



Texas Association of Builders
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TRCC Comments

The TRCC has placed its "County Inspection Instructions and Form" on its Web site in order to elicit comments. This form, which can be found at http://www.trcc.state.tx.us/Publications/comment_county_inspections.asp is to be utilized by the 3rd party inspector to inspect homes in areas without municipal inspections, as mandated by HB 1038 from the last legislative session. Comments, which are due by May 21, 2008, will be reviewed by the TRCC to determine what changes should be made before the documents become final.

The TRCC is up for Sunset Review this cycle. Please take the time to respond to the questionnaire found at the link below. In order to give TAB time to include your input into TAB comments, we request that you send your response by May 26, 2008 to the TAB offices at 313 E. 12th Street, Austin, TX 78701, or e-mail to Ned@TexasBuilders.org. You may also forward the questionnaire directly to the Sunset Advisory Commission at P.O. Box 13066, Austin, TX 78711, c/o Kelly Kennedy. Additional information on the Sunset Commission can be found at www.sunset.state.tx.us.

HOME PAC Golf

The 2008 HOME PAC Golf Tournament will be held on June 6 during the summer board meetings. LP Building Products® and TAB's leadership invite you to come out and spend an afternoon of leisure on the links.

Register online before May 27 and your team of four can hit the tee box for only \$500 or an individual for \$125. After May 27, the cost of a foursome will be \$600 and \$150 for a single. On-site registration begins at 11 a.m., shotgun start at 2 p.m. and dinner & awards follow at 7 p.m. Capitol Club, Diamond, Platinum and Gold Key members play for FREE! Questions? Contact Nikki Dawson at (800) 252-3625 or nikki@texasbuilders.org.

Sunbelt Update

The 2008 Sunbelt Builders Show™ is six months away and we are more than 60 percent sold out! Despite current market trends, the Show continues to grow. While there are plenty of prime spaces available, the trade show is filling up fast and we look forward to another sold out Show!

There's more great news concerning partnership sales. For the first time in the history of the Show, we are close to securing five \$25,000 Platinum Level partnerships! Partners are seeing the value of maximizing their Show presence before, during and after the event.

New TAB Database

TAB is excited to rollout its BuilderFusion database. This Web-based solution will help us service our members better with more accurate and more up-to-the minute information.

Green Awards



TAB is proud to announce that the Star Awards have gone green. In addition to our 75 builder and remodeler categories, an addendum to this year's Star Awards call for entries includes four new Green categories, each of which will be honored with an award at this year's ceremonies. Beginning May 12, you can download the Green Awards entry information and forms from the TAB Web site.

Summer Board Meetings

Summer board meetings will be held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin June 5 - 7. While the TAB room rate is no longer available, a list of other hotels is available at www.TexasBuilders.org. Registration and a complete meeting schedule can also be found on TAB's Web site.

Energy Code Training

TAB's "Beyond Codes – Building Science Technology Workshops" are approved by the TRCC for continuing education credits and are taught by Building Scientist Steve Easley. Workshops continue to be held around the state through July and at the 2008 Sunbelt Builders Show™. Visit www.TexasBuilders.org for the schedule of Energy Code Training.

New HBA Joins TAB

The Harlingen Area BA has officially joined the NAHB federation. This latest addition to NAHB and TAB will keep our membership growing in the state of Texas. Welcome HABA members!