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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MAY 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.*

May 1 | 8am-10:30am

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code
2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

Attention Builders and Remodelers! The State of Rhode Island adopted the new Building Codes on December 1, 2025. This class will explain the changes happening when Rhode Island moves from the present 2021 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2021) to the new 2025 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2025). The material will include the updates to the residential building code and what RI Amendments have been added, amended or deleted.

May 6 | 8am-3pm

THE RIBA MARKETING SUMMIT FOR CONTRACTORS
2 ½ credit hours (IN PERSON)

A full day of marketing advice from several of the best local small business marketing advisors. Lunch will be provided by RIBA. Special bonuses too! A day DESIGNED to help you grow your business!

May 13 | 8am-10:30am

Social Media and AI for Contractors
2 ½ credit hours- taught by David Englund

This course on social media and basic AI provides guidance about the ways you can use both social media platforms and the new frontier of AI to grow your construction business, (this is for both beginners and intermediate students)

May 14 | 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.

May 15 | 8am-10:30am

RI General Law for One and Two Family Building Codes
2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

This class will cover how codes are adopted in the state of Rhode Island and general laws that apply to building codes.

May 19 | 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.

May 20 | 8am-10:30am

Wall Construction in the Building Code
2 ½ credit hours- taught by Larry Desormier

The class covers Chapter 6 of the RI One and Two Family Dwelling Code regarding the design and construction of wood, cold-formed steel, masonry, concrete and structural insulated panel (SIP) walls, and covers code changes pertaining to the new wind charts. Chapter 6 also regulates exterior windows and doors installed in walls.

May 21 | 8am-10:30am

Home Modifications for the Aging Population
2 ½ credit hours – taught by Linda Bohmbach

Learn about the many modifications- big and small - that can be made to enable the aging population to stay in their homes. These modifications and more will be addressed in this class.

May 21 | 3:30pm-6pm

Project Management: Leveraging Office Tools
2 ½ credit hours- taught by Brian Hall

Are you using computer programs like Excel and Word to help your construction business manage projects, help with estimates, create reminders, and more? This class will show you how to best leverage those tools for more success.

May 22 | 8am-10:30am

Roof Assemblies
2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

This class will cover how the codes in Chapters 8 and 9 apply to roof assemblies.

May 26 | 8am-10:30am

Conventional and Challenging Installation Details
2 ½ credit hours – taught by Mike Guertin

Learn how to apply the new RI prescriptive ledger fastening table and figures, and their limitations. See what proprietary ledger screws are on the market, and how to use manufacturer information properly. And learn how to install ledgers on homes with brick or stone veneer, continuous exterior insulation, a cantilevered floor as well as how to attach ledgers to concrete and CMU walls.

May 28 | 8am-10am

How to Use AI to Power Your Marketing
no RI credit hours- taught by Betty Galligan

In this class, you'll learn how to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to streamline and enhance your marketing strategies to drive growth. From lead generation and data analysis to email, social media and website content, this session will cover some of the free tools and tactics builders and construction pros can use to stay ahead in an increasingly digital world. Leave with practical skills you can apply immediately to your business.

May 29 | 8am-11am

Comprehensive Energy Code Update
2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

Participants Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code went into effect last year. Learn what you need to know about changes to the Code and learn options on how to be compliant. This class is an NAHB training module (#1) in partnership with RIBA. There will be a ½ hour Q & A following the class.

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.

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*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:
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