

# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

<b>SUBJECT</b>	C.J. Dupre' Building Official of the Year	<b>TYPE AGENDA ITEM</b>	Presentation
<b>DATE REQUESTED</b>	July 26, 2011	<b>DATE SUBMITTED/REVISED</b>	July 19, 2011
<b>BRIEFINGS? Who?</b>	None	<b>CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED</b>	N/A
<b>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</b>	Building & Development Services	<b>AUTHORIZED BY TITLE</b>	John Barnott, Director Building & Development Services
<b>CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE/EXTENSION</b>	John Barnott, Director Ext. 3887	<b>PRESENTER/TITLE TELEPHONE/EXTENSION</b>	John Barnott, Director Ext. 3887
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL</b>			

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<b>ACTION DESIRED</b> INDICATE WHETHER 1) REPORT; 2) DISCUSSION; 3) FORM OF MOTION; OR 4) OTHER ACTION REQUIRED
Recognition of Building Official of the Year awarded to C.J. Dupre' by the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida.

<b>ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY</b> Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy

<b>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION</b>
The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida selected Manatee County Building Official C.J. Dupre' as the Building Official of the Year at their Annual Conference & Trade Expo held in Naples in June 2011.

<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW</b>	
<b>Check appropriate box</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REVIEWED</b> Written Comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Available from Attorney (Attorney's initials: _____)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT REVIEWED (No apparent legal issues.)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT REVIEWED (Utilizes exact form or procedure previously approved by CAO.)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OTHER</b>

**APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION**  
 JUL 26 2011  
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

<b>ATTACHMENTS: (List in order as attached)</b>		<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS:</b>	
Press Release		None	
<b>COST:</b>	None	<b>SOURCE (ACCT # &amp; NAME):</b>	N/A
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	None	<b>AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS: (ATTACH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT)</b>	N/A

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Manatee's C.J. Dupre' named Building Official of the Year**

MANATEE COUNTY, FL (July 26, 2011) – Manatee County Commissioners today recognized Manatee Building Official C.J. Dupre' who was recently named Building Official of the year by the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida.

The chapter selected Dupre' for the honor last month in Naples at the 2011 Building Officials Association of Florida Annual Conference & Trade Expo. Chapter President Bob Mahar, said Dupre' regularly participates in meetings and often volunteers his time to the organization to prepare for annual conferences.

"We believe C.J. is a shining example of what a professional Building Official should strive to be," Mahar wrote in an e-mail to Manatee County. "He is caring, helpful and you should be proud of the Building Official that represents Manatee County."

Manatee County Building and Development Services Director John Barnott was proud of Dupre' and said he personifies Manatee's commitment to top-notch customer service.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time someone from Manatee County has been selected," Barnott said. "C.J.'s efforts go unnoticed by a lot of people, but the industry knows we have the best Building Official in the world. I am very proud of this achievement."

Dupre' was hired by the County in 2001 and has served as Building Official since 2008. He regularly attends meetings of the Manatee County Homebuilders Association and has worked with Sarasota County to bring consistency and predictability to building departments in both counties. He said it is a great honor to be recognized by his peers for the award.

"Manatee County has worked hard to earn recognition throughout the industry as a leader in customer service," Dupre' said. "I try to emphasize to our employees that you don't have to be a difficult person to do your job. We have a code to enforce and you can accomplish your goal in a respectful way by treating people the way you'd like to be treated."

The chapter includes Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. It meets throughout the year to discuss Florida Building code issues, and how local governments meet the challenges that arise within the field.

For more information on Manatee County's Building and Development Services Department, visit [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) or call (941) 749-3047. For more information on the Building Officials Association of Florida, visit [www.boaf.net/](http://www.boaf.net/)