

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING HB1283 AND THE OKLAHOMA INSPECTORS ACT**

HB1283, effective November 1, 2017, concerns the licensing of building and construction inspectors and contains changes to the Oklahoma Inspectors Act. Every political subdivision and every building and construction inspector conducting inspections on behalf of a political subdivision is encouraged to review the legislation and their practices to ensure compliance with the updated and new provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, 59 O.S. §1031, *et seq.*

A few of the changes in HB1283 include: clarification that all building and construction inspectors performing inspections under the act must be employees of a political subdivision in order to have an active license, and the establishment of a new license category of Authorized Agent intended to accommodate political subdivisions that may choose to use a private entity to perform certain building and construction inspections.

Administrative rules for the new law governing Authorized Agents are necessary and are required to be approved through the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The proposed rules should go through the legislative rule-making process for the 2018 Legislative Session. If approved through the APA process, the administrative rules would become effective in the fall of 2018.

A copy of HB1283 or the current provisions of the Oklahoma Inspectors Act may be obtained on the CIB website at: [www.cib.ok.gov/ruleslaws](http://www.cib.ok.gov/ruleslaws).