

PALM BEACH COUNTYWIDE **ENHANCED CONTRACTOR ENROLLMENT** **MAKES DOING BUSINESS EASIER**

The idea of an Enhanced Contractor Enrollment Program began during the multi-jurisdictional Building Code Advisory Board discussions on the successful efforts of public/private partnerships, in conjunction with the "Six Pillars Business Climate and Competitive Task Force". This task force was organized for the purpose of enhancing the interactions of the public and private entities, as they move through the regulatory processes in all municipal and county jurisdictions. Palm Beach County is a great place to do business, and this contractor enrollment program is yet another step in streamlining processes.

Upon presentation of the concept of centralized contractor enrollment to several contractors, trade associations, and municipalities, it received tremendous support. The restructuring of the redundant process of contractors registering in potentially 39 jurisdictions (including the unincorporated County) was then underway. The new process will eliminate duplication of efforts and the associated costs, by allowing all participating municipalities to use the Palm Beach County Contractors Certification Division automated system, as a central repository of information on contractor's license status, liability insurance, workers compensation coverage, and business tax receipt information.

When Palm Beach County is notified by an insurance company that an insurance policy is cancelled, all participating municipalities will then be notified. In order to participate in the program, a Standard Interlocal Agreement will be executed between the County and the participating municipality, where all contact information and details of the agreement are clearly established.

Benefits - Enhanced Enrollment

- There is no cost to the municipalities for the service.
- Contractors and insurance companies will not have to transmit the same information to each city, saving time and expense.
- One repository of license and insurance information being used throughout the county, will improve economies of scale.
- Participating municipalities will be notified immediately, if insurance coverage is cancelled.
- As a voluntary program, municipal participants are only agreeing to accept information of countywide enrollees, and will remain free to directly enroll those contractors that intend to work only in their jurisdiction.

Important Telephone Numbers and Websites

- Palm Beach County Contractors Certification Division 561-233-5525
<http://www.pbcgov.com/pzb/Contractors/index.htm>
 - Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) 850-487-1395
Licensing: <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp?mode=0&SID=>
Licensing (Electrical): <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/intentions2.asp?chBoard=true&boardid=08&SID=>
- [Contractor Enrollment Municipal Interlocal Agreement Form](#)