

Residential Applications of  
LP® SolidStart® Engineered Wood Products  
and LP® SmartSide® Soffit

Erickson Building Components



## The use of LP® SolidStart® Engineered Wood Products, LP® SmartSide® Soffit, and other engineered wood products for residential framing

### SUMMARY

Founded in 1975, Erickson Building Components claims a dedication to delivering the highest quality, on-time service at the best possible price. Erickson is a framing subcontractor headquartered in Chandler, Arizona, servicing builders in California, Arizona, and North Carolina. Additionally, Erickson provides its customers with door and trim services.

### OBJECTIVES

Erickson had been using a line of products from another well-known manufacturer of engineered wood products. Erickson said they saw that LP Building Products offered a variety of high-quality engineered products at a competitive price point. Although price was one of the initial reasons for the switch, Erickson found that LP products were strong and easy to work with.

### IMPLEMENTATION

Erickson selected a host of LP products. "Pricing was the original reason we switched," said Tyler Rhodes, commodity manager for Erickson. "LP products are high quality and a lot more competitive; so we jumped ship and ran with it." But Erickson has found additional savings.

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*Tyler Rhodes, Commodity Manager  
Erickson Construction*

### In Brief

#### LOCATION

California, Arizona, North Carolina

#### PROJECT SUMMARY

Arizona-based Erickson Building Components is a framing subcontractor that expresses a commitment to on-time, quality service for builders in California, Arizona, and North Carolina. In order to achieve more competitive pricing, Erickson sought a new product line for its framing needs.

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Achieve competitive pricing without sacrificing quality
- Save on labor costs

#### SOLUTION

Erickson turned to LP® SolidStart® LVL and LSL and LP® SmartSide® Soffit to meet their framing needs. Because of the strength and ease of installation, the LP SolidStart products allow Erickson to save on labor costs and maintain lasting quality. Erickson has been able to reduce callbacks thanks in part to SmartSide Soffit's toughness. Erickson also uses a host of other products when specified, including LP® TechShield® Radiant Barrier Sheathing, LP® TopNotch® 350, LP OSB Sheathing, LP® FlameBlock®, LP SmartSide Trim, and LP SolidStart I-Joists.





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Since changing to LP Building Products, Erickson said they found more than a competitive price in the products especially when it comes to LP® SolidStart® LSL and LVL and LP® SmartSide® Soffit.

“The strength of the LSL and LVL really stands out. We’ve never had any issue with bad LSL or bad LVL for our door and wall headers,” Rhodes said. “And as we’re starting to trickle into the San Francisco Bay area, we’ve been using a lot of those products. They are ideal in high seismic areas.”

Recognized for strength and consistency, LP SolidStart LSL and LVL are also free of knots and splits common to traditional lumber. And because LP products are straight and resist twisting and shrinking, they’re well suited for roof and floor beams, door and window headers, and wall framing.

“LP products have also stood out to us because of their warranty, especially on the soffit products,” Rhodes said. LP SmartSide Trim & Siding has an industry-

leading 5/50-Year Limited Warranty, which includes a 5-year, 100 percent labor and replacement feature on the product. This covers the original homeowner and can be transferred to the next owner.

“It’s really resistant to weather. We never have to go back and rip off roof and tile to replace product because the soffit does its job. That saves us from a lot of callbacks,” Rhodes said. The state-of-the-art SmartGuard® manufacturing process helps protect against termite damage and fungal decay, allowing the LP SmartSide Soffit to withstand extreme outside temperatures, humidity and rainfall.

#### OUTCOME

For Erickson Building Components, LP Building Products has been the supplier of choice for the past four years. Some of the builders Erickson works with specify the products they want used on a home, but Erickson has had success converting builders to LP products.

“With LP, you get competitively priced quality products that are widely available and easily accessible,” Rhodes said.

Erickson also uses a number of other products when specified, including LP® TechShield® Radiant Barrier Sheathing, LP® TopNotch® 350, LP OSB Sheathing, LP® FlameBlock® Fire-Rated OSB Sheathing, LP SmartSide Trim, and LP SolidStart I-Joists.



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