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MAINE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES DURATHERM WINDOW CORP. WINS  
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Describing the qualities that characterize recipients of the Business Excellence award,, Maine's governor, Paul LePage, said, "... these businesses are representative of the commitment to excellence, top quality workmanship, commitment to community, and service that Maine is known for. I am pleased to honor them as distinguished members of our community. Their dedication to enriching our community is commendable."

Duratherm Window Corporation was one of six companies in Maine (out of more than 116,000) to be honored with the Business Excellence award. The award, now in its 21st year, is administered by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. "Each of these companies characterizes what it is that makes a business not only great to work for, but a true asset to their communities," said George Gervais, acting commissioner of the DECD.

Duratherm's record of supporting local arts, charities and schools and ongoing willingness to help individuals in need, were part of the evaluation process. Its commitment to its employees' health, child care, education, safety incentives and bonus programs is well known throughout Maine and has resulted in a steady workforce with very little turnover. Duratherm's internal programs and protocols for manufacturing excellence have earned it strong business relationships with some of the finest architects and companies in the United States. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, the Pro Golf Hall of Fame and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home in Virginia are just three of hundreds of world-class signature projects that the company has been involved in.

President of Duratherm Timothy P. Downing stated: "This award is confirmation of what every employee and customer of Duratherm knows firsthand – we are a company that cares about every facet of how we do business and excellence is the only standard we aspire to. That our home state recognizes our efforts is humbling and greatly appreciated by everyone at Duratherm. Governor LePage's kind words have reached every employee, and I know from talking with them that this award is already inspiring us all to live up to it and to be sure that we continue to set the standard in our industry."

Vice President Keith Birden added, "Our customers will appreciate this award because it has been working with these great companies, and their shared commitment to the same standards of business excellence, that has made receiving this award and our continuing growth since 1967 possible."

Duratherm Window Corporation was founded in Maine in 1967. The company uses only the best (and renewable) materials and employs only the best Maine-quality and world-class craftspeople to construct wood windows and doors, as well as its spiral staircases (considered "functional works of art"), at its Vassalboro location. Duratherm is a green company that has reduced its carbon footprint to nearly zero, has energy-saving

systems in all aspects of its operations, and routinely assists its customers in achieving the environmental and sustainability standards for LEED, energy savings, recycling, lumber sourcing, and FSC certification.

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