

CHAPTER RESOURCES:

This is a partial list of companies that are heavily involved in home construction and/or repair. Many of these companies have distributors, reps or contractors that will put on presentations for a group of home inspectors. Some companies will charge a fee for a speaker; many do not.

Almost any product or service you can imagine today has a Website that makes it very easy to contact the right people. If you do not see the product or service on this list that you would like to know about, do an internet search and get started finding out if they can set you up with a local contractor, distributor or manufacturer's rep to make a presentation to your chapter.

Local Code Authorities: The local authority having jurisdiction in your state, county or town. Do a web search for your local code authority url.

Local Fire Marshals: Your local fire department will usually have speakers available for fire safety education. Do a web search for your fire marshal url.

Local Utilities: The utility providers for your community. Some examples;

NICOR GAS: One of the largest natural gas distribution companies in the country, serving more than two million customers in 641 communities
http://www.nicor.com/en_us/nicor_inc/about_nicor_inc/index.htm

ComEd: Maintains more than 78,000 miles of power lines in Northern Illinois and provides customer operations for more than 3.7 million customers across the region, or 70 percent of the state's population.
<http://www.exeloncorp.com/ourcompanies/comed>

Illinois American Water: Owns subsidiaries that manage municipal water and wastewater systems.
http://www.illinoisamerican.com/awpr1/ilaw/about_american_water/index.html

Alcoa: Alcoa manufactures exterior products for the home including siding, soffits, fascia and trim.
<http://www.alcoa.com/alcoahomes/index.aspx>

American Institute of Architects: AIA represents the professional interests of America's architects.
http://www.aia.org/about_default

IAEI: The International Association of Electrical Inspectors plays a strong leadership role in the electrical industry and its many organizations and associations.

<http://www.iaei.org/aboutus/aboutus.htm>

Dale W. Feb: Fireplace Investigation, Research & Education Service. Provides fireplace inspection training.

<http://www.f-i-r-e-service.com/mainframe.html>

Certainteed Building Products: Manufacturer of Windows, siding, roofing and other building materials. To find a distributor:

<http://www.certainteed.com/certainteed/pro/distributor>

Alpine Engineered Products: A supplier of technology-driven products and services for the building component industry including; wood and steel floor and roof trusses as well as truss connectors and hangers.

<http://www.alpeng.com>

The Blue Book of Building and Construction: This is an information source for all types of building materials, suppliers and organizations involved in the building trades.

<http://www.thebluebook.com/wsnsa.dll/WService=wsbrk1/smart.htm?>

GAF Materials Corporation: This is North America's largest commercial and residential roofing manufacturer.

http://www.gaf.com/General/GAFintro_noflash.asp

Brinks Home Security: This company supplies security systems to homeowners and has a referral program for home inspectors.

<http://www.brinkshomesecurity.com/hs.aspx?page=home&code=773500>

Elite Crete Systems: This Company supplies decorative and restorative concrete finishes to the construction trades.

<http://www.elitecrete.com/index.html>

EMSL Analytical, Inc.: This is a Laboratory Testing Service providing analysis and identifications of Fungi (molds & yeasts), Bacteria, Bioaerosols, Legionella, Indoor Allergens, Endotoxins, Mycotoxins, MVOC's, Lead, Asbestos, Silica, Formaldehyde and other Indoor Air Quality Contaminations.

<http://www.moldtestinglabs.com/consultants.htm>

HVAC-City: A consumer information source and search site for HVAC contractors and related trade associations.

<http://www.hvac-city.com/>

Trimjoist: This company manufactures floor truss products used by builders, contractors, and remodelers.

<http://www.trimjoist.com/dfind.html>

Air Vent Inc: This company offers a full line of ventilation products for the attic: powered and non-powered intake and exhaust vents as well as louvered vents. Information is available in their online Resource Center.

<http://www.airvent.com/homeowner/products/staticVents-roofLouvers.shtml>

Owens Corning Roofing Systems: This company supplies various types of roof venting equipment.

<http://www.owenscorning.com/around/ventilation/roofandattic.asp>

Dow Corning: A major supplier of silicon-based sealants

<http://www.dowcorning.com/content/services/default.asp>

IDEAL Industries: Manufactures electrical circuit analyzers and other tools for inspecting electrical equipment.

<http://www.idealindustries.com/index.htm>

James Hardi Building Products: Manufactures durable building materials including fiber-cement Hardi-Board.

<http://www.jameshardie.com/backerboard/homeowner/hardibackerez.php>

STABLWALL Foundation Repair: Supplies foundation repair technologies.

http://www.stablwall.com/contractors/what_is.htm#top

Simpson Strong Tie: A manufacturer of timber connectors of all shapes and sizes.

<http://www.strongtie.com/workshops/workshops.asp?source=topnav>

Affordable Comfort Inc.

Through national and regional conferences, and an expanding range of training and education initiatives, ACI inspires excellence in home construction, remodeling, repair and operation, by promoting a systems approach. ACI's Mission: To advance the performance of residential buildings through unbiased home performance education.

<http://www.affordablecomfort.org/index.php>