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COLORADO FIRMS LAUNCH HOME ENERGY AUDIT SOFTWARE

Latest Milestone for Fast-Growing Green Business

Berthoud, CO--A fast-growing Colorado firm is launching new software to support an explosion of state and federal programs aimed at improving home energy efficiency.

EnergyLogic, Inc. is a leading home energy rating, training and software development firm based in Berthoud, about 45 miles north of Denver. It developed the OptiMiser software, in partnership with OptiMiser, LLC, to make home energy audits easier, more accurate and customizable.

Founded in 2006, EnergyLogic has completed more than 10,000 home energy audits and trained more than 400 energy raters and auditors across the country. The firm hired 40 more employees in 2009 and expects to hire another 60 over three years. It is currently partnering with Veteran's Green Jobs, a Denver-based nonprofit organization, to provide weatherization services to 1,800 income-qualified households in Denver and Jefferson counties. The \$9 million program is funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and administered by the Colorado Governor's

Energy Office. Nationally, the \$5 billion program will provide weatherization services for about 15 million eligible households.

“OptiMiser is groundbreaking energy analysis software for conducting the most accurate on-site and customizable energy audits possible today,” said Steve Byers, principal, EnergyLogic. “It is especially appealing to public utilities and government agencies under pressure to control costs and deliver highly accurate results. We expect OptiMiser to capture a significant share of the burgeoning energy efficiency software industry.”

Energy auditors work for government agencies, utilities, nonprofit and private firms. A home audit includes a visual inspection of the home, diagnostic tests and a follow-up report with recommendations that can reduce monthly utility bills by 20 percent or more.

Using the OptiMiser software, an auditor can analyze utility bills against weather data, evaluate appliance upgrade savings and provide the homeowner with the final report on site, resulting in cost savings and more immediate consumer action. OptiMiser also supports institutional users with large groups of auditors. It works in conjunction with iRate®, an industry specific system for managing and operating all aspects of an energy auditing program. iRate®, also developed by EnergyLogic, won the 2008 RESNET (Residential Energy Services Network) Industry Innovation Award.

OptiMiser has demonstrated compliance with BESTEST (**B**uilding **E**nergy **S**imulation **T**est), a program developed by the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Final accreditation by RESNET is pending. RESNET accreditation is important for software

products used in a variety of ways, including the pending federal “Cash for Caulkers” or HomeStar program.

About EnergyLogic

Founded in 2006, EnergyLogic, Inc. is Colorado’s leading provider of home energy efficiency services, consulting, training and software services. The company provides training, certification and oversight to home energy raters, both in person and through courses developed and sold to educational institutions. EnergyLogic has developed an award-winning administrative and back-office software suite (iRate®). www.nrglogic.com

About OptiMiser, LLC

OptiMiser, LLC was founded by Andy Bardwell, principal of Bardwell Consulting, Ltd., a firm that specializes in econometric and statistical modeling. Through his design/build firm, Dr. Bardwell has more than 20 years of experience in the building industry, which has made him aware of the need for a roadmap to sustainability in the built environment. www.optimiseraudits.com

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