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**Building Accessible Homes: “Model Features List” now available
from the Construction Contractors Board**

During the 2005 Legislative session, Oregon lawmakers passed House Bill 2525 which mandated the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) to develop a list of features that may make residential housing more accessible to a person with disabilities.

The *Model Features List* includes construction options that make it possible for the elderly or the disabled to “age in place,” or for designing homes with features that makes the home more accessible to older or disabled residents, their family or friends.

Gina Fox, manager of the CCB Education Department, whose responsibility it was to oversee the development of the list, said, “Though it is not required that new home developers offer their clients this list, nor does it obligate the developer in any way to supply a given feature, we hope that it will be used by developers, remodelers and homeowners during their home construction projects.”

The CCB invited members of the community that have disabilities, advocates for the disabled, architects, builders and other government agencies involved with housing issues to help develop the list. The CCB Board adopted the list at its December meeting.

The list includes options for both inside and outside the home and was developed with specific living spaces in mind. It is possible that as baby boomers head towards retirement age, some home builders may find their customers seeking these features more and more.

The list is available to download from the CCB web site at www.ccb.state.or.us. It is located in the contractor section under the “Publications/Forms” link in the middle of the screen. Once in the publications section, scroll to “Miscellaneous.” *Model Features for Accessible Homes* can be printed and used in the planning of a construction project.

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