



Building Up Safe, Sustainable, Resilient and Affordable Communities

Supporting Off-Site Construction Solutions through Regulatory Consistency

Across the country communities are struggling with the affordability and availability of housing. Off-site construction can be part of the solution.

Off-site construction can:

- Accelerate construction timelines by 20 to 50 percent
- Lower material wastage rates, providing environmental benefit and cost savings
- Improve construction quality
- Create safer and less disruptive jobsites

Off-site construction projects comply with the same building codes as site built projects, but are built in a factory. This means a different compliance verification approach is needed.

Recognizing the importance that consistency in off-site regulation plays in promoting process efficiencies, the International Code Council and Modular Building Institute developed ICC/MBI Standards 1200 and 1205 to which capture the best practices from existing state off-site construction programs.

- [ICC/MBI Standard 1200-2021: Standard for Off-Site Construction: Planning, Design, Fabrication, and Assembly](#)
- [ICC/MBI Standard 1205-2021: Standard for Off-Site Construction: Inspection and Regulatory Compliance](#)

Consistency in off-site construction regulations allow manufacturers to deliver housing more efficiently on a regional basis. Aligning regulatory programs around a common set of standards is good for communities and good for manufacturers.

Where current state off-site construction programs exist, their requirements should be updated to align with the requirements in ICC/MBI Standards 1200 and 1205.

For states without state-wide programs, a state-wide program can reduce the burden on local code officials and unlock the opportunities provided by off-site construction. Standards 1200 and 1205 provide a great starting point.



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