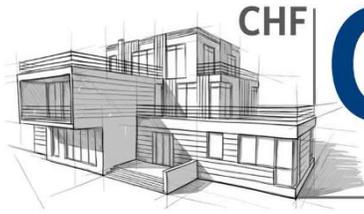


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California Homebuilding Foundation/CIRB Launches New Database With Timely and Enhanced Features

SACRAMENTO – The California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF) announced today that it has launched an enhanced new database that can produce the most timely and comprehensive reports available on residential and commercial construction throughout the state. The CHF|CIRB Report is the leading source for monthly building permit data from more than 530 city and county governments around the state.

For builders, real estate professionals, trade groups, government officials, researchers and planners, such detailed information on statewide building trends are invaluable, informing investments, construction projects, infrastructure needs and more. With the new database, the resource will be more comprehensive, pertinent and adaptable for customized uses.

“Since the Foundation took over the CIRB’s operations in May of 2012, we’ve been working hard to modernize the system to make it more timely and more user-friendly,” said CHF Executive Director Terri Brunson.

Indeed, month-to-month and year-to-year reports will now be available for both residential and commercial construction activity, along with previously accessible statewide and Metropolitan Statistical Area reports. In addition, all data will now be available in Excel spreadsheets, making it easier for users to organize the data according to their needs. A wide variety of custom reports and annual reports can also be ordered.

While CIRB data has been collected since the early 1950s, it was kept on computer systems and formats that were long ago outdated. Work began last year to migrate historical data into a system that seamlessly collects new information from cities and counties. “Industry professionals can now order special reports on past and current permit trends online, and in formats that may reveal better ways to approach projects,” added Brunson.

The upgrades were made possible because of generous donations from several building industry foundations established by CHF Hall of Famers – the **Davidson Family Foundation, the Steve and Lynne Doyle Family Foundation, the Harry C. and Deborah L. Elliot Family Foundation, the Dennis and Gloria O’Brien Foundation** and the **North State Building Industry Foundation**.

Despite the significant enhancements, the price of the reports will not increase. In fact, companies that are members of a Building Industry Association, Home Building Association, or the California Building Industry Association – a CHF affiliate - are now eligible for pricing discounts up to 25 percent.

About CHF

Founded in 1978, the California Homebuilding Foundation invests in the future of the homebuilding industry through endowments that provide college and graduate school scholarships and fund research on key public policy issues; compiles and publishes timely construction and new home statistics; provides training seminars; and supports high school courses to encourage young people to choose careers in the industry. The Foundation presents the state's top award within the industry, the Hall of Fame, which recognizes industry leaders and offers their careers as inspiration examples to others.

More information about the products and pricing is available on the CHF Website - - <http://www.myCHF.org> - - or by calling Jill Worthington-Esparza at (916) 340-3340.