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BIAW Certified Builder Standards:

Code of Conduct: Certified Builders must agree to — and comply with — a well-defined and rigorous Code of Conduct enforced by BIAW.

Insurance: Certified Builders must maintain insurance coverages substantially more comprehensive than what is required by law.

Warranty: Certified Builders must provide a written performance warranty to their homebuyers.

Contract: Certified Builders must provide a written contract to clearly define all terms of the construction agreement.

Homeowners Maintenance Guide: Certified Builders provide a written performance warranty to their homebuyers.

References: The BIAW requires Certified Builder candidates to provide references to substantiate the number of years in business; and to rate the quality of vendor relationships; for projects completed within the last five years. For those homebuilders with less than five years of experience, BIAW has designated an alternate path to earning the Certified Builder designation.

Education: Certified Builder candidates are asked to provide BIAW a list of their earned professional designations, as well as any completed educational courses.

Mandatory Binding Arbitration: Certified Builders must offer the option of arbitration over litigation which helps reduce costs and provides greater privacy, flexibility, and finality.

Washington State Standards:

Code of Conduct: Washington State's registered contractor requirement DOES NOT mandate compliance with any code of conduct.

Insurance: Washington State contractor registration minimum bond and general liability insurance coverage is LOWER than BIAW requires for a Certified Builder.

Warranty: A Washington State registered contractor is NOT required to provide buyers with a written warranty.

Contract: A Washington State registered contractor is NOT required to provide a written contract.

Homeowner's Maintenance Guide: A manual IS NOT required of a Washington State registered contractor.

References: Washington State contractor registration regulations DO NOT require verified references.

Education: There is no provision to measure education or work experience ANYWHERE within the regulations governing Washington State's registered contractors.

Mandatory Binding Arbitration: This requirement IS NOT included in the standards for Washington State's regulations for registered contractors.



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