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ONE OF 32 QUALIFIED WHO MET RIGOROUS STANDARDS

Crystal selected to participate in DOE R-5 Window Program

FLUSHING, NY Crystal Window & Door Systems is one of a very select group of window manufacturers recently chosen to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) "Highly Insulating R-5 Window and Low-E Storm Window Volume Purchase Program." The DOE R-5 Window Program seeks to aggregate demand for leading edge, high-performance windows by matching qualified suppliers and qualified purchasers.

Of the thousands of window manufacturers in America, only about 50 with advanced products, including Crystal, submitted formal participation proposals with the



Series 200 Double-Hung with special options selected for inclusion in the DOE R-5 Window Program.

DOE this spring. Crystal was one of the select 32 qualified manufacturers who met the DOE's rigorous standards for inclusion in the R-5 Window Program. An initial group of approximately 23 energy conscious high volume "customers" has also been designated.

The near-term goal of the DOE is that through this "jump-start" pilot program, slated to run until mid-2011, manufacturers will achieve needed volumes enabling them to reduce production costs for these ultra energy-efficient windows. Ultimately the objective is to substantially transform the window industry marketplace by making such advanced windows readily available at affordable prices.

"I am extremely proud that Crystal has been selected to participate in this prestigious national program," said Steve Chen, Crystal's executive vice president.

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The Corner at 200 West over 50% leased

NEW YORK, NY Open only three months, Manhattan's new rental property, The Corner at 200 West, has already reached a milestone of having leased over 50% of its inventory. Situated in the Upper West Side at the intersection of 72nd St. and Broadway, the property has averaged a remarkable record of one rental deal a day since mid-March.

"We are incredibly pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response that The Corner has received since opening our doors only a few months ago," said David Pickett, president of Gotham Organization, Inc., the building's developer and co-owner in a joint venture including Philips International and Rhodes N.Y.

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energy-efficient initiatives further improves ROIs, reduces payback periods, and provides an even more compelling reason for end users to pursue an upgrade today. On top of the energy savings, system improvements, and environmental benefits that upgrades deliver, building owners, managers, and professionals are encouraged to investigate the financial opportunities offered by their local utilities and state energy offices so that they can enjoy the additional financial rewards recently made available to encourage green behavior!

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