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 6/27/2014  2:00 PM - 3:30 PM **Fee:** \$0

FR206 Permit Streamlining: Architects as Change Agents

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 McCormick Place

This program will give attendees the knowledge to join the conversations and take a leadership role in vetting, implementing, and fine-tuning permit streamlining. Presenters will examine why permit streamlining can be good for your community, financial community, and your business—all at the same time; the importance of architects at the table when regulatory streamlining is being planned; the potential dark side of permit streamlining—negative impacts on professional liability exposure, profitability, and project success; how you and your AIA component can be effective change agents in your region and nationally, sharing best practices and vetting approaches that work; and the permit streamlining landscape across the United States.

When architects design buildings—new, rehabilitation, and historic reuse—the impacts are positive and sweeping. Energy savings, creation of good jobs, and shaping of beautiful and functional spaces for people are benefits that follow when architects are at work. As we continue climbing out of the recession, communities across the country are looking for measures to encourage investment in our built environment. Permit streamlining is a proven economic development tool that has been able to leverage scarce resources very effectively. With building and planning review staff cuts of up to 80 percent, the challenge of the new normal is to conduct permit reviews that do not compromise protection of public safety, yet are more timely, efficient, and transparent. An AIA-commissioned study has quantified benefits that can flow from Permit Streamlining, including economic stimulus through increased investment in buildings and infrastructure; lowered costs for both government and the private sector; job creation throughout local economies; and improved sustainability and energy performance that continues far into the future.

As the voice of the architectural profession, architects and the AIA are in an excellent position to help in streamlining consistency, vetting to insure the intent is achieved without unwanted negative consequences, innovation research, and feedback needed to make programs function at their best. Architects—working through their AIA Component—can use this powerful tool to help their local communities in the path of recession recovery: stimulating economic revitalization and investment in our built infrastructure.

Learning Objectives:

1. Engage as private sector partners in the code and regulatory arena in which architects work, balancing the protection of public health, safety, and welfare with effective and innovative permit processing tools.
2. Develop and help implement strategies for permit streamlining tailored to local communities which create significant economic stimulus for the benefit of the community while preserving checks and balances that protect public interests.
3. Improve cooperation and dialogue between plan review professionals and design professionals which

allows for greater efficiency, better work product, and improved code compliance, while at the same time reducing professional liability exposure.

4. Help local and regional jurisdictions implement streamlining strategies that are effective, transparent, cost efficient, and reasonable; and to evaluate and adjust strategies on an ongoing basis.

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