I f you weren’t already aware, if your practice involves designing buildings, structures, facilities or systems covered by the Florida Building Code, you are required per Florida Statute 471.0195, and 61G15-22.001 F.A.C. to complete an “Advanced” Florida Building Code course within 12 months of each edition of the Florida Building Code effective date.

Therefore, licensees whose practice includes the design of engineering works or systems in connection with buildings, structures, facilities or systems covered by the Florida Building Code have until June 30, 2016 to:

1. Complete at least one “Advanced” Florida Building Code course approved by the FBPE within the disciplines of civil, structural, mechanical, electrical or general engineering. AND
2. Provide the Board with a copy of a certificate of completion which shows: course number, course hours, Code edition year and Code or course focus.

While these classes cannot be applied toward the Laws & Rules (1 hour) or Ethics (1 hour) continuing education requirements, they CAN be applied toward the Area of Practice (4 hours) or Topics Pertinent to the Practice of Engineering (12 hours) requirements.

To view the most current laws and rules as it relates to the practice of engineering including the Florida Statute and Florida Administrative Code mentioned here, go to the Legal section of FBPE’s website, and select the Statutes and Rules page or access this link: https://www.fbpe.org/index.php/legal/statutes-and-rules.

If you have any questions regarding the information discussed in this article feel free to contact the Board office at (850) 521-0500 or send an email to board@fbpe.org.

I hope that you find this reminder helpful, especially since there are only 2 months left to obtain these hours.

In Service to Florida’s Licensees,
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