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Affordable Home Inspections llc Honored by IBHS as a Leader in Storm-Resistant Construction

Mobile, Alabama April 13, 2022– Affordable Home Inspections was recognized by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) during the Seventh Annual FORTIFIED Awards. Developed by IBHS based on decades of research, FORTIFIED is a voluntary set of above-code design, building, and retrofitting steps to strengthen homes against severe weather. Each year, the nonprofit research organization honors companies whose work helps to advance stronger, more resilient construction and reroofing in their area. This year, Affordable Home Inspections earned a Spotlight Award by helping more than 100 families protect their homes from the effects of severe weather by verifying that construction and re-roofing met the rigorous FORTIFIED standards.

“Evaluators play a critical role in the FORTIFIED program. These independent, third-party companies inspect homes throughout the construction and roofing process to ensure the required materials and installation techniques are being used,” explains FORTIFIED Managing Director Fred Malik.

The FORTIFIED Home™ program is comprised of three key components. At its heart is the FORTIFIED construction standard developed by IBHS. This set of voluntary, beyond-code construction improvements enhances a building’s resistance to the effects of severe weather. Making up another key element of the program are the FORTIFIED-trained builders and roofing contractors, like Affordable Home Inspections who put science into action by following the standard as they build or reroof homes. The program’s third pillar is a verification and audit process that helps to confirm a home’s ability to perform better in severe weather. Independent, certified FORTIFIED evaluators document key upgrades were completed according to the standard and IBHS auditors review the documentation before issuing a designation.

The benefits of a Fortified Home are a “Peace of Mind, a better built, safer home” and in cases gives the homeowner an insurance discount off their premium. . *“By verifying that all of the required upgrades have been completed, we’re helping homeowners better protect their houses from hurricanes and other storms,” says Harry Crump -Owner “With more and more homes being built or re-roofed to the FORTIFIED standard, our community is becoming more resilient, and we’re proud to be a part of that.”*

In part, due to the work of companies like Affordable Home Inspections resilient construction and re-roofing is becoming more commonplace, and more than 35,000 homes now have a FORTIFIED designation. Many of these homes were tested during the 2020 and 2021 hurricane seasons. According to studies, more than 20,000 FORTIFIED homes were impacted by a storm over those two years and over 95 percent of those homes suffered only minor damage or had no loss at all.

“Our FORTIFIED Award-recipients are committed to helping customers protect their homes,” added Malik. “Like IBHS, they believe every family deserves a strong home that can withstand the severe weather it faces.”

About Affordable Home Inspections

Affordable Home Inspections has been in the residential & Commercial Inspection business for over 20 years. We are GOLD ASHI Certified Inspectors with thousands of satisfied clients. We have performed thousands of inspections and IBHS Fortified Evaluations. Please visit www.Affordable-Home-Inspections.com to learn more.

About FORTIFIED Home

Please visit fortifiedhome.org to learn more about the IBHS FORTIFIED Home program, including the designation process, how to identify a certified FORTIFIED evaluator and other valuable resources. Detailed information about FORTIFIED Roof can be found at fortifiedhome.org/homeowners-roof.

About the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)

The IBHS mission is to conduct objective, scientific research to identify and promote effective actions that strengthen homes, businesses and communities against natural disasters and other causes of loss. Learn more about IBHS at DisasterSafety.org.