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FBC Education Administrator Report

March 28, 2014

- A. Provided administrative support for FBC Education POC for February 13, 2014 meeting
- B. Drafted minutes for FBC Education POC February 13, 2014 meeting
- C. Prepared agenda for FBC Education POC meeting on April 10, 2014 meeting
- D. Inquiries from the public February 10, 2014 to March 28, 2014 as follows:

5 inquiries: 4 telephone; 1 e-mail

Category of inquirers:

3 Consumer 2 Florida licensed contractor (out of state)

Types of Inquiries:

2 Advanced codes course availability
1 Code requirement for renovation
2 Code requirement for windows

- E. Changes are proposed in legislation (HB 593 / SB 1106) to section 553.841, Florida Statutes, as follows (subject to change):

553.841 Building code compliance and mitigation program.—

(1) The Legislature finds that knowledge and understanding by persons licensed or employed in the design and construction industries of the importance and need for complying with the Florida Building Code and related laws is vital to the public health, safety, and welfare of this state, especially for protecting consumers and mitigating damage caused by hurricanes to residents and visitors to the state. The Legislature further finds that the Florida Building Code can be effective only if all participants in the design and construction industries maintain a thorough knowledge of the code, code compliance and enforcement, duties related to consumers, and changes that additions thereto which improve construction standards, project completion, and compliance of design and construction to protect against consumer harm, storm damage, and other damage. Consequently, the Legislature finds that there is a need for a program to provide ongoing education and outreach activities concerning compliance with the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Prevention Code, construction plan and permitting requirements, construction liens, and hurricane mitigation.

(2) The Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall administer a program, designated as the Florida Building Code Compliance and Mitigation Program, to develop, coordinate, and maintain education and outreach to persons required to comply with the Florida Building Code and related provisions as specified in subsection (1) and ensure consistent education, training, and communication of the code's requirements, including, but not limited to, methods for design and construction compliance and mitigation of storm-related damage. The program shall also operate a clearinghouse through which design, construction, and building code enforcement licensees, suppliers, and consumers in this state may find others in order to exchange information relating to mitigation and facilitate repairs in the aftermath of a natural disaster.