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### **BIAW Renews \$100,000 Reward for Capture of Eco-Terrorists**

OLYMPIA—In 2005 the Building Industry Association of Washington partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to offer a \$100,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of Earth Liberation Front (ELF) terrorists burning down homes in Washington State. After the devastating arsons claimed by ELF early this morning in Snohomish County, BIAW is renewing the \$100,000 reward.

ELF is a radical environmental terrorist organization whose members utilize economic sabotage and property destruction as a means to call attention to suburban “sprawl.” In recent years, the radical terrorists of ELF’s militia have started burning down new homes in subdivisions in Washington State, causing millions of dollars in property damages.

“While ELF used to spike trees and sabotage logging equipment, they’re now burning down homes,” said BIAW President Brad Spears. “ELF’s increasingly brazen attacks on urban targets have BIAW and law enforcement worried that it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt or killed by ELF terrorists,” said Spears.

The FBI has made capturing ELF terrorists in the Pacific Northwest one of their top priorities. BIAW hopes offering a financial incentive will provide the motivation for someone with knowledge of these criminal acts to contact authorities.

BIAW is offering up to \$100,000 for the identification of and information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for arsons on homes in Washington State claimed by ELF.

“BIAW hopes providing the \$100,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of ELF terrorists will assist the FBI in capturing these criminals,” said Spears.

BIAW has reward posters available. Call Erin Shannon at 800-228-4229 to obtain a reward poster. Anyone who has information regarding possible ELF related activities should contact the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force at 206-622-0460, or e-mail fbise@leo.gov.

*Known as the “voice of the housing industry,” the Building Industry Association of Washington is the largest trade association in Washington State, representing over 350,000 families and 13,500 member companies involved in the homebuilding business.*

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