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**Homeowners evaluating contractors should consult the Florida Certified Master Builder (FCMB) program**  
*Certification helps consumers find a trusted contractor; two of 32 FCMB-certified contractors statewide are located in Palm Beach County*

**PALM BEACH, Fla.,** Oct. 20, 2021 – Continued growth in new construction and remodeling, as well as rebuilding after hurricane damage, has led to an influx of builders and contractors serving Florida’s housing market and adding to the complexities homeowners face when evaluating and choosing a qualified, trusted contractor. Statewide, 32 contractors – including two headquartered in Palm Beach County – have turned to the Florida Certified Master Builder (FCMB) designation to help distinguish themselves to potential clients as contractors and builders who meet strict requirements and have a proven track record of success.

Ray Puzzitiello of Puzzitiello Builders, LLC and Frank Coppola of Coppola Brothers, LLC are the only two FCMB-certified professionals headquartered in Palm Beach County.

“This certification was created to help consumers find a builder they can trust,” Ray Puzzitiello explains. “Florida Certified Master Builders are elite home builders and remodelers who are dedicated to excellence in building and client satisfaction. Our certified builders hold themselves to a higher standard than required by the State of Florida for licensure.”

“Even as a discerning remodeler and renovation contractor with 20-plus years of award-winning, construction-industry experience, I have to work every day to position myself in potential clients’ eyes amidst a very crowded Florida contractor landscape,” Coppola explains. “The FCMB designation is just one tool I use to demonstrate Coppola Brothers’ dedication to customer satisfaction, and more importantly, it’s a resource consumers can utilize to identify contractors who hold themselves to a higher standard than what the State requires.”

When compared with other states, it’s notoriously difficult to obtain a contractor’s license in Florida, and even after one is earned, industry professionals must follow strict Florida building codes and undergo 14 continuing education hours every two years to maintain their licensure. Adding to that complexity and going a step beyond licensure, “Florida Certified Master Builders must meet strict requirements and demonstrate a proven track record of building expertise, business stability, integrity and exceptional customer service,” FCMB explains on the organization’s site – [flcertifiedmasterbuilder.com](http://flcertifiedmasterbuilder.com). “Their education, design and product research requirements keep them in tune with the latest building practices and design trends.”

### **About Puzzitiello Builders, LLC**

*Puzzitiello Builders, LLC is a full service Home Builder and Remodeler, specializing in providing personal attention to our clientele. Let us convert your architectural plans and interior designs into the home of your dreams. Our mission is to insure every customer’s building experience is a pleasurable one, while making tomorrow a better place to live by combining proven building methods with leading-edge designs. Owner Ray Puzzitiello, a third generation builder who grew up in a family that has been building distinguished homes since the 1930’s, also boasts a noteworthy tenure--building throughout South Florida since 1985. Additional information is available at [www.puzzitiello.com](http://www.puzzitiello.com) and at [www.houzz.com/pro/Puzzitiello/public](http://www.houzz.com/pro/Puzzitiello/public)*

### **About Coppola Brothers, LLC**

*Frank R. Coppola, III, owner, is licensed in Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania and operates in a niche market supporting projects in multiple states using local trades. Coppola Brothers LLC handles sales, estimating, project management, oversight, billing – and, most importantly, fiscal management – as a bonded company and validated contractor. The company is a member of four National Home Builder Associations in states in which they are licensed, and recently received the Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of NJ 2021 Awards of Excellence – Best Accessory Building Renovation. Additional information is available at [coppolabrothersllc.com](http://coppolabrothersllc.com).*