## Five Tips for Finding the Right Termite Service Technician



(NAPSA)—When it comes to making significant repairs or renovations, homeowners often take great pains to interview contractors, compare costs, and make the necessary financial and time commitments to getting a job done right—so why cut corners when it comes to protecting your home against termite damage?

For many, a home is the single largest investment a family will make and homeowner's insurance does not protect against termite damage. Deemed the homeowner's responsibility, the most effective way to combat termites is through prevention and detection—all the more reason to ensure that the pest management professional (PMP) you hire can be trusted to do a quality job.

Nationwide, homeowners spend more than \$2.5 billion each year to protect against or reverse the damage termites cause. "Don't base hiring decisions solely on price," says Dr. Byron Reid, a Ph.D. for Premise® Termite Elimination. "Although essential to good business practices, insurance can be costly. Quality PMPs carry the necessary insurance to protect all parties involved against mishaps. Some termiticides, like Premise Termite Elimination, also come with an additional warranty of protection."

Like other home professionals, PMPs can offer you options for the best ways to protect your home against termites, such as annual inspections, preventative tips, and different treatment options.

Inherent risks accompany any home maintenance project, but there are things you can do to ensure that the PMP you hire won't just do the job well, but will also be an ongoing partner in the protection of your home.

When hiring a PMP, Premise Termite Elimination from Bayer Environmental Science recommends these five tips:

- 1. Verify that the PMP is state licensed to provide pest control services.
- 2. Gather a minimum of two termite inspections to ensure that your home has a termite problem.
- 3. Ask for an explanation of the proposed treatment, any applicable warranties, and re-inspection schedules in writing.
- 4. Request references or pest management association memberships.
- 5. Visit www.nobugs.com or call 1-800-331-2867 for a list of recommended PMPs.

For long-lasting, responsible termite protection, PMPs nation-wide recommend non-repellent liquid termiticides, like Premise from Bayer, an odorless non-repellent termiticide that has protected millions of homes around the world. The active ingredient in Premise is the most widely used insecticide in the world.