retail, builder, organizational and professional partners helped WaterSense realize these accomplishments, but every year a few in particular are recognized for their significant contributions to the program.

"All of our WaterSense partners have taken steps to reduce our nation's water use, but several stood out in 2012 for their commitment to the WaterSense program and collaborative efforts to promote WaterSense-labeled products, new homes and outreach and educational programs," said EPA's acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Nancy Stoner. "We are pleased to honor The Home Depot for their efforts that support our mission to protect the future of our nation's water supply."

"The Home Depot is committed to conducting business in an environmentally responsible manner through its stores and suppliers. We are honored to win the WaterSense Partner of the Year Award for 2013. The Home Depot was the first major retailer to sell only WaterSense-labeled lavatory faucets, and we now sell WaterSense-labeled products in our nearly 2,000 retail locations across the United States," said Ron Jarvis, vice president environmental, The Home Depot.

To learn more about the 2013 WaterSense Partner of the Year Awards program, please visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

About Home Depot

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,260 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2012, The Home Depot had sales of $74.8 billion and earnings of $4.5 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

About WaterSense

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 487 billion gallons of water and $8.9 billion in water and energy bills.

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