

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION**  
**BUILDING CODE SYSTEM ASSESSMENT AD HOC**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2010**  
**OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS EVALUATION**  
**WORKSHEET**

**ACCEPTABILITY RANKING EXERCISE**

This list of options is a preliminary list and is not meant to be an exhaustive or all inclusive list. The options were extracted from the On-Line Survey to serve as a starter list. Only options that an Ad Hoc member wishes to evaluate will be ranked for acceptability. During the meeting members will be asked to propose the suite of specific option they would like the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate, and to develop and rank those options, and following discussions and refinements, may be asked to do additional rankings of the options if requested by an Ad Hoc member. Members should be prepared to offer specific refinements to address their reservations. The following scale will be utilized for the ranking exercises:

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| <b>Acceptability Ranking Scale</b> | <b>4 = <i>acceptable, I agree</i></b> | <b>3 = <i>acceptable, I agree with minor reservations</i></b> | <b>2 = <i>not acceptable, I don't agree unless major reservations addressed</i></b> | <b>1 = <i>not acceptable</i></b> |
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The Ad Hoc will develop a package of recommendations for enhancements to the Florida Building Code System (the Code, the Commission, local administration, compliance and enforcement, and product evaluation and approval).

**AD HOC'S OPTIONS EVALUATION PROCESS OVERVIEW**

For each key topical issue area the following format will be used:

- General discussion with Ad Hoc members on the topic/issue;
- Public comment/input on the key topical issue area;
- Identification of new options (if any);
- Refinements proposed to existing options (to enhance option's acceptability, if possible);
- Acceptability ranking of options (new, those with some level of support from previous meeting(s), and those an Ad Hoc member proposes to be re-evaluated); and,
- Additional data/research needs identified, as needed.

*During the Meeting:*

For each of the key topical issue areas, members will be asked to review existing options and invited to propose additional options for Ad Hoc consideration. The worksheet is organized, by key topical issue areas with relevant options for each, to address key issues regarding enhancements to the Florida Building Code System. A preliminary list of options was drafted, and the Ad Hoc may add any additional options they deem appropriate. Members should request any information they feel necessary for evaluating an issue, option or range of options. Options with 75% or greater number of 4's and 3's in proportion to 2's and 1's shall be considered consensus recommendations.

The Worksheet is organized as follows: the Code, the Commission, local administration, compliance and enforcement, product evaluation and approval, BCIS, manufactured buildings, prototype buildings, private provide system, coordination with other state regulations, and enforcement of other state regulations.

## 1. BUILDING CODE AND CODE DEVELOPMENT

*Examples of options from Survey:*

- Streamline the FBC update process to be not more than one year behind the most current editions of the International codes.
- Adopt the I- codes as the FBC, and provide a separate Florida specific addendum publication.
- Require Florida specific amendments to sunset every three years.
- Adopt strict criteria for approving any Florida specific amendments to the base code, and only approve amendments to the base code if there is a demonstrated Florida specific need.
- Drop the annual supplements (glitch) to the code, and incorporate glitches during next code update.
- Make the Florida Building Code available online and searchable.
- Change the period of issuing new Code cycles to six/nine years. Allow "glitch" or amendments to happen every three years.
- Integrate the FBC and FFPC into one code book for items that effect construction.
- Mesh the NEC adoption with the FBC.
- Implement an Elevator Safety Code fully integrated into the FBC.

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

## 2. FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

*Examples of options from Survey:*

- Reduce the size of the Commission.
- Require that all Commission members are experts in their stakeholder representation areas.

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

## 3. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

#### **4. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE**

*Examples of options from Survey:*

- Require building department revenue to be spent on building department functions.
- Increase the CEUs for BCAIB inspectors/plans examiners to 8 or 16 hours per discipline.
- Require CEUs on the Florida Building Code for building code administrators/inspectors/plans examiners.
- Provide electronic updates for all new code requirements.

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

#### **5. PRODUCT EVALUATION AND APPROVAL**

*Examples of options from Survey:*

- Implement a more user friendly, better organized, and easier to navigate and search website.
- Privatize the product approval system using a third party.
- Require product approval labels on products or packaging at job site.

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

#### **6. BUILDING CODE INFORMATION SYSTEM (BCIS)**

*Examples of options from Survey:*

- Implement a more user friendly, better organized, and easier to navigate and search website.

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

#### **7. MANUFACTURED BUILDING PROGRAM**

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

## 8. PROTOTYPE BUILDING PROGRAM

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

## 9. PRIVATE PROVIDER SYSTEM

*Examples of options from Survey:*

- Establish uniform QA methods.
- Require private providers to report directly to and be paid by local government.

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

## 10. COORDINATION WITH OTHER STATE REGULATIONS

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

## 11. ENFORCEMENT OF OTHER STATE REGULATIONS

*Options you would like to have evaluated/ ranked by the Ad Hoc:*

### Options Ranking Template

*Option:*

|                                     | <i>4=acceptable</i> | <i>3= minor reservations</i> | <i>2=major reservations</i> | <i>1= not acceptable</i> |
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| <i>Initial Ranking<br/>10/12/10</i> |                     |                              |                             |                          |
| <i>Revised</i>                      |                     |                              |                             |                          |

**Member's Comments and Reservations (October 12, 2010):**