



“Members should incorporate adaptation strategies with their clients to anticipate extreme weather events and minimize adverse effects on the environment, economy and public health”

AIA Code of Ethics

# POLICY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IT IS TIME TO TAKE ACTION

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) is the voice of the architecture profession, committed to shaping Florida’s future through architecture.

We foster professional excellence and political effectiveness, creating public awareness, and providing member communication. AIA Florida recognizes the ongoing need to propose and comment on public policies that affect the built environment and the profession.

AIA Florida is committed to actively representing the interests of our members before the Florida Legislature, the governor, cabinet and state agencies. To this end, AIA Florida’s Advocacy Committee and board of directors have developed the following positions and policies in the areas of professional practice; jobs and economic development; and the protection of public health, safety, welfare, and the environment.

Architects are your local resource. AIA Florida includes 3,900 educated and trained professionals that understand the complex intersection of Florida’s natural and built environments. We are ready to be your local resource in addressing Florida’s challenges. We are available to answer your questions about design, life safety, resilience and more.

## AIA FLORIDA SUPPORTS

**Building Inspections:** AIA Florida supports a holistic approach to the building inspection considering the whole building and building envelope, the physical separator between the conditioned and unconditioned environment of a building, including the resistance to air, wind, water, heat, light and noise transfer.

**Public Buildings as Shelters:** AIA Florida supports and encourages the establishment of a state-supported program to annually review public buildings that are utilized as shelters. Additionally, AIA Florida supports the state creating an analysis of existing shelters and providing funding to improve non-complaint shelters.

**Sea Level Rise and Flooding:** AIA Florida encourages in the strongest possible terms, that the government officials at all levels give immediate consideration to address consequences of generally attributed scientific research and evidence regarding increasing sea level rise and flooding and the potential impact on current as well as future development and construction in Florida.

**CCNA:** AIA Florida supports the qualifications-based public procurement selection process of the Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), selecting the most qualified design professional ultimately saving money in the overall cost of the building and ensuring the building is sustainable.