



Building Officials Association of Louisiana



Greetings and Happy New Year to all our fellow BOAL Members,

Please take the time to mark your calendars for our next training to be held on **March 20th and March 21st, at 2550 Golden Nugget Boulevard, Lake Charles, La. 70601**. The training being offered will be Existing Building Code and Special Inspections

Existing Building Code: This seminar will introduce critical concepts of the 2015 *International Existing Building Code®* (IEBC®). It will provide a basis for the correct use and application of the code. It will build an understanding of the intent of the code through detailing basic tables, categorizations and a case study.

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be better able to:

- Recognize the limitations and extent of the codes related to existing buildings.
- Recognize the classifications of work associated with existing buildings
- Identify fire protection systems that need to be upgraded.
- Recognize vertical openings that need partial or complete enclosure
- Identify unsafe interior finishes that need to be replaced.
- Determine adequate means of egress.
- Identify needed accessibility improvements.
- Identify improvements to structural systems.
- Describe the compliance alternative tabular method of evaluating existing buildings.

Special Inspections: This course contains the requirements involving special inspection within the *International Building Code*, descriptions of the required special inspections, and information on creating a special inspection program. The guidance in this course is based on recommended practices and the consensus of building officials, design professionals, and inspection and testing agencies. Duties and responsibilities of the special inspector, building official, project owner, engineer or architect of record and contractor are defined.

In the aftermath of extreme natural events such as earthquakes and hurricanes, the most common contributing factor to significant structural damage and building failure is construction that fails to comply with codes, standards and design documents. Having specialized oversight and increasing inspection frequency, duration and detail during the construction process help mitigate construction issues. This course gives detail to oversight and increased inspection requirements.

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be better able to:

- Describe the special inspections required in Chapter 17 of the *International Building Code®* (IBC®).
- Identify the tasks and required skills of the special inspector in the construction process.
- Identify the other stake holders in the special inspection process and their duties.
- Describe the steps and details involved in a creating special inspection program.

As always we look forward to seeing you in March!!!!

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