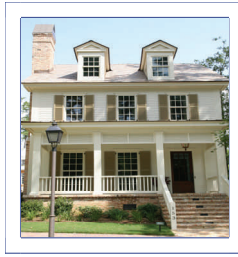


# Leadership Connection

October



Connecting the Mississippi Home Builder Leadership Team

## President Dinner and Best in Mississippi Awards to be held on Wednesday Evening November 18th

Bonded Builders Warranty Group is the title sponsor for this evening, recognizing 2009 HBAM President Scott Shoemaker and President-elect Craig Flanagan along with the annual Best in Mississippi awards. The banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, November 18, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. Thursday evening has been the traditional night for the Installation and awards ceremony, but the change will reduce the need for additional overnight accommodations or late travel for members. The evening will highlight the HBAM year and showcase Builder and Associate Members of the Year, Associations of the Year, Best in Mississippi and Craig Flanagan will be recognized as the President-elect. The Installation of Officers will not take place at the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 19th. The "Best in Mississippi" housing awards will be presented to our 2009 Winners. The annual awards program recognizes the winners in categories of home building, development, and remodeling. Reservations for the dinner are required by the Hilton. To make your reservation call 601-969-3446. Tickets are \$50 per person to attend for non Board of Directors members.



## Time Running Out to Qualify for Home Buyer Tax Credit

As of Sept. 17, there were 75 days left until the expiration of the eligibility period for the \$8,000 first-time home buyer tax credit. According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than 1.4 million tax payers have already claimed a first-time home buyer tax credit to date.

Even though in most cases purchases of new-construction homes would not be completed in time to take advantage of the credit, sales of existing homes will still have a positive impact on the home building industry, as sellers—who would not qualify as first-time buyers anyway—can now buy move-up homes.

NAHB has a set of resources to help members and HBAs understand and promote the tax credit, including fact sheets, Web site ads, consumer brochures and more.

NAHB stepped up its efforts to urge Congress to extend the tax credit by running a full-page advertisement in publications such as The Hill, Roll Call, Politico, CQ Weekly and National Journal. The ad is a joint effort with the Mortgage Bankers Association and the National Association of Realtors, and features the message, "Congress: Don't Let America's Real Estate Recovery Expire."

For more information about the first-time home buyer tax credit resources go to <http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com>.

## Upcoming Events

### October

- Sep. 30 – Oct. 4 NAHB Fall Board of Directors Meeting Chicago, IL
- 24 HBA of North Mississippi 5K.

### November

- 11 Stone County Golf Tournament
- 18 Executive Committee Presidents Dinner Best in Mississippi
- 19 HBAM Committee meetings and HBAM Board of Directors
- 26 –27 Thanksgiving Holidays HBAM Offices Closed

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