

# PRO SPEC 2006 RECOMMENDATIONS

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PRO SPEC 2006 Conference  
Halifax Nova Scotia  
April 6 and 7, 2006

## Next Steps

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Consensus  
on Mandate to RCPAC  
to move forward



## Residential Construction Professionalization Advisory Committee

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- AHB&RSC
- Atlantic Home Warranty Program
- Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association
- Nova Scotia Community College
- Apprenticeship Training & Skills Development
- Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour
- Building inspection officials
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Consumers, and
- Banking and insurance sectors



## Legislative Process

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- There will be public consultations on legislation and regulations
  - Could include public hearings around the province



## Commission Business Plan

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- Need effective communication strategy to sell idea to industry and consumers
  - May require more budget than planned
- Simple revenue collection system
  - Basic registration fee
  - Levy or fee on building permits
- May need to enlarge annual budget to generate funds for programs



## Warranty / Liability

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- Need more detailed study of how the system would work, who would provide coverage
  - Establish special working group
- Need to develop plan for renovation sector
- Budget for administrative costs
  - Building permit system
- Careful planning for enforcement and gatekeeper functions of warranty system
  - Avoid duplication



## Training / PLAR

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- There should be meaningful training standards
  - Similar to current requirements for AHWP and NSHBA Certified Residential Builder/Renovator programs
- Need a PLAR system tailored to specific conditions and needs of the industry



## Public Education / PR

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- High priority in most groups on getting the message out
  - Inform industry, to reduce resistance
  - Get consumers on side
  - Work with stakeholder groups
- Create a general climate of acceptance for this major change in the residential construction industry



## Next Steps

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- Move forward with government legislation
- Revise Business Plan in light of advice from the conference
  - Revenue generation
  - Budget levels
  - Accountability
- Fast-track development of training standards and PLAR program
- Continue to get the message out
  - Industry
  - Stakeholders
  - Consumers



## Next Steps

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- Establish joint working group on trades specializations - industry and College - to develop program
  - Do pilot project(s)
  - Evaluate
- Make recommendations to Apprenticeship for Residential Trade Specializations
- Communications strategy on trades specializations
  - ICI sector
  - Residential sector

