



RIBA EDUCATION BENEFITS

JANUARY 2026

RIBA continues to offer a variety of educational offerings for Members & Employees! Also, all RI Residential Contractors may be eligible to take the classes noted below for FREE subject to enrollment in the Contractor Development Program.*

January 14 & 15 | 8am-3pm | Both Days

OSHA 10 Training (OSHA 10 card is issued)

NO credit hours - taught by Scott Asprey (IN PERSON) Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA)

Outreach Training Program's 10-hour safety course covers general safety and health hazards for entry-level workers.

January 21 | 8am-10am

Hiring Subcontractors- Dos and Don'ts

NO credit hours - taught by Francesco DeLuca and Gary Convertino

Hiring independent contractors is a big part of the construction industry but the misclassification of employees as independent contractors is a serious issue that the State of RI has made a priority to address. Recent legislation imposes significant penalties, including criminal penalties, on construction-industry employers who misclassify employees. This class will go into detail on what to do to avoid these issues.

January 22 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Estimating

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Luis Rivera

This course covers basic construction math and how it is used to estimate the labor and material costs of a residential construction project. (Note: this is a beginner level class; a more advanced class will be held on January 29)

January 23 | 8am-10:30am

Effective Communication in Code Enforcement

2½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier

Strong communication is key to successful code enforcement and compliance. This class helps building inspectors strengthen their communication and problem-solving skills while reviewing important Rhode Island code amendments. Contractors will also gain insight into working effectively with building officials to resolve issues and keep projects on track. (this class is also called Building Inspector Skills).

January 27 | 8am-10:30am

WRBs, Flashings and Exterior Water Management

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Mike Guertin

Review water resistive barrier product options, performance characteristics, and installation requirements; and learn the code provisions for window, door and other wall flashing.

January 28 | 8am-10:30am

Start & Grow Your Construction Business

2 ½ credit hours - taught by David Lucier

If you are looking to start or re-start your business, this class is for you. It covers all aspects of successful business ownership.

January 29 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Estimating Advanced

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Luis Rivera

This course picks up from where the intro to estimating left off. More advanced construction math and examples will be given for determining the costs of a residential construction project.

January 30 | 8am-10:30am

Existing Buildings with the New Energy Code

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier

Desormier Does your business focus on remodeling and additions? If you do, you will want to take this class to learn how the NEW energy code will affect that part of your business. This class is an NAHB training module (#3) in partnership with RIBA.

Contact Margarita Robledo for course offerings taught in Spanish at 401-374-1044

All classes will be taught via ZOOM unless otherwise indicated

All classes are approved by the RICRLB for continuing education credits, unless otherwise indicated.



*The Contractor Development Program is sponsored by Real Jobs, DLT and the Residential Workforce Partnership.

To register or for more information, contact Bob Salvas via email at: bsalvas@ribuilders.org or by calling the RI Builders Association at 401-438-7400

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