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Soy-Bean Based Insulation Wins Green Product Award

A soy-bean based polyurethane insulation system that provides an alternative to products using cellulose or fiberglass was named the Outstanding Green Product of the Year by those attending the fifth annual National Green Building Conference in Baltimore on March 30-April 1.



Manufactured by [BioBased Systems](#) of Spring Valley, IL, BioBase foam adheres to any clean and dry surface, completely fills any cavities and forms a continuous barrier against any potential air infiltration, which is the leading source of indoor energy loss. It can also be used in interior walls for sound proofing.




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Its manufacturer says that BioBase “provides a healthier indoor environment, with no harmful emissions that can cause allergic reactions. It can eliminate building warp, caulking and taping, and the labor-intensive work associated with air-tightness detailing, required when insulating with conventional products.”

The company says that BioBase is not affected by moisture, won't settle, is completely resistant to mold and mildew and can't be used by rodents and insects as food or a nesting material. Its R-values do not deteriorate over time.

BioBase offers better overall thermal performance at nearly the same net cost as other products, BioBased Systems says.

The award was presented by the [National Research Center](#).

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