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**Port Charlotte Pest Control Professional Named  
Florida Home Builders Association  
ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Port Charlotte pest control management professional Suzanne Graham was named the 2008 Associate of the Year by the Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) during a ceremony held in conjunction with the association’s Fall Leadership Conference in Orlando.

The Associate of the Year award is the highest ranking honor bestowed upon a construction industry associate member (non-builder) within FHBA – a 15,000-corporate member trade association.

“Suzanne’s dedication to Florida’s construction industry and to the success of her local association makes her truly deserving of the associate of the Year honor,” said J. Emmett Reed, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of the Florida Home Builders Association. “Her ability to successfully help meet the service needs of Florida’s home builders has been the key to her professional success and has made her a shining star within FHBA.”

Graham, of American Pest Control Management, Inc. in Port Charlotte, has been serving Florida’s construction industry since 1997. She is a member of FHBA by way of her membership with the Charlotte-DeSoto Building Industry Association (CDBIA). She is also a Florida Certified Building Contractor.

During her tenure with CDBIA, Graham became the first and only woman to serve as President (2006), and she continues to serve in prominent leadership roles with CDBIA, including currently chairing the association’s Political Action Committee and the Government Affairs Committee.

With FHBA, Graham has served as an Area Vice President, representing the interests of several local home builder associations in southwest Florida. She is a Life Director and currently serves as Chair of FHBA’s prominent Governmental Affairs Committee.

She has been recognized by FHBA and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for her strong membership recruitment and retention capabilities, and has been named an NAHB Super Spike.

Just last month, Graham graduated from FHBA’s prestigious leadership development program called BUILD: Building University for Individual Leadership Development.

**About FHBA:** The Florida Home Builders Association is a Tallahassee, Florida-based trade association representing more than 15,000 corporate members involved in Florida’s home building and remodeling industry. Known as “the voice of Florida’s housing industry,” FHBA is affiliated with 29 local home builders associations throughout Florida. Visit us on the web at [www.fhba.com](http://www.fhba.com).

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