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## **TAMPA BUILDER NAMED FLORIDA BUILDER OF THE YEAR**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Tampa builder Bill Paul was recently named the 2008 Builder of the Year by the Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) during a ceremony held in conjunction with the association’s Fall Leadership Conference.

The Builder of the Year award is the highest ranking honor bestowed upon a builder within FHBA – a 15,000-corporate member trade association.

Paul, of Phoenix Construction and Development Company, Inc., is a 25-year veteran of Florida’s building industry. He is a member of FHBA by way of his membership with the Tampa Bay Builders Association (TBBA).

He is a Past President of TBBA, has served as an FHBA Area Vice President representing several Central Florida home builder associations, and was the 2007-08 Chair of FHBA’s Governmental Affairs Committee. Additionally, Paul is a past Chair of the FHBA Foundation, home of the Future Builders of America program, and he chaired the National Association of Home Builders Home Builder Institute where he has long-been active with Project CRAFT and Project TRADE workforce programs.

“Bill Paul’s passion to see the next generation succeed in a home building career is genuine,” said J. Emmett Reed, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of FHBA. “From his commitment to the Future Builders of America program, to his long-time efforts with Project CRAFT, Bill Paul is the consummate professional always working to help secure successful careers for future generations.”

Paul’s advocacy and leadership skills within the construction industry are among the very best. He is an astute citizen politician, writing letters and making phone calls to political leaders, walking the halls of the our state and national Capitol’s, and constantly putting the needs of Florida’s building industry in the forefront of his conversations with elected leaders.

Paul is a 2007 graduate of FHBA’s leadership 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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