



Suncoast BOAF

Building Official Association of Florida
Suncoast Chapter

Summer, 2023

A Message from Our President

Founded in 1975, the Florida Suncoast Chapter is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to safety in building construction through responsible legislation, education and building code development.

The Florida Suncoast Chapter is one of the many regional chapters of the ICC and BOAF, and is composed of code enforcement officials, architects, engineers, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, and other construction professionals, working together to promote professionalism in code application. The Chapter serves the Florida Suncoast, which includes Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough counties.

The Suncoast Chapter regularly sponsors continuing education hours for building officials, plans examiners, inspectors, architects, engineers, and contractors. These seminars allow members to obtain continuing education required for professional licensure.

If you are not currently a member of the Sun Coast Chapter, I strongly encourage your involvement through membership and participation in our organization.

Joel Graves

President 2023-2024

Upcoming Events:

Fire Stopping Rated Assemblies

Virtual

August 24, 2023 1PM

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6181539463574222168>

Roofing Under the 7th Edition FBC

Virtual

August 24, 2023 2:15PM

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6181539463574222168>

Chapter 10 FBC, Means of Egress

Virtual

October 12, 2023 1PM

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5107690437190582363>

Townhouse Fire & Life Safety Provisions

Virtual

October 12, 2023 2:15PM

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Promoting public health and safety in building construction through responsible legislation, education, and building code development

BOAF 2023 Annual Conference & Expo



The 2023 BOAF Annual Conference and Expo was held in Orlando, Florida June 11 – 14, 2023. One of the highlights of the conference was Suncoast member, Esther Oluyemi, Pasco Building Official, winning Building Official of the Year. Congrats to Esther!



Next year's conference will be June 9-13, 2024, in Orlando at Rosen Centre Hotel.

Technical Spotlight:

FBPE Structural Recognition Program



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FLORIDA BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

*Committed to protecting the interest
of public health and safety by properly
regulating the practice of engineering*

RON DeSANTIS, GOVERNOR
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MELANIE GRIFFIN, SECRETARY
DEPT. OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

March 14, 2023

To: Florida Building Officials

Re: ***Clarifying the Structural Engineering Recognition Program***

There has been some confusion about Florida's Structural Engineering Recognition Program for Professional Engineers since it went into effect July 1, 2022.

To be clear, it is not a credential like Florida's Professional Engineer (PE) license, nor a certification such as the Special Inspector of Threshold Buildings (which is required to perform specific engineering services) or the Special Inspector (Limited).

Also, Florida does not license Professional Engineers by discipline. Any Florida PE may offer structural engineering services (or any engineering service) in areas which they are competent.

What is the Structural Engineering Recognition Program?

[Section 471.055, Florida Statutes](#), required the Board to establish the Structural Engineering Recognition Program as a method for Professional Engineers licensed in Florida who specialize in structural engineering to request recognition for having "gone above and beyond the required minimum Professional Engineer licensing standards."

The recognition does not entitle a PE to do anything beyond what any PE can do. It is strictly a voluntary and optional program.

PEs who receive the recognition may use FRSE — for Florida Recognized Structural Engineer — to market and advertise their professional practice.

To be recognized in the program, a PE must meet one of the following requirements:

- Passed the 16-hour NCEES Structural exam after Jan. 1, 2011;
- Passed both the eight-hour NCEES Structural Engineering I exam and the Structural Engineering II exam prior to Jan. 1, 2011;
- Passed the 16-hour Western States Structural Engineering exam;

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- Passed the eight-hour NCEES Structural Engineering II exam and either the eight-hour PE Civil: Structural exam or the eight-hour PE Architectural Engineering exam;
- Passed the eight-hour NCEES Structural Engineering II exam and either the eight-hour California Structural Engineering Seismic III exam or the eight-hour Washington Structural Engineering III exam; or
- Have 15 years of documented experience working on significant structural engineering projects.

Professional Engineers wishing to be recognized through the program must submit [a request to the Board](#).

Engineering certifications

There are two other certifications that cover threshold building inspections and have more stringent requirements: Special Inspector and Special Inspector (Limited).

A [Special Inspector of Threshold Buildings](#) may offer threshold building inspection services under [Section 553.79, F.S.](#) PEs who are Special Inspectors have been certified by the Board to have met qualifications set forth in [Rule 61G15-35.003, Florida Administrative Code](#), *Qualification Program for Special Inspectors of Threshold Buildings*.

A [Special Inspector \(Limited\)](#) may offer inspection services for Level 1 or Level 2 Alterations, Restoration, Non-substantial Structural Repair and/or Rehabilitation of threshold buildings pursuant to [Section 553.79, F.S.](#) PEs who are Special Inspectors (Limited) have been certified by the Board to have met qualifications forth in [Rule 61G15-35.003, F.A.C.](#), *Qualification Program for Special Inspectors of Threshold Buildings and Special Inspectors of Threshold Buildings (Limited)*. Please note that Special Inspectors (Limited) cannot perform the entire range of services authorized by [Section 553.79\(5\)\(a\), F.S.](#) Also, Florida PEs who are competent in the area of practice may offer the same inspections as offered by an SI (Limited).

In Summary

- The FRSE program is strictly voluntary/optional and for recognition only. Recognition by the program is not required for a Professional Engineer to practice structural engineering.
- Any Florida PE may offer structural engineering services in areas in which they are competent.
- Inspections of threshold buildings require an additional certification from the Board to be qualified as a Special Inspector of Threshold Buildings.
- Special Inspectors (Limited) and Florida PEs who are competent in the area of practice may offer inspection services for Level 1 or Level 2 Alterations, Restoration, Non-substantial Structural Repair and/or Rehabilitation of threshold buildings.

Sincerely,



Dylan Albergo, PE
FBPE Chair

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