Log Builder Interview Form

Log Company Name: ___________________________________________
Person I talked to: ___________________________ Their position: ___________
Phone: ___________________________ Fax: ___________________________
Type of Construction: handcrafted machine-cut other ________________
Today’s date: ___________________________
Web Site: ___________________________ E-Mail address: ___________________________
I heard of them from: designer advertisement internet contractor other ________________

1. How many years has the company been in business? ____________
2. How many years of building experience does the builder have? ____________
3. How many craftsmen does the builder employ? ____________
4. How many projects or homes does this company build at one time? ____________
5. Does the company or the builder belong to any professional associations? If so, which ones? ____________
6. What is the size of the company? _____ How many projects or homes do they average per year? _____
7. What species of wood do they use? Douglas fir Spruce Pine Cedar Other: ________________
8. Do they have a preference for certain species, and if so, why? ___________________________
10. What is the average (mid-span) diameter of the logs they use? ________________
11. How do they solve settling issues? ___________________________
12. Do they build to the ILBA Log Building Standards? ___________________________

(a free copy of Log Building Standards can be downloaded from the ILBA website www.logassociation.org)

13. What type of structures do they build? Scribe-fit Chinked Post & Beam Timber Frame

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15. Lateral grooves (long grooves)—what sort of groove do they use? ________ Comments: ______
17. What type of insulation do they use in their grooves? Fiberglass Gasketing tape None Other ______
18. What type of insulation do they use in their corner notches? Fiberglass Gasketing tape None Other ______
19. Does their package include: □ Holes for electrical wiring? □ Mortises for electrical boxes and faceplates?
   □ Ledging for loft floor? □ Doors and window openings cut and prepared for installation?
20. Are all bolting materials and hardware included? ________ Installed? ________
22. How do they finish saddles (scarfs)? Grinding Sanding Planing Other: ________
23. Do they pre-stain the logs (apply exterior finish)? Required Optional Suggested Not available
24. Do they prefer a certain brand of exterior finish? Which one? ________ Waterbased Oil based
25. Do they use fungicide, mildewcide, or preservatives in their yard during construction or prior to shipping? ________
26. How far ahead does one have to plan in order to work with them? ________ What is the expected
   time from signing their contract to shipping the package? ________
27. Does the company provide staircases? ________
28. Does the company provide hand railings? ________
29. Does the company supervise the reassembly of the structure? ________ Who pays for the labor
   needed for reassembly? ________ Who pays for crane rental for reassembly? ________
30. Is shipping-transport of the building included in their price? ________ If not, do they make shipping
   arrangements for you? ________
31. Does the company provide General Contracting services? ________
32. Do they offer any materials packages? Will they do this on request? What additional materials, if
   any, do they provide? doors windows flooring lumber other: ________
33. Can they design your home? ________ Do they do this in-house? ________ What are the costs? ________
34. Do they have stock plans to choose from? ________ Do they have a plan book? ________ Video ________
   Is there a cost? ________
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