EPA NAMES THE HOME DEPOT 2014 ENERGY STAR® PARTNER OF THE YEAR - SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE

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Company earns award for protecting the environment through promotion of energy-efficient products

ATLANTA, April 8, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has named The Home Depot® as a 2014 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence for its outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through promotion of energy-efficient products. The Home Depot's accomplishments will be recognized in Washington, D.C. on April 29, 2014.

The Home Depot, an ENERGY STAR partner since 2001, will be honored for its leadership in its long-term commitment to energy efficiency through promotion of energy-efficient products that earn the ENERGY STAR, the government-backed symbol of energy efficiency.

The Home Depot is receiving the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence recognition for engaging every aspect of its retail business - from increasing its ENERGY STAR product assortment to marketing and promotions, to building consumer awareness of and demand for ENERGY STAR. Through the sale of ENERGY STAR products in 2013, The Home Depot helped their customers save nearly $770 million in annual utility costs and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 4.7 million metric tons.

"Our customers are increasingly looking for products that have earned the ENERGY STAR," said Ron Jarvis, vice president of Environmental, The Home Depot. "Our partnership with ENERGY STAR allows us to offer our customers high quality, energy-efficient products that will also save them money on their energy bills."

Through 2013, with help from ENERGY STAR, American families and businesses have saved $297 billion on utility bills and prevented more than 2.1 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

"By providing customers with more energy-efficient choices, The Home Depot is helping American consumers save energy and money while protecting the environment," said EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe. "ENERGY STAR products help to reduce harmful carbon pollution that contributes to the changing climate."

The 2014 Partner of the Year Awards are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through superior energy efficiency. Award winners are selected from the 16,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR program.

About The Home Depot

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,263 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2013, The Home Depot had sales of $78.8 billion and earnings of $5.4 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 ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money, and help protect the environment for future generations. 16,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, and buildings. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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