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ADA Tolerances and Acceptable Measurements by Jim Terry

ADA TOLERANCES AND ACCEPTABLE MEASUREMENTS

This course will cover the specific wording of ADA Standards Section 104.1.1 on tolerances and similar language in the CBC and explain how they should be interpreted. It will cover what types of conditions are subject to the tolerances language and which ones are not. The panelists will discuss how they measure field conditions affecting accessibility and ADA compliance, how those measurements are critical in understanding and applying the tolerances language, and what types of field conditions affect the determination of whether a measurement is within the tolerances allowed by the standards. They will list sources they use for determining tolerances, and how they apply them under various conditions. Finally, the panelists will define and discuss the 'acceptable measurements' that are often agreed upon during ADA lawsuit settlement negotiations and how they differ from true tolerances. Tolerances under the ADA are being interpreted differently by the federal agencies and the Department of Justice than the way they are typically interpreted under local building codes. This session provides architects and accessibility specialists with peer feedback on a critical but highly esoteric topic that has confounded designers, detailers, engineers, contractors, building officials, and attorneys since the ADA was passed.

Objectives:

1. Understand how to analyze and apply the ADA and CBC accessibility tolerance language where it is different from building code tolerance language.
2. Know where to find additional resources to assist you when you need to determine whether a field condition on a project falls within ADA tolerances.
3. Measure many of the field conditions where arguments often arise about what is and is not within ADA tolerances.

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