



Session 1A:
Georgia Code Updates

Presented by the Office of Construction Codes and Industrialized Buildings

An in-depth update on Georgia's 2024 code adoptions and implementation timeline.

This session provides a technical update on Georgia's construction codes and current code adoption activity. The DCA Board has approved the new editions and Georgia amendments to the 2024 International Codes, including the IRC, IBC, IMC, IPC, ISPSA, IFGC, and NEC, all with an effective date of January 1, 2026. The IECC and Permissive Code Task Forces are currently reviewing the 2024 editions with a tentative effective date of January 1, 2026.

Discussion will also highlight the Construction Codes Program's statewide coordination role, the Industrialized Buildings Program, and classifications of closed construction. Designed for professionals with a strong understanding of the code process, this session focuses on current technical updates and DCA's continuing leadership in Georgia's code administration.



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