

Enhancing Consistent Compliance – The Idaho Experience

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Building Blocks for Consistent Enforcement

- Funding
- Proactive Jurisdictions/Organizations
- Training
- Third Party Plan Review
- Technical Assistance
- Site Evaluator Program
- More Funding

Basic Rule

“Don’t recreate the wheel”

Stealing ideas is allowed and encouraged
when implementing energy codes

Funding

- IECC Implementation Funded by:
 - Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)
 - Multi-year funding source
 - U.S. DOE Codes and Standards Grants

Proactive Jurisdictions/Organizations

- Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO)
- Association of Idaho Cities (AIC)
- State Division of Building Safety (DBS)

Training

- Code Enforcement Training (IDABO)
 - Set expectations for building and design community
- Builder and Designer Training (DBS)
 - Provide one-on-one training to builders and designers
- Plan Review Training (IDABO)
 - Required for Third-Party Plan Review

Training (con't)

- Limited Number of Trainers
 - Consistent class interpretations
 - Consistent delivery of materials
 - Consistent documentation expectations
 - Stressed submittals using *REScheck* and *COMcheck-EZ*

Third Party Plan Review

- Develop qualified energy code plan reviewers for commercial and residential
 - Experience in the design or building field
 - Required to take Plan Review Course
 - Applicants reviewed by IDABO
- Plan review free for jurisdictions
 - Limited number
- Plan reviewers have access to technical assistance for consistent interpretations

Technical Assistance

- Technical Assistance Available From:
 - DBS
 - Codes Collaborative
 - Committee Review
 - Contact Person
 - PNNL
 - Free in all cases

Jurisdiction Site Evaluator Program

- Designed to answer the question of:
How are we doing?????
- Evaluating energy plan review and inspection process
- Identifying issues that can be used for future training topics
- Program will be open to all interested jurisdictions

More Funding

- Ongoing funding is critical to maintaining presence and providing support to building design and enforcement industry