

Jimmy Rutland Bio

James (Jimmy) W. Rutland, IV is a third-generation home builder and developer and has been in the residential construction, development and real estate sales business in Alabama for the past 26 years. A native of Montgomery and graduate of Auburn University, he currently serves as President of Lowder New Homes, Inc. which has been named numerous times to the Builder 100 by Builder magazine and Giant 400 by Professional Builder magazine.

Jimmy is a member of the Greater Montgomery Home Builders Association, where he served as President in 2005 and was named Builder of the Year in that same year. He currently serves as its Governmental Affairs Chair. In this role Jimmy works with numerous local municipalities across 5 counties on an ongoing basis to help amend and adopt new building and energy codes that are applicable to the area.

At the state level, he has served in numerous positions on the HBAA Executive Committee, including Governmental Affairs Chair and Public Relations Chair. Jimmy was named the HBAA's Shannon Lowder Builder of the Year in 2012. Most recently he served as the President of HBAA in 2018. During that year Jimmy traveled with the Attorney General of Alabama and the Home Builder's Licensure Board to survey the damage in Jacksonville, Alabama after an EF3 tornado with winds estimated at 150 mph ripped through neighborhoods and the campus of Jacksonville State University. As part of that trip Jimmy helped spread the word throughout Calhoun County about the importance of using licensed builders and contractors who knew and understood how to build to current local and state building codes.

On the national level Jimmy has served as a NAHB Board of Director since 2005 and in 2018 was elected to a Life Directorship.

In addition to his service with the local, state and national HBAs, he currently serves on the State of Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board (AERC) where he works with various industries and regulators involved in Alabama's residential and commercial construction industry to adopt and amend energy and building codes for the entire state. Additionally, the AERC approves and develops compliance materials and tools to meet the intent of the code such as the AERC Compliance Calculator to be compatible with Department of Energy's ResCheck calculator.

Jimmy became a Certified Graduate Builder in 2004 and a Certified Green Professional in 2009 through the National Association of Home Builders and has been a Green Energy Key Builder as designated by the Home Builders Association of Alabama since 2007.