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Windows and Doors by Atrium Companies Provide Federal Tax Credits for Homeowners

Stimulus bill allows energy-efficient window and door buyers to save on more than just energy costs

DALLAS – Signed into law as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, homeowners can now qualify for a Federal tax credit equal to 30 percent of their costs of up to a total of \$1,500 for upgrading their home with energy efficient windows and exterior doors. Atrium Companies is proud to manufacture products that qualify for this Federal tax credit that lowers tax bills dollar-for-dollar, and the company has provided guidelines and tips for their customers to take full advantage of this benefit.

"We are pleased with the opportunity to assist in the understanding of an extremely valuable tax benefit, which makes the existing cost-saving features of our energy-efficient windows and doors even more attractive," said Mark Gallant, vice president of marketing for Atrium Companies. "The tax credit helps homeowners save money on the purchase of energy efficient windows and patio doors, but the savings are just beginning considering the hundreds of dollars in heating and cooling costs they should save each year. And when considering how energy-efficient windows and doors enhance comfort and help protect the environment; upgrading becomes a clear choice for the budget conscious and environmentally aware consumer."

Atrium aims to alert all potential and current customers to the qualifications and processes required to claim the tax credits they deserve. The relatively simple yet specific guidelines are as follows:

In order to qualify for tax credit homeowners must meet the following qualifications:

- Windows and exterior doors must be installed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010.
- Products must be installed in the taxpayer's primary residence, and the credit is only allowed on the price of the replacement products themselves, not on installation, preparation and assembly or sales tax costs.
- Starting June 1, 2009*, qualified products must have NFRC certified U-Factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) ratings that do not exceed 0.30.

*Prior to June 1, replacement windows and patio doors can comply for the tax credit with Energy Star product compliance only.

After purchasing Atrium's energy efficient windows or exterior doors, customers must take a few measures to ensure the successful claim of tax credits:

- Claims should be submitted with your taxes from the year that the windows and doors were installed.
- The IRS form for requesting the home improvements tax credit is IRS Form 5695 (2009 version).
- Homeowners should retain all the manufacturer's NFRC certification labels and the Manufacturer's Certification Statement with their records, but are not required to submit these with their tax return.
- U-Factor and SHGC ratings can be found on the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) label that is affixed to every window and patio door unit manufactured by Atrium Windows and Doors.

For more information on Atrium Companies' energy efficient products visit www.atriumcompanies.com.

About Atrium Companies, Inc.

For more than 50 years, Atrium Companies, Inc. (atrium.com) has offered the highest quality window and door products to builders, contractors and distributors in the residential construction industry. Dedicated to meeting the needs of its customers, the Atrium family of brands provides a versatile range of window and patio door products, including vinyl and aluminum models, as well as replacement and new construction product lines. A variety of window styles also is available through the Atrium family, including single- and double-hung, horizontal slider, casement, tilt-and-turn and architectural shapes. Specialty products range from hurricane-impact solutions with Atrium's SafeHarbor® impact-resistant windows, patio doors and hurricane window shutters, to innovative soundproofing Silent Guard™ Sound Suppression Windows. The company's portfolio of brands includes its flagship Atrium Windows and Doors brand, Superior Windows, Thermal Industries, Danvid Door and Window, HR Windows, Champion Window, North Star Windows and Doors, and Darby Door.

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