

Building Codes Agency



MISSION

To safeguard Oregonians' **LIFE, HEALTH, PROPERTY, and WELFARE**—including **energy conservation and barrier-free access**—through adopting and administering uniform standards for construction or installation of buildings, structures, and various electrical and mechanical devices or equipment, and through insuring the competency of persons engaged in the related trades and businesses.

GOALS

1. Adopt uniform building codes based, as nearly as practicable, on national codes.
2. Administer the uniform building codes in a timely manner and in such a way as to protect public safety and enhance Oregon's economic development.
3. Work with local jurisdictions to achieve uniform application of the State building codes.
4. Consolidate and clarify all laws and regulations governing administration of building codes, licensing, and certification.
5. Achieve the best use of available resources to provide effective and efficient service to the public.
6. Provide forums for interested groups to search for ways to better achieve the Agency's mission for the benefit of all Oregonians.
7. Provide for professional development of administrative and enforcement personnel.
8. Provide for professional development of all Agency staff members.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a plan for making optimum use of information technology.
2. Complete analysis of functions of the Agency, with the purpose of identifying and implementing measures to improve effectiveness and efficiency.
3. Work with local governments, industry representatives, and consumers to analyze the most efficient and effective methods of sharing building codes administration among State and local governments.
4. Continue development of the process for analyzing the economic effect of building code administration.
5. Monitor and evaluate strategies and activities to insure the mission of the Agency is fulfilled.
6. Continue to develop and implement communications links with interested groups and individuals.