

New Technology Will Add Speed and Efficiency to Inspection Process for Builders



New technology, coupled with a mobile phone or computer, increases contractors efficiencies and drastically speeds up the inspection process.

With the explosion of new home construction in the Treasure Coast area, the number of building inspections are at an all time high. As your partner in the building industry, the Treasure Coast Builders Association is dedicated to streamlining the inspection process throughout the region so that construction professionals can finish their projects on time, and under budget.

In our area alone, there are more than 14 different building inspection departments that will perform more than 200,000 inspections this year and only a few of these departments have some type of automated system to help builders schedule inspections and receive inspection results. In addition, these departmental systems are not linked together, which forces contractors to learn and use different systems to perform the same inspection processes

repeatedly, resulting in lost time and productivity.

In response to the building community's demand for a faster, more efficient inspection process, the TCBA has partnered with MobileHWY to provide Mobile CONTRACTOR™ to the Treasure Coast region.

Mobile CONTRACTOR™ is a regional inspection management system that links contractors directly to an inspection department system via the Internet, through either a computer or mobile phone. This real-time system will connect contractors to the local building departments participating in the region which eliminates the headache of having to use different systems to manage inspections. It also delivers automatic notification of inspection results. As soon as the inspector records an inspection result, users will receive all of their inspection information instantly via an email for computer users, or a net alert delivered straight to a mobile phone. This system eliminates having to call into a department and face long hold times, punch in numbers to request inspections through an automated phone system, or be denied access to a jurisdiction website because too many people are using the system.

“What makes Mobile CONTRACTOR™ different is that not only is it accessible from a computer, it is also fully

accessible through the most common field construction tool - a mobile phone,” said TCBA President, Vern Toulson. “It’s a great use of technology.”



Through a mobile phone, builders can actually log into the system via the Internet, and not only schedule and cancel inspections, but also look up permit information, view detailed inspection history, and automatically share this same information with sub-contractors through their mobile phones or computers.

Mobile CONTRACTOR™ will first be available in Port St. Lucie beginning in September, followed by a roll-out in Martin County and Indian River County.

A free information breakfast meeting and demonstration of Mobile CONTRACTOR™ will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8th at the TCBA. All TCBA members will receive a 10% discount. To attend, please RSVP by Friday, 9/3/04 to Sandra Wallace at 1-800-590-7277 x 118 or sandra.wallace@mobilehwy.com.

