



Education Institute 2026

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Conference Information and Course Descriptions



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2026 Education Institute



We are thrilled to host this year's conference again in Boise, Idaho and to offer a program packed with valuable classes, exciting events, and new opportunities to grow. Look through this class program for class description and additional information. We are especially excited to introduce new offerings as well as bring back some popular classes from exceptional instructors **Doug Thornburg** and **Steve Thomas**. We think you will be thrilled to meet new industry partners providing exciting workshops *and* new organizations eager to share knowledge and insight about their innovative products and services!

This year, you'll find:

- **AM Workshops** before classes for an energizing start to your day with complimentary ICC CEUs for registered attendees.
- **Breakfast** each morning to jumpstart your day and boost energy and focus.
- **A Legislative Reception** where you can connect with your district representatives and discuss key issues affecting your region and the
- **Offsite Dinner Event** and activity at **Base Camp Social**—a perfect way to unwind and network
- **Conference App** with schedule, up to date information, attendees, documents and more.
- **Raffles, prizes, and more throughout the event!**

It's all here to make this an engaging, inspiring, and unforgettable experience. We hope you'll find worthwhile sessions that leave you with insights and connections to enhance your work and personal responsibilities.

Please reach out with questions - we are here to assist you in getting answers and making sure you are equipped with the information necessary to make informed decisions about the conference.

We can't wait to make this an exceptional event with you!

Sincerely,

Ginger Bidegaray

Executive Director

Idaho Association of Building Officials



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday | January 20, 2026

BOISE CENTRE

8:00am	Registration Desk Opens	The Grove Lobby Bar
8:30am – 12:00pm	AM Classes	Boise Centre East 850 W Front St, Boise ID
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	Boise Centre
1:00pm – 4:30pm	PM Classes	Boise Centre
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Reception	The Grove Hotel Fichel Suite – 2 nd Floor

Wednesday | January 21, 2026

The Grove Hotel

7:00am	Registration Desk Opens	Second Floor Landing
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast and Networking	Grand Ballroom
7:15am – 8:15am	Morning Workshops (OPTIONAL) - TBD	Meeting Rooms
8:15am – 8:30am	Welcome and Keynote Speaker	Grand Ballroom
8:30am – 12:30pm	AM Classes	Meeting Rooms
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:15pm – 4:15pm	PM Classes	Meeting Rooms
4:15pm – 5:45pm	Legislative Reception	Grand Ballroom
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Offsite Event – Base Camp Social <u>815 W Ann Morrison Park Dr, Boise, ID 83706</u>	Base Camp Social

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE*

Thursday | January 22, 2026
The Grove Hotel

7:00am	Registration Desk Opens	Second Floor Landing
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast and Networking	Grand Ballroom
7:15am – 8:15am	Morning Workshops (OPTIONAL) - TBD	Meeting Rooms
8:15am – 8:30am	Welcome and Keynote Speaker	Grand Ballroom
8:30am – 9:15am	IDABO Member Annual Meeting	Grand Ballroom
9:15am – 12:30pm	AM Classes	Meeting Room
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:30pm – 5:00pm	PM Classes	Meeting Rooms
5:00pm	Conference Ends	

Back by popular demand!

BONUS AM Workshops – Coffee and a Credit

7:15am – 8:15am ICC CEU .1 | 1 LU HSW

Join us before the AM conference sessions begin - for coffee and a *complimentary* ICC CEU on IDABO!

Classes will be led by industry experts and will include product knowledge and dedicated time for Q&A.

Please remember to sign in and out to verify your attendance.

Seating is limited based on room capacity.

Available for registered attendees only.

SEMINAR TOPICS AND INSTRUCTORS WILL BE RELEASED SOON!!!!

TUESDAY – January 20, 2026

BOISE CENTRE

Instructor:

Chris Kimball
SE, FPE, MCP, CBO
BCS Code Group



FULL DAY - IBC Updates Significant Changes

Based on legislative updates in 2018, 2021, and 2024, the International Building Code (IBC) has incorporated significant changes affecting building safety, energy efficiency, and material applications. This course provides participants with a detailed review of updates, practical guidance for compliance, and strategies for applying the revised code in modern construction projects

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructors:

Justin Goodwin CBO
City of Moscow

Bobbi Kaufmann
Clearwater County



Dheekshita Kumar –
CEO & Co-Founder, CivCheck



FULL DAY – Permitting and Planning Professional Development & Certifications

Two Part Class

ADVANCED ROLES IN PERMITTING AND PLANNING - (AM)

This advanced course is designed for permit technicians, plan examiners, and city clerks. Participants will explore ICC certification pathways, zoning fundamentals, and compliance procedures. Attendees will gain a stronger understanding of how permitting, planning, and inspections intersect.

GUIDED AI PLAN REVIEW AND ETHICAL AI PRACTICES (PM)

This course introduces participants to the use of guided AI tools in plan review, focusing on how AI can improve review efficiency while maintaining ethical standards. Participants will explore the impact of AI on reducing permit backlogs and achieving faster approvals.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructor:

George Williams, MCP, CBO
BCS Code Group



FULL DAY - 2021 Townhomes & Alternative Dwelling Structures

Training is designed for building officials, inspectors, plans examiners, and design professionals in Idaho who are working with innovative housing forms under the 2021 International Residential Code (IRC). The class will focus on the unique code provisions, appendices, and IBC references that directly affect residential construction in Idaho. Topics covered will include: Townhomes, Tiny Homes, ADUs, Strawbale Construction, Intermodal Shipping Containers. The class will address key provisions, fire resistance, separation requirements, best practices and structural considerations.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

WEDNESDAY – January 21, 2026

The Grove Hotel

Instructor:

Shane Nilles CBO, MCP
American Wood Council



HALF DAY (AM)- IBC Fire-rated Construction and Proper Use of Materials

This course covers fire-resistant rated construction per the 2024 International Building Code (IBC). You will learn what fire-resistance is, as well as how to differentiate that type of fire performance from other types including flame propagation and combustibility. We will then explore what the IBC requires and how to apply those requirements correctly. We will also understand common materials in construction, when they are permitted or prohibited, and what role they play in the fire performance of the building.

0.4 ICC CEU | 4 AIA HSW

Instructor:

Greg M. Woolley,
LEED Green Assoc
Gypsum Association



HALF DAY (PM)- Gypsum Association Resources for Code and Construction Professionals

Course equips code enforcement officials and construction professionals with essential technical knowledge about gypsum panels, their proper installation, and their critical role in meeting standard requirements—particularly in areas of fire resistance and sound control. Participants will gain practical skills in using key code-referenced publications GA-600 and GA-216, to verify compliance with building standards. The course also includes an overview of free publications available through the Gypsum Association Bookstore, covering topics such as repair, weather-related considerations, and best practices for handling and transporting gypsum panels.

0.3 ICC CEU | 3 AIA HSW

Instructor - Glenn Mathewson MCP - BuildingCodeCollege.com



FULL DAY - Single Family Homes - from Application to Occupancy

Planning and permitting to final inspection, the construction of single-family detached homes demands a level coordination and technical precision at every phase. This course provides participants with an in-depth understanding of critical inspection processes, regulatory compliance considerations, and the complex integration of structural, mechanical, and administrative components essential to achieving successful projects.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructor:
Steve Thomas CBO
Shums Coda



FULL DAY IEBC - Continued Use & Reuse of Existing Buildings

Addresses the relationship of the IEBC to existing buildings. Focuses on the fundamental requirements of IEBC that are placed on an existing structure that undergoes repair work, alteration, renovation activity or construction of an addition, and the effect of a change in the building's occupancy classification. Briefly discusses the "compliance alternatives" method. Topics include regulations of additions, alterations and repairs, changes of occupancy considerations, compliance alternatives and application of the IEBC

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructor:
Chris Kimball
SE, FPE, MCP, CBO
BCS Elite



FULL DAY - IBC - Structural Plan Review

This seminar equips participants to perform structural plan reviews per the 2018 IBC®. Attendees will evaluate construction documents, verify compliance with gravity and lateral load requirements, assess foundations, structural components, and materials, and identify site-specific hazards. Emphasis is on ensuring complete, continuous load paths and proper structural detailing, enabling participants to confidently conduct simplified structural plan reviews and understand their critical role in the building process.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructor:
Sam Zahorka
City of Meridian


HALF DAY AM- Manufactured Housing Inspection and Installation

This Idaho-approved, four-hour course is designed for inspectors and installers Based on HUD standards, participants will learn to inspect key systems—including structure, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and foundations—evaluate accessory buildings, and communicate defects. The course also covers installation procedures, permitting, and Idaho licensing requirements (IDAPA 07.03.11), providing practical, HUD-approved training to support certification and continuing education.

0.4 ICC CEU | 4 Hours Idaho CE

Instructors:
Peter Jackson
Maureen O'Shea
ID Dept. of Water



HALF DAY (PM)- Floodplain Regulations for Manufactured Homes & Accessory Structures; Elevation Certificates & Methods for changing a Flood Map

This course addresses NFIP requirements for manufactured homes and accessory structures in floodplains, including detached garages, sheds, and agricultural buildings. Participants will learn floodplain permit compliance, use of Elevation Certificates, and methods for updating or correcting FEMA NFIP maps through various revisions and amendments. IDWR floodplain management staff provide guidance to local officials to ensure proper implementation and adherence to regulatory standards.

0.3 ICC CEU | AIA HSW TBD

Instructor:

Glenn Mathewson MCP
BuildingCodeCollege.com

**HALF DAY (AM) - Residential Roofing Inspection and Code Compliance**

This course provides inspectors and code professionals with a detailed understanding of residential roofing systems, including asphalt, tile, clay, and wood shingles. Instruction covers evaluation of modifications, additions, and storm-related damage while applying manufacturer specifications and code requirements. Emphasis is placed on inspection procedures, documentation standards, and maintaining objectivity to ensure structurally sound, compliant roof installations under varying field conditions.

0.3 ICC CEU | 3 AIA HSW

Instructors:

Jeannette Torrents,
PE, SE ASCE

Brennan Bean, PhD.
Utah State University

**HALF DAY (PM) - What's New in ASCE 7-22: Snow, Rain, Wind, Seismic and More**

This course provides a detailed overview of key updates from ASCE 7-16 to ASCE 7-22, addressing revisions to rain, flood, wind, seismic, and snow load provisions. Participants will examine reliability-targeted ground snow loads, their implications for Idaho, and the application of the ASCE Hazard Tool. The session concludes with a preview of ASCE 7-28 developments and discussion on impacts to future building design and code compliance.

0.3 ICC CEU | 3 AIA HSW

Instructors:

George Still
Heath Ludwig
Jack Purdue
Hilti Corp. - Firestop Training

**FULL DAY - Firestop 101: Inspection and Compliance**

This course provides advanced training for inspectors, architects, and AHJs on evaluating firestop and anchoring systems for accuracy and compliance. Participants will review firestop principles, system selection, inspection procedures, and specification requirements for chemical anchors. Emphasis is placed on current codes, testing standards, and real-world applications to improve identification of installation deficiencies and ensure safe, code-compliant fire-rated assemblies

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructor:

Doug Thornburg
International Code Council

**FULL DAY – Building Fundamentals and Planning (Two Part Class)**

2024 IBC Types of Construction (AM) - Based on IBC Ch. 6 - Identification of the construction materials and fire-resistance-rated features associated with the varied individual construction types. The permissible use of combustible materials in Type I and II noncombustible buildings will also be addressed

2024 IBC Mixed Occupancies (PM) - Based on the provisions of IBC Section 508 - Special requirements applicable to buildings containing two or more occupancy classifications. Three mixed-occupancy options are presented. Included: occupancy classification, mixed occupancy conditions, accessory occupancies, nonseparated occupancies, separated occupancies and multistory conditions.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructor:

Steve Thomas CBO
Shums Coda

**FULL DAY - Beginning Commercial Building Inspections**

This full-day course prepares residential inspectors for commercial inspections, covering essential preparation, tools, and inspector-contractor interactions. Primary focus is on technical inspection methods; foundations, wood and light-gauge steel framing, fire-resistive construction, means of egress, and accessibility requirements. Knowledge and skills to evaluate commercial structures with precision and code compliance.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

Instructors:

Larry Skelton PE, SE
AXIOM Engineering
TBD
National Fire Sprinkler Assoc.

**FULL DAY - Podium Construction: Structural Design and Fire Safety**

This course examines podium construction in urban developments, focusing on structural design, material integration, and code compliance. Topics include multi-story assemblies, fire protection, exterior wall systems, and life safety considerations. Participants will review construction practices, fire sprinkler coordination, and case studies to enhance understanding of performance, efficiency, and regulatory requirements for safe, cost-effective podium projects.

0.6 ICC CEU | 6 AIA HSW

DETAILS AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please visit [2026 EDUCATION INSTITUTE](#) to register. Registration is online only.

Registration fees include: instruction, Legislative Reception, breakfast, lunch and break refreshments (In Person Only).

REGISTRATION COSTS

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL CLASS

IDABO Members receive exclusive discounts as a part of their member benefits. Please visit website for additional information on Full Day, Half Day and Virtual Class options.

Due to limited space and instructor demand - If requesting to be invoiced, all invoices must be **paid within 14 days** of registration. If payment is not received, attendee will be placed on substitute list until payment has been collected.

OFFSITE DINNER & EVENT

If you are required to differentiate expenses - please complete class registration first. You can then access the registration page again, for a separate purchase to attend this event. We hope you can join us this year for a FUN and RELAXING night at [BASE CAMP SOCIAL](#)

CONFERENCE APP

A conference app will be available this year to enhance attendee experience. Class schedules, conference updates, networking opportunities and exhibitor information will all be just a click away. App will be available January 10th with instructions for download sent to all participants.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Whenever a registrant is unable to attend a paid seminar, a written request for substitution may be made by contacting IDABO at info@idabo.org. Include the name and email address of the current registrant and the name and email address of the registrant who will be attending. Also include the names of the courses that will be impacted.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

IDABO is an ICC Preferred Provider and all classes offered at the IDABO Education Institute are recognized by ICC for CEUs toward maintenance of your ICC certifications. Please check the website for updated AIA LU HWS information - AIA credits will be reported by Anna Foster of AIA Idaho. Please contact AIA for more information. Check with your local licensing board for additional CEU opportunities requirements.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel, IDABO must receive notification in writing by 5PM December 19, 2024, to receive a full refund. Any cancellations received between December 20 and January 9, 2026, will receive a 50% refund and any cancellations received after 5PM January 10, 2025, will not be eligible to receive a refund.

Please contact info@idabo.org with questions and cancellation requests.

2026 IDABO Education Institute
January 20-22, 2026
The Grove Hotel – Boise ID

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

**Deadline FOR LATE REGISTRATION IN
JANUARY 12, 2025**

The Grove Hotel (208) 333-8000

[Click on a link below for online reservations](#)

[Idaho Association of Building Officials GENERAL - The Grove Hotel](#)

[Idaho Association of Building Officials GOVERNMENT - The Grove Hotel*](#)

**(must show government ID upon check in)*

Please mention **IDABO Conference** if calling to book directly

**On Site Conference Registration Desk
opens at 7:00 AM**

January 20 – The Boise Centre
January 21 & 22 – The Grove Hotel

The registration desk will have an IDABO representative present throughout the conference

Contact the IDABO at 208-321-9182 Or email info@idabo.org

