
Delaware Insurance Commission recognizes Benchmark Builders for 15 Years of Participation in Workplace Safety Program



The Delaware State Insurance Commission has recognized Benchmark Builders for participation in the Workplace Safety Program for 15 consecutive years. Accepting the honorary certificate was Benchmark Builders' Director of Operations and Safety Compliance Officer Brian Rickards. The company began participating in the program in 1994 with Brian being responsible for ensuring compliance ever since. "Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our employees and trade partners," commented Rickards. "We have always endeavored to provide a safe place to work, so participating in the program was just a matter of going through the certification process for us. "

Started in 1989, the Delaware Insurance Commissioner's Office, in conjunction with the Delaware Compensation Rating Bureau, began offering Delaware employers an opportunity to lower their workers compensation insurance premiums by participating in this innovative program. By passing yearly safety inspections of their worksites, businesses can earn discounts up to 19% – saving money while protecting the health and safety of their employees.

"We are pleased to be able to partner

with companies like Benchmark Builders for enhancing and maintaining safety for their employees in the workplace," said Kathleen Humphries, the Workplace Safety Program Director at the Delaware Insurance Commissioner's Office. "By participating in this voluntary program, it is estimated that over \$6 million has been saved by Delaware businesses. "

Locally owned and operated, Benchmark Builders has been building homes throughout Delaware since 1988 for a broad range of homebuyers. The compa-

ny is currently marketing eight communities including townhomes, 55+ communities, and traditional single-family-home communities in the Wilmington, Newark, Bear and Smyrna areas of New Castle and Kent Counties, Delaware.

"We strive as a company to create a safe workplace for our employees," said Steve Bomberger, President of Benchmark Builders, "and we are proud of the efforts of Brian Rickards for bringing this commitment to the forefront of the home building industry."