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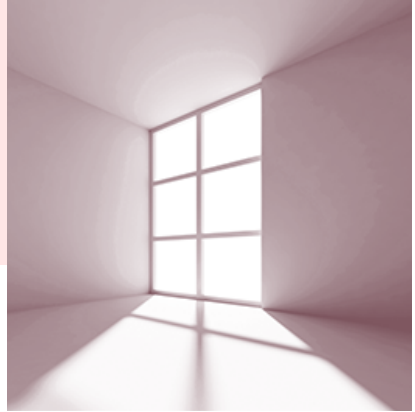
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PREFACE



Plan Review Skills addresses the soft skills that are essential for plan reviewers to excel in their role to ensure safe, code-compliant buildings for the public and the safety and general welfare of building occupants. Soft skills are non-technical traits and behaviors that enhance the plan reviewer's ability to interact and collaborate with design professionals and building owners with a common goal of timely completion of plan review efficiently and accurately. In addition to people skills—those social graces that improve interaction with people—soft skills include decision making, problem solving, professionalism, integrity, honesty and time management, to name a few. As important as the process is that leads to efficient and consistent reviews, this topic is covered also in Appendix A.

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