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Jim Hemsell of Denton, Texas, Receives Industry Honor From American Society of Home Inspectors



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DENTON, Texas (February 04, 2008) – When Jim Hemsell of Denton, Texas, attended the 32nd annual InspectionWorld conference in New Orleans last month, he earned more than just continuing education credits. Hemsell, a Certified Inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), was recognized for his professionalism and commitment to his chapter as the recipient of the 2007 John E. Cox Member of the Year Award.

The award was presented during the premiere annual conference for professional home inspectors, which was hosted by ASHI, the oldest and most respected non-profit organization for professional home inspectors in North America. Established in 1990, the Cox Award honors an ASHI member who has made exemplary contributions to his or her chapter.

A past president of Lone Star ASHI, the Society's Texas chapter, Hemsell was nominated by his chapter for his efforts to boost ASHI membership and overall chapter strength. His peers credit him with "opening the door for quality inspectors to become a part of the Lone Star ASHI experience." Another chapter member said "his dedicated, committed and endless efforts make the chapter proud."

Hemsell's recruiting efforts have been applauded before. Just last year he accepted another ASHI award of behalf of Lone Star ASHI for being the chapter with the most new members.



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Hemsell, owner of A Closer Look Inspection Services, has been a home inspector since 1983 and has completed more than 8,000 inspections. An active contributor on the local level, he has also held membership and various leadership positions with the Texas Real Estate Commission, the Texas Real Estate Inspector Committee, the Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors and the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Association of Real Estate Inspectors.

In addition to conducting comprehensive inspections, Hemsell also leads training seminars on a variety of topics, including specialty systems and swimming pool inspections and home inspection reporting.

About the American Society of Home Inspectors

In its 31st year and with more than 6,000 members and 80-plus chapters, ASHI is the oldest and most widely recognized non-profit, professional organization of home inspectors in North America. Its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics is the industry standard. For more information, visit www.ASHI.org.

To become an ASHI Certified Inspector, ASHI members must pass two written tests, including the National Home Inspectors Examination, and have performed a minimum of 250 professional fee-paid inspections conducted in accordance with ASHI's Standards of Practice and subscribe to the Code of Ethics. ASHI Certified Inspectors are also required to obtain 20 continuing education credits per year to keep current with the latest in building technology, materials and professional skills.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: To request a photo of Mr. Hemsell or to schedule an interview, please contact Alissa Lew or Christiana Brenner of Manning Selvage & Lee at (312) 861-5200.

Recipients of the John E. Cox Member of the Year Award

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2007	Jim Hemsell
2006	Brendan Ryan
2005	Kurt Salomon
2004	Frank Lesh
2003	J.D. Grewell
2002	Victor Faggella
2001	William Mason
2000	William Lumpkin
1999	Jay Balin
1998	Danny Maynard
1997	Kenneth R. Young
1996	Mark S. Kerns
1995	John Annunziata
1994	Norman Becker
1993	Douglas Hansen
1992	M.B. Speed Williams
1991	Jules Falcone
1990	John E. Cox, James E. Gaddy