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CONTRACTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

December 2026

RIBA continues to offer a variety of educational opportunities for members and 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.*

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.

December 2 | 8am-10:30am

New Home Construction Process

No RI credit hours—taught by Elise Geddes

Learn steps you will need to keep in mind before you build a new home for spec or for contract.

December 3 | 8am-10:30am

Intro to Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs)

2 ½ credit hours—taught by Ken Lynch (IN PERSON)

This program is designed to give participants an overview of the features, benefits, and advantages of Insulated Concrete Forms as an alternative for a building envelope.

December 4 | 8am-10:30am

Wall Construction in the Building Code

2 ½ credit hours—taught by Larry Desormier

This 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, as well as code changes pertaining to the new wind charts. Chapter 6 also regulates the exterior windows and doors installed in walls.

December 8 | 8am-10:30am

Marketing Your Business

2 ½ credit hours—taught by Bob Salvas

This course is designed to help you understand marketing and branding for your construction business.

December 10 | 8am-10:30am

Building Planning

2 ½ credit hours—taught by Larry Desormier

This class covers Chapter 3 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code including design criteria and minimum fire separation for townhouses and one and two family dwellings.

December 14 | 8am-10:30am

Foundations & Floor Codes

2 ½ credit hours—taught by Larry Desormier

A detailed look into Chapters 4 and 5 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code for foundations and floor construction.

December 15 | 8am-10:30am

Contract Law

2 ½ credit hours—taught by George Lough & Merrill Friedemann

This course is designed to provide fundamental and advanced understanding of contract law in RI.

December 16 | 8am-10:30am

Accounting & Cash Flow

2 ½ credit hours—taught by David Lucier

This course helps a contractor understand the basics of accounting and how to manage cash flow.

December 18 | 8am-11am

Getting to Know Your RI Code Book

2 ½ credit hours—taught by Larry Desormier

This course will provide an understanding of RI's building codes and will demonstrate how to navigate the current IRC code book and RI Amendments. The instructor will indicate how to identify the correct code in a given situation and will provide an understanding of code structure. The building code contains multiple different tables, and this course will give examples of how to use them.

December 21 | 8am-10:30am

Effective Communication in Code Enforcement

2 ½ 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).

**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

