Southern Living Magazine Selects Modular Homes Design Award Winner

Southern Living Magazine featured an award winning modular home design. Modular home architects chosen for Florida modular house.

May 22, 2008 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Modular Homes, Inc. is proud to announce their manufacturer, Haven Homes, was awarded the prestigious Home of the Year during the **Best In American Living Awards** ceremony in Orlando, Florida. Tucker Bayou, a 2007 **Southern Living** Idea House was a result of strategic partnerships among Looney Ricks Kiss Architects, The St. Joe Company, Haven Custom Homes and Southern Living magazine.

Modular Homes, Inc. proudly offers the **Tucker Bayou floor plan** as part of their selection of homes, and congratulates their partner, Haven Homes, on this distinguished award.

"Tucker Bayou is an example of how strong partnerships can work together to create innovative concepts in new home design and produce a home that is widely acclaimed by the marketplace," Looney said. "A collaboration such as the one we have created with Haven Custom Homes, The St. Joe Company and Southern Living will change the way people look at design and modular construction and will ultimately improve the future of neighborhood developments."

Tucker Bayou was chosen as Home of the Year based on its architectural design by Looney Ricks Kiss Architects, site and landscaping by JOE, quality craftsmanship and architectural detail by Haven Custom Homes and interior design by Looney Ricks Kiss Interiors Group.

Located in the WaterSound community of South Walton County in **Northwest Florida**, the home is a 3,544 square-foot, shingle-sided, tin-roofed Southern cottage that combines the comfort of an empty nester vacation home with features that suit the versatile lifestyles – both social and private – of today's families. Haven Custom Homes utilized **modular construction** for Tucker Bayou, resulting in a home that was substantially complete upon arrival to the site and assembled in a matter of days.

"Every partner contributed their expertise, from the initial design to the interior details, to create Tucker Bayou," said John Ragland, executive vice president, Land Acquisitions and Marketing for Haven Custom Homes. "We were privileged to work with such esteemed partners on this project and look forward to creating more innovative, award-winning homes in the future."

The St. Joe Company, one of Florida's largest **real estate development** companies, and Haven Custom Homes, one of the nation's leaders in the construction of modular homes, formed a strategic alliance in 2007 to bring state-of-the-art building techniques to JOE's communities in Northwest Florida and JOE's RiverTown near Jacksonville, Fla. Haven Custom Homes also has a strategic partnership with Looney Ricks Kiss Architects to create modular homes rich in architectural detail and design.

For more than 30 years, Haven Custom Homes has provided a unique approach to off-site construction. Partnering with local builders, Haven Custom Homes has delivered more than 350 quality homes each year to discerning buyers with homes prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$2.5 million. Haven Custom Homes was acquired by Wind River Holdings in late 2005, a private holding company out of King of Prussia, PA, and is poised to make significant expansion in the homebuilding business. Haven Custom Homes currently operates environmentally protected home building centers in Pennsylvania and South Carolina, with future expansion into other regions to meet the growing demand of its quality homes.

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