

PFS HISTORY

PFS was chartered in 1959 as *Plywood Fabricator Service*, a non-profit plywood quality control agency affiliated with the *American Plywood Association (APA)*. As factory production of structural components and entire buildings became widespread, more complete quality control services were needed by the building industry. PFS answered that need by expanding its scope to include plan review and inspection services for the housing industry. The name was changed to *Product Fabrication Service*, and Ed Starostovic, then executive vice president, moved the office from Tacoma, WA to Madison, WI in December 1972.

In 1978 the *Internal Revenue Service* determined that PFS was an independent agency no longer eligible for non-profit status; hence, the present *PFS Corporation* was formed.

PFS has come full circle since its 1959 beginnings, diversifying from serving manufacturers of plywood to factory-built structures, heating appliances, and wood component systems. Today PFS provides certification services to most of the major engineered wood producers in the United States.