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## **MUELLER'S FIRST MODEL HOMES READY FOR EXPLORATION**

## April 20 Special Event Designed to Inform, Inspire Future Homeowners

AUSTIN, Texas – Apr. 17, 2008 – Even if you haven't had a chance to be one of the countless visitors who have already explored Mueller, this weekend is an excellent opportunity to experience what's new. Amid the construction of Mueller's first 348 homes, the community's first model homes are now open, giving visitors a better idea of the unique, sustainable neighborhood taking shape at Mueller.

"The model homes here at Mueller are unlike anything Central Texans have seen from regional builders," said Deanne Desjardin, vice president of marketing for Catellus Development Group, the master developer of Mueller. "Whether you're coming to Mueller to learn about our homes, or you're simply curious about design ideas for your own home, this a great time to stop by for a visit, rain or shine."

Mueller will host a special showcase of the new model homes from David Weekley Homes, Meritage Homes, Standard Pacific Homes and Streetman Homes, and will also offer information on local builders Saldaña Homes and The Muskin Company's garden court homes on **Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 1 to 5 p.m.** Visitors can park once within the community and walk to each model home to learn about the homes' green building features and new interior design trends.

As visitors walk to each model, they will see alley-accessed garages, large front porches and several different home types including David Weekley's row homes. Mueller also proudly features the largest concentration of Austin Energy Green Building five-star homes in Austin by Streetman Homes.









Mueller's regional builders offer a variety of elevations and floorplans that are making residents feel right at home in the green-built, new-urbanist community.



Visitors will receive a Mueller Passport with a map of the community, and a place to collect stamps from each homebuilder. After exploring the entire neighborhood, visitors can stop by Mueller's regional retail center for a final stamp, then take the passport to the Mueller Central information center to register for a chance to win a Mueller retail shopping spree and see a scale model of the Mueller community.

"People are choosing to live at Mueller not just because it's close to downtown and UT, but also to enjoy a diverse community that incorporates features Central Texans value – walkability, parks and open space, green building, public art and so much more — people are choosing more than a new home at Mueller; they're choosing a new lifestyle," said Desjardin.

While exploring Mueller, guests will have an opportunity to discover the extensive parks that are scheduled for completion later this summer. Catellus and its partners have established the water features, installed the hike and bike trails, planted the mature native trees and begun installing the first public art. Mueller's first amenity center, complete with two swimming pools, changing facilities, a playscape and open grassy area, is scheduled to open early summer 2008.

**About Mueller (**<u>www.muelleraustin.com</u>**):** Mueller will be developed over 10 to 15 years and is expected to include more than 140 acres of open space, a pattern of landscaped streets designed to support pedestrians and bicycles, at least 4,600 single-family and multi-family living units, a mixed-use town center, 3.8 million square feet of office space, 650,000 square feet of retail space and a central transit corridor that provides for a possible extension of mass transit service. The 32-acre campus of the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas opened at Mueller in 2006 and project's first residential phase broke ground in 2007 with Mueller's first residents moving in by the end of 2007.

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