

Press Release

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BEAUFORT BUILDER MAKES GREEN HOMEBUILDING EASIER

BEAUFORT, SC APRIL 7, 2008: Steven Walker, President of Island Residential Construction has become a certified *EarthCraft* Builder. As a licensed homebuilder in Beaufort County, Mr. Walker now offers custom homes built under the *EarthCraft House* designation. *EarthCraft House* is a green homebuilding program in Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, administered by the non-profit corporation Southface which promotes sustainable homes and communities through education, advocacy and research. The program serves as a blueprint for healthier, more comfortable homes, which reduce utility bills and protect the environment. An EarthCraft House is one of the most high performance, durable and resource-efficient homes you can build. Builders and home buyers have freedom in selecting which environmental measures are best suited for the home they are constructing. Mr. Walker adds this new designation to his company which is already an *Energy Star* Partner and a *U.S. Green*

Building Council member. Island Residential Construction is a design-build firm which designs and builds custom homes in the Lowcountry.