

## POSITION STATEMENT

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF CONSULTING ACTIVITIES**

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It is the position of IIBEC that it and its members, in the practice of their vocation, must be committed to protecting human health and natural resources, promoting environmental stewardship, and implementing sound innovative environmental technologies and practices.

### **SUPPORTING POSITION STATEMENT COMMENTARY**

IIBEC and its members are in a unique position to influence and promote sound environmental design strategies and to increase the awareness of environmental issues within the design and construction industry. Environmental stewardship initiatives emphasize sustainable development, corporate responsibility, and the building of strong social and environmental ethics. This position statement seeks to establish organizational and individual goals and objectives.

#### **Organization Responsibility**

For IIBEC to be truly committed to sustainable environmental practices, the following organizational objectives are established to assist its members in practice and to assume a leadership position within the industry:

Objective: Create a climate of excellence and respect for the environment in the services provided by IIBEC membership and promote environmentally conscious practices.

Objective: Minimize any adverse effects on the environment by work performed by its members.

Objective: Comply with all relevant environmental regulations.

Objective: Develop and offer environmental educational programs to ensure that IIBEC members understand sound environmentally conscious practices. IIBEC will strive to generate up-to-date standards and guidelines where appropriate and will review and recommend new and revised standards developed by other responsible organizations when consistent with IIBEC environmental standards. Members must learn to identify, analyze, and manage environmental risks. Simply being unaware of environmental obligations does not relieve individual responsibility. Education is essential.

Objective: Communicate our environmental commitment to clients, members, and the community.

Traditionally, there has been a conflict between intent and practice concerning sustainable environmental practices in the corporate world. IIBEC seeks to demonstrate responsible management in its own operation and, by example, inspire personal action in its members. IIBEC will proactively address environmental challenges through its business strategy, internal policies and practices.

## **Individual Responsibility**

In a member-based organization, it is incumbent on each member to ensure that his/her activities, both personally and professionally, respect and promote the environmental health, safety, and welfare of the public in the built environment. IIBEC members must be environmentally responsible and advocate for the sustainable use of natural resources.

As an organization founded on and defined by the services provided by individual members, IIBEC believes that its environmental responsibility extends to its members. The success of any such initiative relies on the self-motivated and self-directed actions of individuals:

- Each member should take personal responsibility to protect the environment as he or she conducts work.
- Each member should take personal responsibility to use resources wisely.
- Each member should take personal responsibility to protect and enhance our local communities.
- Each member should maximize the benefits of the systems and components under his or her responsibility.
- Each member should maintain the highest practice standards and the practical state of the art.