



Construction Services Department



The Construction Services Department (CSD) of the City of West Palm Beach is both pleased and proud to announce that it is the fifth organization in the nation and the first municipality in Florida to earn the Building Department Accreditation by the International Accreditation Services (IAS). This honor is the result of nearly two years of work on the part of the entire CSD and the IAS team.

To achieve this distinction, your Construction Services Department voluntarily submitted to intense scrutiny by an outside third party regarding 113 separate criteria activities covering our policies, procedures, processes, information systems, and management practices. The information we provided to IAS was verified by their auditing team, which was comprised of experienced construction industry professionals, which included architects, engineers, and building officials. The IAS team performed interviews with City Administration and various City departments, as well as representatives from the local construction industry including architects, contractors, trade associations, and the Chamber of Commerce.

The benefit to the City, its residents and businesses is there is now independent verification that your Construction Services Department operates under the highest ethical, legal and technical standards by meeting established quality standards. The accreditation provides documented proof from an independent accreditation body that your Construction Services Department is operating effectively, maintains high standards, and has the ability to offer enhanced life safety and property protection within the jurisdiction we serve. In short, your Construction Services Department is to be considered to be among the best building departments in the country.

IAS, a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation that has been a recognized accreditation body since 1975, has developed a Building Department Accreditation Program to facilitate recognition of building departments. The IAS is a subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC). IAS accredits testing and calibration laboratories, inspection agencies, building departments, fabricator inspection programs and IBC special inspection agencies. Today, IAS is one of the leading accreditation bodies in the United States and a signatory to several international mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs) worldwide.

For additional information on IAS and its Building Department Accreditation program, please visit their website at the following address:

www.iasonline.org