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UPSTATE FOREVER ANNOUNCES HIGH PERFORMANCE RENOVATION TRAINING – FIRST IN THE SOUTHEAST Taught by Daniel Harvey of EarthCraft House™

Upstate Forever, Duke Energy and the South Carolina Energy Office are pleased to host the Southface Institute's first ever full-day **High Performance Renovation Training** on **Tuesday, February 3rd in Spartanburg**. In the current economy, many homeowners are choosing to improve or expand their existing home rather than build, and they are demanding higher performance standards for this construction.

This 7.5 hour course will be taught by Daniel Harvey, the EarthCraft House™ Renovation Project Manager. EarthCraft House™ is a green building certification program based at the Southface Institute in Atlanta. Upstate Forever has hosted several EarthCraft House™ Builder Training classes in recent years, but **this is the first class in the Southeast** which will focus on renovation principles and is paving the way to having EarthCraft House™ Renovation certification available in South Carolina.

The class is open to builders, renovators, contractors, building inspectors, realtors, engineers, architects, property managers, do-it-yourselfers, and homeowners and will be held at The Showroom in Spartanburg (149 S. Daniel Morgan Ave.). Topics will include high performance renovation priorities and advantages, building science fundamentals (the movement of heat, air and moisture), high performance building envelope and systems (foundations, floors, framing, moisture management, windows, doors and insulation), high performance HVAC (ducts and duct design, priorities for improving indoor air quality, ventilation), water use – indoor and out, waste management, and site planning.

Space is limited to 40 participants, and Upstate Forever members pay a reduced rate. The cost is \$135 for non-members and \$100 for Upstate Forever members. Lunch (sponsored by Neely's Building Supplies), snacks, and a training binder are included. Registration deadline is January 30. Contact Shelley Robbins (srobbins@upstateforever.org, 864-327-0090) for more information.