Problem setting. The range of problems currently faced by the Ukrainian building industry is extremely large. Problems that arise in construction are quite diverse, multi-dimensional, their solution requires the work of a large number of professionals, managers in this area, and hence they should have high qualifications. Overcoming the problems requires not only understanding of the situation by those who directly manage the industry, but also requires the introduction of an institute of engineer consultants: independent control, provision of individual findings, consultation and dispute resolution. Thus such an activity of engineer-consultants requires from them to continually improve their qualification level, which should meet the world's requirements.

Analysis of the recent research. The works by A. Vorob’yov, O. Kozych, V. Olyukh, O. Panukhnyk, V. Shubenkina, Ye. Yurcenko and others are devoted to the research of various aspects of city development and building industry administration. The issues of public servants education and continuous education are studied in the works of such scientists as S. Hayduchenko, A. Kuzminskyi, O. Melnykov, S. Sryohin, V. Yatsuba and others. Though there are a few outstanding issues concerning the training of the key personnel in specific industries as they include both professional competency and integration of knowledge which corresponds to internationally recognized standards.

The objective of the paper is to ground the basic principles and to determine the main forms of conducting training for engineer-consultants in the context of their continuing education.

Paper main body. For executive power and local self-government authorities who make decisions on construction at a certain site (in or out of the locality) it is
quite important to understand the body of requirements for building. A relevant list of things that an administrator in this field should know that is in decision-making on building of territories makes public authorities recourse to expert opinion. Even without having special knowledges the head of public authoritative or representative body has to know where to apply for qualified help. The most high-qualified building experts in our country created an association - Inter-State Guild of Consulting Engineers, which is a member of corresponding international organizations. Ukraine, having joined the world space of engineering and consulting services though the mentioned association, has to adapt its legal field in this sphere to generally recognized international standards. That is why the members of the Guild require training themselves, as well as informing the Government of Ukraine about the policy of foreign governments, mostly of the EU countries, in the building industry. For the specialists in building industry such training is possible through corresponding international organizations, and it is held, for example, by International Federation of Consulting Engineers, and which is a display of continuous education. Training of high-qualified specialists can be conducted in different forms: trainings, on-line conferences, seminars, development of instructions and manuals, etc. Generally recognized form of training for consulting engineers has become module system, which provides wide knowledge and creates new skills according to a certain module. Moreover such a system can include other kinds of training. To teach high-qualified people, namely consulting engineers, a range of principles should be formulated:

- continuity, substance, demand and complexity of training;
- tolerance in the world’s expert environment, perception of multi-cultural environment and variety of experts’ knowledge;
- expert’s development priority and acknowledgement of his/her value;
- primacy of competency compared to knowledge paradigm;
- global processes and civilization development consideration;
- information space usage and advanced technologies implementation.

**Conclusions.** Failure to observe these principles leads to decreasing in expert training efficiency and as a result to a serious backlog of Ukraine in compliance to
world’s standards in building industry, poor availability of Ukrainian market of engineering and consulting services.