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**Biographical information:  
Dennis Creech, Executive Director, Southface**



Mr. Creech was a co-founder of the Southface Energy Institute, a private nonprofit organization conducting education and research in energy, sustainable technologies, and applied building sciences. He has served as Executive Director for over 25 years.

He is a nationally recognized leader in the energy and sustainable development fields. He directed the development of EarthCraft House—a voluntary, market-based green builder program sponsored by the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, Southface, government and private industry.

Mr. Creech has served on the Board of Directors of the Energy Efficient Building Association, Affordable Comfort, and the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, and on numerous policy bodies including the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Neighborhood and Environment Task Force, the Georgia Advisory

Panel on Climate Change, and the Georgia Energy Codes Committee. Mr. Creech has been an Adjunct Professor in the Human and Natural Ecology Program at Emory University and was named 1999 Environmental Professional of the Year by the Georgia Environmental Council.

Mr. Creech frequently speaks on energy and environmental topics ranging from "green" building products to creating sustainable communities, and often serves as a media spokesperson. His work has been featured by national media ranging from *Popular Science* to CNN. His "House Doctor" column is a regular feature of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and he is a frequent contributor to trade publications ranging from *Environmental Design and Construction* to *Solar Today*.

In 1996, Mr. Creech directed a project to design and construct the Southface Energy and Environmental Resource Center, a state-of-the-art demonstration facility featuring over 100 energy and resource efficient technologies. The Resource Center has been featured worldwide in over 150 media stories and has hosted meetings for groups ranging from the President's Council on Sustainable Development to local affordable housing advocates. Recent years have led to the planning for and design of the Southface Eco Office, an environmentally friendly, showcase commercial building that is currently scheduled to break ground in late February 2005.

Before co-founding Southface, Mr. Creech was a research associate with the Georgia Tech Engineering Experiment Station and Deputy Director of Atlanta 2000, a nonprofit regional planning organization. He has also worked as a field ecologist conducting research on nutrient cycling in forest ecosystems. He lives in an environmentally-restored 1950s ranch-style home.