

BACKGROUND

While the findings of the Phase I of the *Analysis of Code Enforcement and Implementation, Permitting Requirements and Fees, and Training and Education in Florida Jurisdictions* study provided valuable insight into the state of permitting and code enforcement in the State of Florida, there are limitations to the extent to what the data can infer due to only 53.7% of Florida counties participating. The findings of this study provide a foundation from which further research should be conducted in order to develop a more complete understanding of potential areas of concern or interest.

Moving forward, responses gathered from all 67 counties in the state of Florida would help in an effort to draw comprehensive conclusions related to permitting and code enforcement variation across the state. Absent the resources being available to implement such a comprehensive study, the viable option would be to work together with the Code Administration TAC to select a representative sample of jurisdictions in the state of Florida to be visited/canvassed/contacted in order to meet with their department heads to gather validated data on their operations. Such data can be used to produce a report that covers a representative sample of code enforcement and implementation, permitting requirements and fees, and training and education for all Florida jurisdictions.

SCOPE OF WORK

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.

The survey questionnaire developed in Phase I will be updated and individually administered to a representative list of jurisdictions identified by the Code Admin TAC) for completion by building officials 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