



**SOUNDVISION**

cleanly designed | simple to use | robust and reliable  
home entertainment & control systems

**Press Contacts**

Lucy Fortin  
Gregory FCA  
(610) 642-8253 ext. 154  
[lucy@gregoryfca.com](mailto:lucy@gregoryfca.com)

Rich Uyttebroek  
SoundVision  
(415) 456-7000 ext. 111  
[rich@svsf.com](mailto:rich@svsf.com)

## **SoundVision Honored with Rennie Award for Green Building Project**

*Custom integrator recognized for energy efficient design of Marin home*

**NOVATO, Calif. — October 20, 2008** — SoundVision, a custom electronics integration firm serving the San Francisco and Marin County area, is celebrating its latest Rennie Award – First Place in the Green Building category. The award was presented by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

Typically awarded to architects and designers, these electronics specialists were the unlikely recipients of an award that recognized their mastery of energy efficient design and ability to take a residential space far beyond LEED qualifications.

The project receiving the award was SoundVision's "Zero Energy Home" located in Marin County, California. The home, designed in conjunction with Mahoney Architects & Interiors, generates more electricity than is consumed over the course of a year, setting a benchmark in the homebuilding industry. SoundVision created an expansive and holistic control system that maximizes the efficiency of every component of the home.

- Extensive use of LED lighting fixtures and intelligent lighting controls simplifies conserving energy. A power management system automatically turns systems to a truly "off" state instead of "stand by," reducing energy use by 70 percent.
- Sensors placed throughout the home monitor consumption of electricity, water, and gas. The sensors report back to a central database in real-time. The homeowner can look back to see how the effects of dimming lights, use of heaters, or leaving computers have on energy use. Home dashboards provide at a glance feedback and control of the entire property on elegantly installed touchpanels.
- The majority of the materials used on the project are sustainable and/or recycled, the surrounding property is landscaped for sustainable use of rainwater, and a 12 kilowatt solar system is the primary

## SoundVision Honored with Remie Award for Green Building Project

source of power used in the home.

“Our intent with this project was to shine a light on sustainable building, and prove that it is possible for homeowners to generate their own energy and manage its consumption.” says SoundVision President Scott Sullivan. “My thanks to NARI for recognizing the SoundVision team with this Remie. We hope that electronics manufacturers will take note of projects like this one, and start developing more energy efficient products for integrators like us.”

This year SoundVision also repeated their 2007 Remie award for the Best Home Theater under \$150,000. The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of NARI is a not-for-profit trade association committed exclusively to the service of the professional remodeling industry.

For more information about the Zero Energy Home or SoundVision, contact Lucy Fortin at [Lucy@GregoryFCA.com](mailto:Lucy@GregoryFCA.com) or (610) 642-8253 ext. 154.

### **About SoundVision**

Since 1998, SoundVision has served homeowners and collaborated with architectural, interiors and construction professionals for all types of homes. Its team of trained professionals works to integrate lifestyle enhancing technology into the homes of discriminating customers. SoundVision specializes in whole-house audio and video, home theaters, lighting control systems, motorized window shading systems and home automation systems. The focus is always on aesthetic impact, intuitive operation and trouble-free system performance. For more information, visit [www.svsf.com](http://www.svsf.com).

###