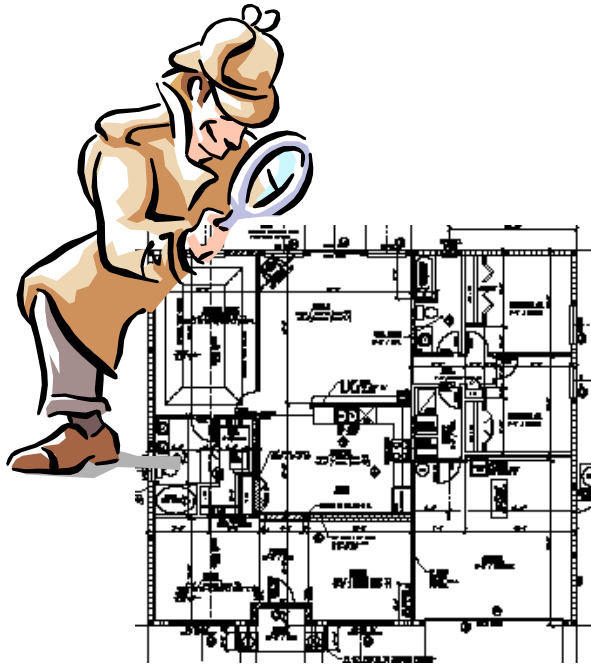




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A new way to save time and money

Background:

The Florida Prototype Building Program (FPBP) is a plan review and approval system that allows businesses to simplify the permitting process across the state. Buildings and structures to be constructed multiple times in different locations can undergo plan review once, saving time, money and effort.

Authorized by Florida Statute 553.77 in 2000, the program came on-line May 12, 2003 as part of the Department of Community Affairs' Building Code Information System website at www.floridabuilding.org.

The Prototype Building Program is administered by the IntraRisk Division of Applied Research Associates, Inc., from its Orlando, Florida office.

What is a Prototype Building?

Prototype buildings are structures intended for repetitive, site-built construction throughout Florida. For example, when you walk into McDonald's, chances are you'll recognize the floor plan, and the look doesn't vary whether it's in Miami, Tampa, Orlando or Pensacola. Before the FPBP, McDonald's would need to submit the same basic plan for review in each city. That is four different times, four different reviews and questions, then waiting each time for separate approvals.

Why do we have a Prototype Program?

Originally envisioned to help FDOT, the FPBP's scope was expanded to include all repetitively built buildings up to three stories high or 300,000 square feet. This makes the Program ideal for builders with stable designs, building in different locations in Florida.

How much does a Prototype Building plan review cost?

The fee schedule is available at www.intrarisk.com/prototype/prototypeuserguide.htm.

The screenshot shows the 'Building Code Information System' interface. The user is logged in as 'Bill York - York Construction Co. - Prototype Building Applicant'. The form contains the following fields:

- Company Name: York Construction Co.
- Company Address 1: 3743 Hunters Isle Drive
- Company Address 2: (empty)
- City: Orlando
- State: Florida
- Zip: 32837
- Country: US
- Application Contact: (empty)
- Email: (empty)
- Phone: (empty)
- Fax: (empty)
- Building Name/Model: (empty)
- Code Edition, Code Revision: (Select One)
- Construction Type: (Select One)

Navigation links on the left include: Home, Florida Building Code, Manufact. Buildings, Prototype Building, Training, Product Approval, License Search, Mailing List, and Florida Building Commission (FBC). A 'SUPPORT' sidebar on the right includes: Log Out, Registration, Contact Us, and About.

Benefits of the Program

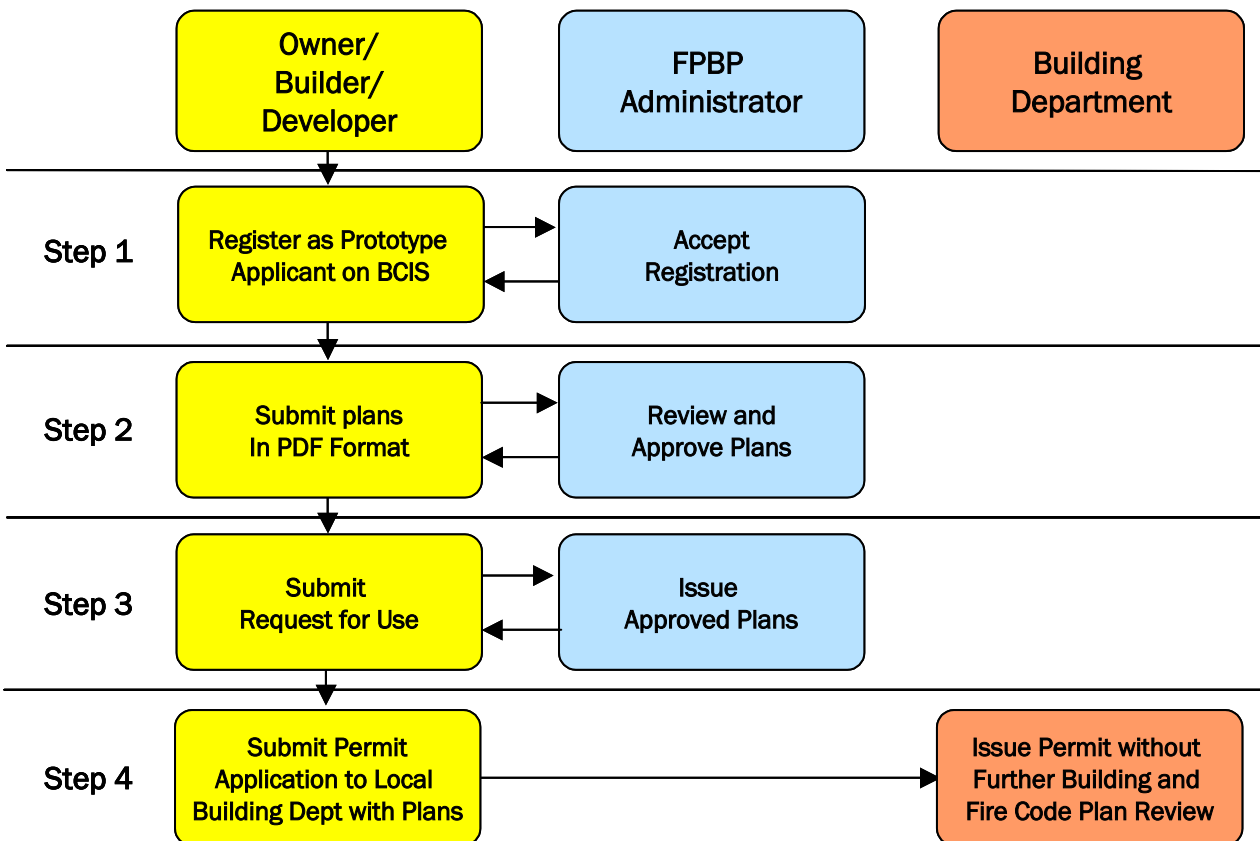
Builders and Developers

- Quick Turnaround time for Plan Reviews
- Saves Money and Management Time
- Consistent Code Interpretations
- One Plan Review for Many Permits
- Convenient and easy to use

Building Departments

- Reduces Time to Issue Permits
- Allows Time for Other Issues
- Provides Plan Reviews by Highly Qualified Plans Examiners = High Quality Work
- An Internal Quality Assurance Program Assures Accuracy of Plan Reviews

FPBP Plan Review Process



Project Management Team

Program Administrator: Bob McCormick is responsible for oversight and supervision of the Prototype Building Program plan review process and provides Electrical Plan Reviews. Bob is the Executive Director of the Building Officials Association of Florida. He worked for the City of Orlando for 30 years and was their Building Official before taking his current position. He is a Standard Building Code Administrator, Standard Plans Examiner (Electrical), and Standard Inspector (Commercial Electrical, Plumbing).



Code Consultant and QA Manager: Joe Belcher functions as the Program's Building and Fire Code Consultant and has primary responsibility for the internal Quality Assurance Program. Joe is a Chief Building Code Analyst, Chief Fire Prevention Code Analyst, Chief Building Inspector, Building Plan Examiner, Building Inspector, One and Two Family Dwelling Inspector, Chief Fire Inspector, Florida State Certified General Contractor, Florida State Certified Municipal Fire Inspector and Fire Fighter.



ARA Project Manager: Bill York is Director of Building Evaluations for Applied Research Associates and manages the FPBP. Bill holds a BS in Industrial Engineering and a Florida State Certified Building Contractor license with 30 years of residential and commercial construction experience. Bill has developed and taught numerous classes on the Florida Building Code. He has taught the Core Structural Class throughout Florida and in numerous locations around the country for Florida licensed Architects and Engineers.



Need more information?

A User Guide can be reviewed or downloaded at: www.intrarisk.com/prototype/prototypeuserguide.htm.