

## MAKING SURE MORE THAN JUST YOUR CABINETS LAST

Pacific Crest Industries, manufacturer of frameless cabinetry brands Bellmont Cabinetry™ and Amero Cabinet Collection™, was recently awarded certification in the Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP). This new environmental certification is administered by the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA), and encourages environmentally sound policies and practices for cabinet manufacturers.

Since 1955, KCMA has represented the interests and goals of kitchen cabinet manufacturers while maintaining its commitment to manufacturing excellence. The Environmental Stewardship Program was established by KCMA in 2005, and provides manufacturers a tangible way to show their commitment to environmental sustainability.

What is required to be ESP certified?

- 75% of particleboard and plywood used in cabinets must be certified to meet lowest formaldehyde standards of 0.2ppm (parts per million) or less, and be 100% recycled or recovered fiber content.
- Hardwoods must be certified through independent and credible sustainable forestry programs such as Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
- A documented energy conservation program must be in place.
- A written Environmental Management System must be available and enforced.
- An active program for process wastes must be in place.
- All federal, state, and local environmental requirements such as air quality standards must be met.
- Manufacturer has to demonstrate community involvement and leadership through service or charitable organizations.

"Pacific Crest Industries takes a holistic approach to built-green," says Steve Bell, Owner and CEO of Pacific Crest Industries. "True environmental responsibility reaches beyond just sustainable material sourcing. It includes clean air standards, energy and waste conservation and management, and social responsibility to employees and the local community. Receiving the ESP certification provides recognition of our efforts and gives everyone in our company a tremendous sense of pride."

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