



## **A REPUTABLE, INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC PROGRAM**

- ESP is the only environmental certification program that specifically focuses on kitchen and bath cabinets, giving the industry an outlet to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability.
- KCMA applied its 40+ years of experience in developing and maintaining the industry's quality performance standard program, ANSI/KCMA A161.1, to construct its Environmental Stewardship Program.
- Certification is awarded based on compliance in five categories: air quality, product resource management, process management, environmental stewardship and community relations.

## **MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

- ESP holds the industry to higher standards than other environmental programs due to its holistic approach to manufacturing, examining the process from growth and harvesting of raw materials to processes involved in manufacturing the end product.
- ESP rewards manufacturers for using low formaldehyde-emitting wood products
- Certification requirements are based on currently available materials and will be reviewed to incorporate new materials and processes as they are developed. This built-in continuous improvement mechanism makes the program sustainable for the long-term.
- Modeled after the Environmental Protection Agency's standards program and endorsed by the NAHB, ESP certification also requires third party verification for many of its criteria.

## **WOOD -- THE RESPONSIBLE, RENEWABLE CHOICE FOR KITCHEN AND BATH CABINETS**

- Wood is a sensible, environmentally-friendly choice for cabinets as it replenishes itself naturally.
- Due to sustainable forestry practices, more than two trees are planted for every one that is harvested today in the U.S.
- KCMA cares about maintaining and rebuilding our forests and, therefore, supports intelligent, responsible practices. These practices promote sustainability and result in long-term human, economic and environmental benefits.
- ESP encourages ongoing education and outreach by awarding certification points to manufacturers that educate suppliers and promote community involvement.

For more information, please visit our Web site at [www.greencabinetsource.org](http://www.greencabinetsource.org)

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