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STATE OF ALABAMA BUILDING COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION

The Alabama Building Commission (ABC) has two basic functions:

1. CODE FUNCTION: Adopt, promulgate, and enforce a State Building Code.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION: Supervise and administer public building construction and improvement projects of State Agencies and Departments, the Public School and College Authority (PSCA), Postsecondary Education, and other building projects and programs assigned to it by the Legislature.

This manual defines requirements and procedures that building Owners (Awarding Authorities) and design professionals must comply with if their building construction or improvement project falls under the jurisdiction of one or both of these ABC functions. The jurisdiction of the Code Function is much broader than that of the Administrative Function and the ABC's authority and procedures under each function varies dependent upon the project Owner and their source(s) of funding for the project.

Although the chapters of the manual provide details of requirements and procedures, a "SUMMARY OF ABC REQUIREMENTS BY PROJECT TYPE" is provided on the following pages to assist readers to quickly determine which ABC requirements and procedures will apply to their project. Under each project type, the Summary cites a "Project Appendix". The "Project Appendix" summarizes procedures in greater detail and describes document processing that is unique to each project type.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the reader first refer to the "Summary of ABC Requirements by Project Type" and then to the cited Project Appendix to obtain a general understanding of the ABC's authority, requirements, and procedures applicable to a proposed project before proceeding to follow the procedures contained in this manual.