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Background

Sheila Blake is the Building Code Administrator for the City of Houston with responsibilities including formal code analysis and interpretation, updating the construction code, oversight in permitting all construction activities in the City. She is a Certified Building Official and a member of the International Code Council with multiple code certifications in residential and commercial building codes, energy code, plumbing code and accessibility. She served on the ICC Building Code General Committee, the new ICC – 600 Standard for Residential Construction in High Wind Areas Committee as well as the Major Jurisdictions Council.

Achievements

Blake launched the annual Houston Building Professional Institute code seminar for code officials, coordinated and managed the adoption of the 1997, 2000 and 2003 Construction Codes, and most recently, the Houston Commercial Energy Conservation Code based on the 2004 ASHRAE 90.1 standard for commercial structures. She is currently working on the adoption process for the 2006 Construction Codes.

Green Building Affiliations

Recently elected to the US Green Building Council's Codes Committee and member of the local USGBC Greater Houston Area Chapter. She serves on the Greater Houston Partnership's (GHP) Green Building Committee and on the steering committee of the Houston Land and Water Sustainability Forum. She also participates on the Mayor's Environmental Liaisons committee.

Green Building Activities

She has been responsible for setting up a LEED incentive for plan review and LEED training sessions. She is currently tasked with establishing the Code Enforcement Green Building Resource Center. Along with her staff Program Director, she is coordinating with the Mayor's Green Building Advisory Committee.