

Analysis of Code Enforcement and Implementation, Permitting Requirements and Fees, and Training and Education in Florida Jurisdictions

Presented to the

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1. Issues

The Florida Building Commission's (FBC) Building Code System Uniform Implementation Evaluation Workgroup reported to the Florida Building Commission that there are significant disparities within the State of Florida in Code enforcement, permitting requirements and associated fees (BCSUIEW 2013). The purpose of this study is to develop and administer a survey questionnaire for completion by building officials in all 67 Florida counties in order to document operational attributes.

- Code enforcement process and how it is implemented,
- Permitting requirements and the associated fees,
- Makeup of the building department/general jurisdictional data, and
- Training and education related to code interpretation.

Survey questionnaire input will be solicited from the FBC Code Admin Technical Committee and other stakeholders in the survey outcome before its distribution. The grantor shall provide an electronic list of potential respondents to the survey and shall providing assistance in encouraging responses from these participants.

2. Relevant Sections of the Code (and related documents) All Code sections as applicable

3. Statement of Work

A survey questionnaire will be developed and distributed (to a list provided by the grantor) for completion by building officials in all 67 Florida counties in order to document the operational attributes of their Building Departments including:

(1) Distinguishing local demographic data

(2) Local code enforcement process and how it is implemented.

(3) Local permitting requirements and the associated fees,

(4) Makeup of the local building department and general jurisdictional data, and

(5) Local training and education efforts related to code interpretation

4. Deliverables

- An interim report providing technical information and statistical analysis of the local building department data collected will be submitted March 15, 2017.
- A final report taking into consideration feedback from stakeholders will be submitted by May 1, 2017.