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Randel Nilsson, owner of Mercer based Great Lakes Carpentry, Inc. and partner in Timberlog Works, LLC of Arbor Vitae recently completed required coursework and testing to become a Certified Green Professional as recognize by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Nilsson, who has been involved with the building business for more than 30 years and for 10 years has owned his own business in the Mercer area. He becomes one of less than a dozen builders to achieve this recognition in the state. Nilsson traveled to the Chicago area for the first of two of the four day required coursework and finished up in early March in Duluth.

Along with Butternut Creek, Great Lakes Carpentry forms 50% of the partnership that created Timberlog Works, the general contracting division for both firms. Asked why he thought it was important to the future of the enterprise Nilsson replied, "Our goal is to achieve expert status in the green home building market segment. We will provide extraordinary added value to our clients by ensuring that our homes will have lower operating costs, increased comfort and indoor air quality, improved environmental quality, enhanced durability and less maintenance."

Great Lakes specializes in custom log and timber frame homes in the Northwoods and in 2007 completed the very first Green Built rated and Energy Star certified full log home ever built in WI. Since then Timberlog Works has built several other Energy Star/Green Built home throughout the Northern portion of the state.

*(Note: Great Lakes Carpentry, Timberlog Works and Butternut Creek all have general operating offices at 351 Hwy 51 in Arbor Vitae WI and can be reached at those offices during regular business hours at 715-358-9490)*