



CONSTRUCTION NEWS YOU CAN USE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 29th - Cam Tech SESSION II-2016 starts in *Tampa and Orlando* for students taking a *JUNE technical exam*

JUNE 14th - TECHNICAL EXAM for Air Conditioning A, Mechanical, and Plumbing license categories

JUNE 15th - TECHNICAL EXAM for General, Builder, and Residential license categories

JULY 8th - Cam Tech SESSION II-2016 starts in *Ft. Myers* for students taking an *AUGUST technical exam*

JULY 16th and 17th - Cam Tech CONTINUING EDUCATION 2016 live courses in Tampa

AUGUST 16th - TECHNICAL EXAM for Air Conditioning A, Mechanical, and Plumbing license categories

AUGUST 17th - TECHNICAL EXAM for General, Builder, and Residential license categories

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from ...*



A Reminder from the DBPR About Re-Activation of Inactive Licenses

*House Bill 517 passed during the 2012
Legislative Session and was approved by
Governor Rick Scott on April 6, 2012.*

*This bill reduces the number of continuing
education credits an inactive or delinquent
contractor licensee must complete prior to
reactivating his or her license.*

*Effective July 1, 2012, an inactive or
delinquent licensee will only need to
complete the continuing education
requirements for the renewal cycle
immediately preceding license reactivation.*



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Top Five Uses for Tablets on Construction Projects

by Rob McKinney

<http://conappguru.com/>

SPOTLIGHT ON CONSTRUCTION & TECHNOLOGY

In today's fast paced world construction professionals have to deal with a tremendous amount of information on projects. Everyday project managers and superintendents must make many decisions that may have multiple ramifications in the future. In the current construction market, project Owners are asking for schedules to be accelerated and projects to be delivered early. The changes to design during the building seem to be the new industry standard. This leads me to ask the question: How can construction professionals keep up with today's fast paced projects?

One solution for construction professionals can be the adoption of mobile devices such as tablets that allow construction professionals in the field to do this faster than ever before. Through the use of tablets and apps, field staff on construction projects can access the information and files they need access to in real time. Over the past few years I have developed a construction specific Mobile Device Program.

The goal of this program is to help field staff better accomplish workflows such as...

- Viewing Plans
- Completing Daily Reports
- Progress Photos
- Entering Time
- Documenting Safety

View Plans — Projects are built based upon the project documents (the specifications and plans). The superintendent must have access to the most current set of plans in order to ensure details are built properly. They can either carry around a large set of large plans and try to find a flat dry spot to roll them out OR walk back and forth to the trailer all day. Apps on tablets provide an easy way to view and mark up drawings in the field. Consider using established apps such as [Bluebeam Vu](#), [Fieldwire](#), [PlanGrid](#), [Procore](#), and [Skysite](#). There are also new plan options such as [BIM 360 DOCS](#), [Construct](#), [Drawboard](#), [Geniebelt](#), or [Rollout AEC](#).

Daily Reports — One of the key workflows a project superintendent should conduct every day is creating a detailed Daily Report. The question to ask here is how are they accomplishing this? Are they using a logbook, notebook, or a three ring binder full of forms? Would you like a way to have daily reports created, shared and backed up to your server everyday? What information are they collecting about the project site? Are they documenting manpower, deliveries, or weather conditions? Consider using established apps such as [FieldLens](#), [Fotoin](#), and [Raken](#). There are also alternative options such as [App Sheet](#), [iAuditor](#), and [Quickbase](#).

Progress Photos — One of the best methods for documenting project conditions is by taking progress photos. The old process of using a digital camera, downloading the photo files to a laptop, and then uploading the photos to a company server is simply too time consuming. The challenge to this workflow is how to take photos, tag them with key information, and then save them automatically to a location that all team members can access in the future. This is where apps on mobile devices can provide an easy way to capture progress photos in the field. Consider using established apps such as [FieldLens](#), [Fotoin](#), or [Notevault](#). There are also alternative options such as cloud storage such as Box, Dropbox, iCloud and Google.

Entering Time — One of the most important workflows is documenting the hours each employee works on your project site each day. How does the superintendent keep track of the hours each employee works? A time clock, a sign in sheet, a notebook? How are the hours transmitted to the office and entered into the accounting system? Are they tracking just direct employee time or subcontractor hours as well. Consider using established apps such as [About Time](#), [Clock Shark](#), and [TSheets](#). There are also alternative options such as [Fieldlens](#), [Raken](#), and [Procore](#).

Safety Reports — Properly documenting safety activities tends to be an overlooked workflow on most construction project sites. Unlike other workflows, certain safety events such as accidents or OSHA inspections can have significant long term effect on companies. The superintendent is generally responsible for conducting a toolbox talk and sending me the proper form documenting the training. Consider using established apps such as [iAuditor](#), [Safesite](#), [Safety-Reports](#), and [StriveZero](#). There are also alternative options such as [App Sheet](#), [CCS Safety](#), and [Quickbase](#).

CAM TECH IS OFFERING MULTIPLE CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR 2016

ONLINE Required and General Subjects Course

Complete all 14 required hours on your schedule!

REQUIRED AND GENERAL SUBJECT COURSES (14 hours) \$149.00

ONLINE Required Subjects Course

Complete all 6 required hours on your schedule and get your 8 general hours any time **BEFORE August 31st!**

REQUIRED SUBJECTS COURSE (6 hours) \$99.00

ONLINE General Subject Courses

Complete any general hours you need, 1 hour at a time, on your schedule!

This is ideal for any student **ONLY** needing 7 hours of CE for renewal. Take our **ONLINE 6 hour Required Subjects Course** and choose your last hour from our selection of **ONLINE General Subject Courses**.

GENERAL SUBJECT COURSES (1 hour each) \$19.00

LIVE Required and General Subject Courses July 16 & 17

Get all your hours in one spot at one time, with us at the Tampa Sheraton East! Price includes **HOT** buffet lunch daily. Space is limited.

COMPLETE COURSE - Saturday & Sunday (14 hours) \$275.00

GENERAL SUBJECTS COURSE - Saturday ONLY (8 hours) \$175.00

REQUIRED SUBJECTS COURSE - Sunday ONLY (6 hours) \$175.00

ONLINE Hurricane Wind Mitigation Training FOR HOME INSPECTOR LICENSE RENEWAL ONLY!

Complete your 2 required hours covering hurricane mitigation training and completion of the "Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form" on your schedule!

HOME INSPECTOR COURSE ONLINE (2 hours) \$49.00

For more details or to register, click [here](#).



Required Subjects Course (available LIVE - 0610422, 0611414 or ONLINE - 0611170, 0611415) Includes; Contractor Licensing Law, Florida Lien Law, Advanced FBC Significant 2014 Code Changes, Wind/Hurricane Damage Mitigation, Workplace Safety, and Worker's Compensation

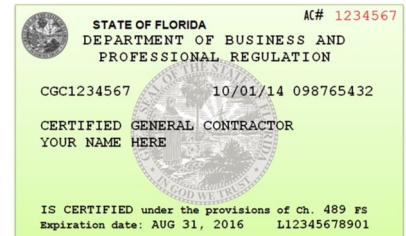
General Subjects Course (available LIVE - 0610423 or ONLINE - 0611179, 0611177, 0611185, 0611187, 0611184, 0611183, 0611175, 0611172) Includes; Asset Protection for Contractors, Marketing Strategies for Contractors, Construction Law and Case Update, How to Make an Insurance Company "Pay", and Employee Law; Top Reasons Construction Employers are Sued

Hurricane Wind Mitigation Course (available ONLINE - 0611182) Includes; Hurricane Mitigation Training and Training on Completion of the "Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form"

CILB 2016 LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE AUGUST 30, 2016

You can renew your Contractors License by mail (completing the renewal form mailed by the CILB or, renew online at www.myfloridalicense.com following the prompts for "Renew a License". The renewal forms are generally mailed out mid year and the online system is available to licensees any time.

You do not need to have your CE hours posted or CE certificate to reapply for your license. Once your hours are posted by your CE provider to the state's FTP system AND you have completed the renewal process, your new license will be mailed to you.



DID YOU RECENTLY RECEIVE YOUR LICENSE?

Are you not sure how much CE you really need? If you received your license;

- AFTER 09/01/2015, you need 0 hours of CE.
- BETWEEN 09/01/2014 and 08/31/2015, you need 7 hours of CE.
- PRIOR to 08/31/2014, you need 14 hours of CE.

CE REQUIREMENTS FOR CILB LICENSE HOLDERS

Per the requirements laid out in Florida Statute 489.115 and CILB Rule 61 G4-18.001, **ALL** registered and certified contractors are required to complete fourteen (14) hours of continuing education each renewal cycle. Of the fourteen (14) hours, one (1) hour shall be required in each of the following topics:

- Workplace safety (WPS)
- Business practices (BP)
- Workers' compensation (WC)
- Laws and rules regulating the construction industry (LR)
- Wind mitigation methodologies (WMM)
- Specialized or advanced module course (ADV)

The remaining hours may include any of the aforementioned subject matter or general (GEN) topics such as; business, trade, workers' compensation, laws and rules related to the construction industry, or safety topics relevant to the construction industry.

NOTE TO HOME INSPECTORS REGARDING CE REQUIREMENT

Both active and inactive licensed professional home inspectors are required to complete 14 hours of continuing education credits for renewal.

The continuing education must include twelve (12) hours of general continuing education courses, course topics concerning home inspection services or the components of a home, including the limited visual examination of the following readily accessible installed systems and components of a home for the purpose of providing a written report of the condition of the home; the structure, electrical system, HVAC system, roof covering, plumbing system, interior components, exterior components, and site conditions that affect the structure.

And two (2) hours of hurricane wind mitigation which shall include training on completion of the "Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form," OIR -B1-1802 (Rev. 01/12), incorporated by reference in Rule 69O-170.0155, F.A.C. (eff. 2/1/12).

Need assistance with your
Florida Contractor's License
Application?

CONTRACTORS
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800-487-2084
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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR APPLICANTS

Florida Law requires all construction contractor applicants to establish that they are both financially responsible and financially stable prior to issuance of their licenses.

Does your submitted credit report show a credit score of 660 or higher? If you have applied for your Florida State Contractor's License and you do not have a minimum credit score of 660, you will be required to secure a Financial Stability Bond.

Without proof of completion of an approved 14-hour financial responsibility course, you will need to secure a bond in the amount of:

- \$20,000 for Division I applicants
- \$10,000 for Division II applicants

But, if you want to cut that bond in half, you can take Cam Tech's 14-hour Financial Responsibility & Stability Course.

With proof of completion of our approved financial responsibility course, you can reduce your bond amount to:

- \$10,000 for Division I applicants
- \$5,000 for Division II applicants

Cam Tech is offering our online "Financial Responsibility & Stability for the Contractor" course for just \$149.

In taking this course, you will gain useful information for today's contractor in today's economy. Don't just get your 14 hours; walk away equipped with the knowledge you need to become a responsible, successful business owner and even gain useful knowledge about personal finances.

Sign up and take our online 14-hour Financial Responsibility & Stability Course at your convenience. Our course is approved by the DBPR (Course #0609924) and covers all required categories. Upon completion, a Certificate of Completion will be issued to be included in your application package.

Call our office or register online today:
www.camtechschool.com/registration.php

Want your contractor's license?
Interested in upgrading or
getting an additional license?

CAM TECH CAN SHOW YOU HOW!

Classes begin for the **JUNE EXAM** in
TAMPA and ORLANDO on **APRIL 29th**

Classes begin for the **AUGUST EXAM** in
FT. MYERS on **JULY 8th**

To register or for more information,
visit our website, www.camtechschool.com,
or call us at 813-960-0100 / 800-875-PASS (7277).



CAM TECH ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Are you one of the thousands of contractors reading
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Or, are you one of the countless contractors reading
this who came through Cam Tech's continuing
education courses to maintain your license?

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*For more information on the Financial Stability Bond
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