



International Accreditation Service

A Subsidiary of the International Code Council

5360 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601 USA
562.699.0541, ext.3723
Toll Free: 866-427-4422
www.iasonline.org
info@iasonline.org

Benefits of Accreditation

As budgets tighten, workloads increase and public expectations rise, there is greater demand by municipalities for qualified private-sector firms to administer permitting, plan review and inspection services. More and more communities are considering the accreditation status of nongovernmental providers of building department services when making contract decisions. Companies that are accredited by IAS receive:

- A tool to use in promoting their business to jurisdictions throughout the United States and around the world
- Documented evidence from IAS that their company is competent and meets equivalent national standards for building departments
- An ongoing plan for improving their company's services and operations
- Recognition on the IAS website that provides quick and easy access for building departments and municipalities searching for accredited building department service providers
- The experience, independence, trustworthiness and responsiveness of IAS—a world-class accreditation provider

About the International Accreditation Service

IAS, a nonprofit subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC), has been providing accreditation services since 1975. IAS is fully qualified to address the accreditation needs of providers of third-party building department services because of its long history as an internationally recognized accreditation body and its strong association with code enforcement professionals at all levels. One of the nation's leading accreditation bodies, IAS developed the first accreditation program for building departments. IAS also accredits special inspection agencies, fabricators, testing laboratories, and other entities that provide services to the construction industry.

About the International Code Council

The International Code Council® (ICC®), a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties, and states choose the *International Codes*®, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.



09-01634



INTERNATIONAL
ACCREDITATION SERVICE
Leading Accreditors Since 1975

Accreditation of Third-Party Building Department Service Providers

GIVE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS
AND MUNICIPALITIES
CONFIDENCE IN
YOUR COMPANY

1-866-427-4422 | www.iasonline.org

Meeting National Standards

IAS accreditation provides jurisdictions with the evidence they need to select competent private-sector firms to administer permitting, plan review and inspection services on behalf of their building department.

Building department service providers play an important role in delivering the services that jurisdictions need to protect the public. When a service provider is accredited by the International Accreditation Service (IAS), it gives the jurisdiction confidence that the provider's services have been evaluated and that they meet equivalent national standards for building departments.



What is the Accreditation Process?

The accreditation program for building department service providers is based on IAS Accreditation Criteria AC402. Copies of this document, together with application materials and the fee schedule, are available on the IAS web site at www.iasonline.org/thirdparty.

The process for becoming an IAS-accredited building department service provider includes the following actions:

- Application for accreditation and fee submitted to IAS
- IAS assigns a lead evaluator to work with applicant, issues file number and mails self-evaluation package to applicant
- Applicant completes self-evaluation checklist and submits supporting documentation to IAS
- IAS reviews documentation and requests additional documentation as necessary

- IAS schedules and conducts on-site pre-evaluation with applicant
- If necessary, applicant resolves outstanding issues from pre-evaluation
- IAS schedules and conducts full on-site evaluation (including field visits, as appropriate) with applicant; IAS issues a full report of the evaluation
- Recommendation is forwarded to the IAS Board Committee on Accreditation (BCA)
- Accreditation certificate issued upon successful completion of all requirements and approval by the BCA

To learn more about IAS accreditation, please visit www.iasonline.org/thirdparty, call toll-free 1-866-427-4422, or email info@iasonline.org.