

Can you afford NOT to be a member?

HBA MISSION

The Home Builders Association of Greater Spartanburg is a unified group of home building professionals who help provide the community affordable and quality housing while protecting home ownership for today and tomorrow.

EXTENSIVE DISCOUNTS AND REBATE PROGRAMS

- **Verizon Wireless.** 22% discount to qualifying HBA members.
- **Member Rebate Program.** Cash back for products you already buy.
- **Health and Workers' Comp Insurance.** Access to HBA-endorsed plan.
- **Auto Owners Insurance.** 10% off commercial (general liability, automobile, builder's risk) and 5% off personal insurance.

Earn Cash Back That Pays for Your Membership and More!

NETWORKING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Local, State and National Events.** General membership meetings, golf tournaments, barbeques, and meetings that provide opportunities to learn from other HBA members.
- **Educational Opportunities.** Certified Master Builder designation program, Code classes conducted by local building officials, Green Building classes and EPA Lead Paint Certification courses.

MARKET-SPECIFIC ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Newsletters, Event Program Books, and More.** Strengthen your business by advertising in publications that put you in front the membership and the public. Sponsor an event and get even more exposure.

Reap the benefits of the HBA. Become a member today. Besides, there is strength in numbers!

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND REPRESENTATION

The primary focus of our **government affairs** program is two-fold:

- ① To protect private property rights and
- ② To keep housing affordable.

With your involvement, we can **leverage our strength as a group** to impact the future and direction of our profession through legislative involvement, such as:

- **Fire Sprinklers.** The HBA is leading the charge to ensure that fire sprinklers are NOT mandated in the new building code beginning in 2011. Smoke detectors are 99.45% effective in saving lives while fire sprinklers are very costly to install and maintain – estimates are between \$7,000 and \$21,000 per home!
- **Tort Reform and Statute of Repose.** If South Carolina is going to be competitive in the world market, attract high-paying jobs to our state and grow the home building industry, it must have a business-friendly environment. A major tort reform bill will be considered in the General Assembly this year that would build on the version successfully passed by the HBA in 2006 and would strengthen the eight-year construction statute of repose.
- **School Impact Fees.** The HBA has to defend the state impact fee law every year, as some areas of the state continue to push for these additional taxes. The HBA has filed a lawsuit in Dorchester County in response to a local bill that allowed Dorchester Schools to impose school impact fees in violation of state law.