



CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL
BUILDER

The Advantage for Mississippi Home Buyers



MISSISSIPPI HOUSING INSTITUTE



The purpose of the Certified Professional Builder Program is to establish criteria for home builders to assist in consumer awareness and professionalism through education, professional development, and customer satisfaction.

Using a Mississippi Certified Professional Builder

The Certified Professional Builder program provides the opportunity for builders to pursue professional development through continuing education and is designed to foster high levels of customer satisfaction. Certified Professional Builders agree to meet standards above the licensing requirements of the Mississippi State Board of Contractors. The certification process encourages the builder to stay current on housing trends, and offers obvious benefits to potential homeowners.

Home Buyer Benefits

Buying a home is the most important investment that most people will make. A Mississippi Certified Professional Builder agrees to place the customer first and as a participant in the program will:

- Offer binding arbitration with each new home.
- Use the Homeowners Handbook adopted by the Mississippi Housing Institute and adhere to its standards.
- Maintain appropriate insurance coverage including builders risk, general liability, and workers' compensation.
- Adhere to the National Association of Home Builders Code of Ethics.



Certified Professional Builder Criteria

Criteria for the Certified Professional Builder:

- Must be licensed by the MS State Board of Contractors.
- Must have built no less than ten homes.
- Main occupation must be home building or industry-related, subject to approval by the CPB committee.
- Must offer binding arbitration with their new homes.
- Must maintain appropriate insurance coverage including builders risk, general liability, and workers' compensation.
- Must be a member of the local or state Home Builders Association.
- Must apply for recertification annually.
- Must adhere to the National Association of Home Builders Code of Ethics.
- Must attend four hours of continuing education each year for recertification.
- Must adhere to the guidelines adopted by the Mississippi Housing Institute in the Homeowners Handbook to ensure customer satisfaction and the integrity of the Program.
- Letters of reference must accompany the application: two homebuyers, one banker, and two business associates.