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Charleston County Building Services Lands Honor in the Name of Public Safety *Building Inspection Services scores a major accreditation*

[Charleston County's Building Inspection Services](#) secured an accreditation from the [International Accreditation Services \(IAS\)](#) for demonstrating best practices, procedures and processes. The review and examination covered 10 categories under Building Inspection Services from structural and life safety to building and property maintenance. Charleston County Building Inspection Services is one of only 21 accredited building departments in the U.S.

"[Charleston County Government](#) is constantly striving to be a leader in all phases of government service and this accreditation for the department of Building Inspection Services is an example of that work," said Walt Smalls, the County's Deputy Administrator of General Services. "More specifically, code enforcement plays an essential role in maintaining safety and conformity in the county. I applaud the efforts of staff and I believe this accomplishment showcases the quality people we have working for the citizens of Charleston County."

The principle role of Building Inspection Services is to ensure structures are built and maintained to the international construction standards. In addition, the department also provides floodplain management, damage assessment, community education, contractor licenses and maintains the [Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).

Recently, IAS performed a full evaluation process including on-the-job activities as well as a comprehensive review of the department's policies and procedures. One of the highlights of the review process was a supervisor "ride along" with the inspectors that was determined to be an industry best practice according to IAS.

For more information from IAS on the Accreditation: <http://iasonline.org/More/2013/NR121213-CharlestonCounty.html>

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