

REWO®

REGISTERED EXTERIOR WALL OBSERVER



Monitoring for Proper Installation

A REWO is an impartial on-site inspector for the design team. The observer's vigilance helps keep construction on track and on budget.

REWOs act with full authority to observe all construction materials, equipment, and supplies for quality and compliance with the design team's intent.

Quality assurance is an important process for determining if the removal, installation, repair, or maintenance of exterior wall systems follow the scope and intent of the contract documents and are being installed and executed in accordance with accepted practices.

REWOs communicate directly with the owner's representative regarding work or materials that do not conform.

Why an REWO?

- An REWO's knowledge base is quantified through examination, character reference, and verified experience.
- REWOs are committed to annual continuing education requirements, and they follow a code of ethics for objectivity of service.
- REWOs contribute significantly to long-lived, successful exterior wall installations.

The Industry Standard

As reliance on quality assurance has grown, so too has the importance of clarifying the skills of the proficient practitioner. For many building managers, and consulting and contracting firms, the REWO designation is the preferred credential for exterior wall quality assurance professionals.



Objectivity and Commitment

Each REWO agrees to abide by the IIBEC Code of Ethics. Specifically, REWOs pledge to be truthful about their professional qualifications and performance, and they agree to provide unprejudiced and unbiased judgment and they conduct when performing all professional services.



**Quantified
Knowledge.**

**Comprehensive
Vigilance.**



Expertise

REWOs are versed in construction documentation, exterior wall specifications, industry codes and standards; wall systems and materials; wall system construction methods; wall system design types; environmental influences on project success; issues related to construction materials storage; construction tolerances and allowances; general and supplemental conditions; general building systems principles; manufacturers' specifications and requirements; product-specific application requirements; sequencing and scheduling; conflict resolution; and more.

To maintain their credential, REWOs must annually complete a minimum of 10 hours of relevant continuing education.

Prequalification

Potential candidates for REWO must substantiate a working knowledge of exterior walls and establish that they have met standard requirements for communication skills, work experience, and matters of character and ethics.

Examination Process

The REWO examination is designed to gauge the applicant's proficiency for observing and documenting quality-control comparisons with construction documents. The examination takes up to four hours to complete.

In order to receive a passing score, the examinee must prove understanding of the methodology of exterior wall quality assurance observation and show broad knowledge of ethics, wall systems, field testing, reporting, safe work practices, communication, and codes and standards.



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