

SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Gene Boecker is a project manager at Code Consultants, a multi-discipline consulting firm with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. Boecker performs facility plan reviews to determine access and means of egress for disabled accessibility during design and construction.

For existing facilities and new construction, Boecker completes on-site surveys of real-world conditions. He evaluates existing accessibility features by assessing compliance with state and federal barrier-removal requirements, reviewing the accessibility codes in effect when the facility was built, and recommending improvements based on current and proposed accessibility standards.

His reviews follow federal standards adopted for the specific facility, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II, ADA Title III, Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard, Department of Defense, General Services Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards. He reviews state and municipal codes to address applicable provisions by state and local entities.

Boecker's project highlights include the New York World Trade Center buildings, Hudson Yards in New York, and Google's new facilities in Mountain View, California.

He participates in ICC code development through code change submissions and testimony at code change hearings. He represents Cinema United as a voting member of the ICC/ANSI A117.1 Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.

Boecker provides FHA Compliance training that addresses obligations under FHA Consent Decrees issued by the Department of Justice and delivers general, useful information on the Fair Housing Act and owner/architect obligations. He has served as an expert witness for the defense on FHA complaints.

Code Consultants, which also has offices in New York, Chicago, Boston, and Los Angeles, provides life safety consulting, egress and smoke control computer modeling, engineered fire alarm and fire sprinkler design, and low-voltage building systems design.