



Legislative Alert

The AIA Connecticut Committee on the Environment (COTE), Building Performance and Regulations Committee, and Government Affairs Committee have been monitoring Connecticut State legislative action that impacts the practice of architecture in the state.

Legislative activity in 2007 mandated regulatory changes and changes to the State Building Code in sections 16a-38k and 29-256a of the 2008 Supplement to the State Statutes. 16a-38k relates to the construction of state funded facilities, and section 29-256a relates to the construction of other buildings in the state. Both specify project cost thresholds. The specific language of the 2008 Supplements to the State Statutes may be found here on the Government Affairs Committee page of the AIA Connecticut website.

The Office of Policy and Management is developing the Regulations mandated by 16a-38k, while the State Building Inspector's Office has amended the Building Code in accordance with section 29-256.

The publication of the Regulations is pending, but a draft copy of the 2008 Amendments to the Building Code may now be accessed on the Department of Public Safety's website: www.ct.gov/dps. Go to the Office of the State Building Inspector's page, and under Announcements, you will find links to both the 2008 State Building and Fire Code Amendments.