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But with "significant/escalating" raw materials costs continuing and showing no signs of abating, the mills can no longer integrate the additional hikes into their operations.

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Consolidated showing its sustainability

NEW YORK—Consolidated Carpet has launched a new corporate sustainability program. To help achieve this, the company has commissioned consultant YRG to develop the best sustainability program in the industry by reviewing both its professional practices and daily business operations. It is scheduled to take place into 2010.

"As one of the nation's largest full-service floor covering contractors, Consolidated is committed to providing innovative sustainable and reclamation services for every project," said David Meberg, president and CEO. "We're proud to be at the forefront of carpet reclamation, or recycling unused broadloom, and have been collecting used carpet for reclamation studies since the late 1980s."

Consolidated's executive team has just created an internal "green team," designed to foster employee-driven initiatives throughout the company that incorporate an environmental perspective into the company's daily operations. Additionally, the company is currently working toward becoming a "green facility" by reducing waste in its offices and warehouses, minimizing energy usage and better managing potable water usage, among other initiatives.

For more on Consolidated and its corporate sustainability program, call 212.226.4600.

Forum held Sept. 1 at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. The event, which was sponsored by the Carpet & Rug Institute's (CRI) Government Issues Committee, offered the public an early look at some of the candidates vying for the Ninth District congressional seat being vacated by Nathan Deal in his bid for Georgia governor in 2010.

While at least nine candidates have announced their intention to run for the seat, the five Republicans on the dais have officially filed with the Federal



From left, Congressional candidates Mike Evans, Tom Graves, Lee Hawkins, Jeremy Jones and Bill Stephens field questions during the CRI-sponsored Meet and Greet Governmental Forum.

tative; Tom Graves, state representative and real estate investor; Lee Hawkins, state senator; Jeremy Jones, businessman, and Bill Stephens, a former state senator and gubernatorial aide.

a halt to deficit spending. While opposed to government-run healthcare, several offered private sector-based ideas for reducing healthcare costs.

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SNAPSHOT

ASI "Pops the cork" to show designers new products

NEW YORK—This summer, the Architectural Systems Inc. (ASI) Chelsea Design Center showroom was fit to burst with designers, architects and contractors at its Pop the Cork! event to honor the release of products such as Hardwood Flooring IV.

Pop the Cork!'s namesake comes from the March debut of ASI cork flooring product. On its third event, the product launch/house party let members of the architecture and design community network and inspire one another in a casual environment.

Products in the Hardwood Flooring IV collection follow the recent trend for both conventional and textured hardwoods (*FCNews* Aug.31/Sept. 7), said Nancy Jackson, president. The



Pictured from left to right: Matthew Cooper, Gabrielle Jackson, Nancy Jackson, Cathy Hobbs, Andrew Cooper, Rachel Cooper and Ron Jackson attend the ASI event.

Classic line is smooth, while the Vintage-Classic line features textured and weathered looks. Both collections have an 8-coat finish for durability in high traffic areas and are available in a

total of 12 colors from light and fresh oak natural to dark and sculpted maple. In addition, Hardwood Flooring IV is Lacey and CARB compliant.

ASI members appreciated the opportunity to network and learn in a non-conventional setting. Daniel Barteluze, principal of Barteluze Architects and Associates, said, "Coming to the ASI showroom is a great source of inspiration for architects and designers, exposing them to the latest materials and trends in the marketplace. The Pop the Cork! events are a lot of fun and very helpful in learning what others are doing in a relaxed, social atmosphere."

For more information about ASI, call 646.460.8252.

and regional importance," said Frank Hurd, CRI vice president and government issues director. "CRI has sponsored similar events in the past." The speakers took questions from about 60 people.

All five supported limiting government, cutting taxes and putting