



AKF, an award-winning full-service engineering firm, is pleased to introduce Code Consulting services!

This new specialty group, based out of our Boston, MA office will provide building, fire, life safety, and accessibility code consulting for new construction and existing building projects as well as expert witness services/litigation support. The group will operate under the leadership of two highly respected professionals; James A. Ierardi, PhD, PE and A. Vernon Woodworth, AIA, LEED AP.

Both Ierardi and Woodworth have been extensively published and are internationally recognized speakers and lecturers at professional symposiums and leading universities.

Dr. James A. Ierardi, PhD, PE, has over 14 years of experience in providing fire safety and code consulting services. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Massachusetts and holds a Doctor of Philosophy and Masters of Science in Fire Protection Engineering, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is certified as a Building Plans Examiner, Fire Plans Examiner, and Accessibility Plans Examiner by the International Code Council and is certified by the National Fire Protection Association as a Fire Protection Specialist. He is a professional member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and was a contributing author of the SFPE Engineering Standard for Calculating Fire Exposure to Structures.

Mr. A. Vernon Woodworth, AIA, LEED AP, has over 30 years of experience in architecture, code enforcement, and code consulting in numerous project sectors. He is a licensed architect in the State of Massachusetts and a member of the faculty at the Boston Architectural College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from New College in Urban Design and a Masters degree from the Harvard Divinity School. He is a Certified Building Official by the International Code Council, a LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council, and has served as a member of the drafting committee of the International green Construction Code (IgCC), as well as on two subsequent code amendment hearing panels. Mr. Woodworth is the 2012 President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (MA AIA) and currently serves as Public Policy Commissioner for the Boston Society of Architects (BSA).

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AKF's experienced code consulting professionals are focused on applying and interpreting code requirements, serving clients directly or in combination with AKF Group's specialized engineering disciplines to develop fully integrated code compliance solutions.

- Architectural Plan Review
- Atrium Smoke Control Modeling
- Code Advocacy at National, State, Local Level
- Code Appeals and Variances
- Code Upgrade Insurance Claim Reviews
- Due Diligence Code Compliance Surveys
- Egress Modeling
- Existing Building Evaluations
- Expert Witness and Litigation Support
- Fire and Smoke Modeling
- Fire Resistance Rating Analysis
- Forensic Code Review
- Master Planning
- Negotiation with Code Officials
- Third Party Peer Review

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