

March 2010 International Code Council Update

Code Development – Final Action Hearings (May 13-23 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel)

The Code Council has received 754 public comments on 634 proposed changes to the *International Codes* that will be heard during the 2010 Final Action Hearings in Dallas and Charlotte, North Carolina. Group A of the Final Action Hearings, May 13-23 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, will include the *International Building, Existing Building, Fire, Fuel Gas, Mechanical, Plumbing, Residential* (only building, mechanical and plumbing sections) and *Wildland Urban Interface Codes*. Group B, October 28-November 1 in Charlotte, will include the *ICC Administrative Code Provisions* and *International Energy Conservation, Property Maintenance, Residential* (energy only) and *Zoning Codes*.

For more information: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/cycle.aspx>

Dallas Final Action Hearings feature educational tours

The Dallas hearings also feature two educational tours on May 13 to learn about local architecture and code-related challenges. Attendees will see how architects and builders are bringing sustainable construction to Dallas and be eligible to earn CEUs. One tour visits a LEED Gold home with innovative building materials, including cast-in-place, board-form concrete, red-painted hardy plank and foam insulation. The residence features an underground cistern, natural light, and high-performing windows to capture and move air through the home to reduce cooling costs. A second tour discovers a power station built in the 1920s that is being converted to a single-family residence. The fee for each tour is \$63.

ICC Foundation Introduces Professional Development Scholarship Program

The goal of the Code of Honor scholarship program is to ensure that the I-Codes continue to reflect the consensus view of officials at all levels of government by providing funding to voting governmental representatives seeking to attend Final Action Code Hearings. Scholarship categories vary from Emerging Leader to Veteran Leader and include a dedicated "First-time Attendee" award category. The 2010 scholars will be provided support to attend 2010 Final Code Development Hearings in either Dallas or Charlotte and 75 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants may apply in a variety of categories; however, all Code of Honor scholars must be a Governmental Member Voting Representative. The application database will open no later than the first week of March and awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional details about the program are available online at <http://www.icc-foundation.org> Code officials interested in applying for the scholarships should visit:

<http://www.icc-foundation.org/scholarships#codeofhonor> to learn about program details, qualifications, application requirements and to submit an online application once the process is open.

First Integrated Green Construction Code Poised For 2010 Debut

The ICC launched its International Green Construction Code (IGCC) initiative on June 29th, which will reduce energy usage and the carbon footprint of commercial buildings. Entitled "IGCC: Safe and Sustainable by the Book," the initiative is committed to develop a model code focused on new and existing commercial buildings.

Drafters of the International Code Council's International Green Construction Code (IGCC) are nearing completion of the first-ever integrated green code for traditional and high-performance commercial buildings, set for a public release on March 15, 2010. Read more:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/IGCC/Pages/default.aspx>

May is Building Safety Month

For the first time, the International Code Council (ICC) and International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) has expanded Building Safety Week into a month-long Building Safety Month campaign to expand opportunities and increase awareness about the critical importance of building and designing safe, sustainable and green structures in the United States and worldwide.

<http://www.icc-foundation.org/bsm>

Nominations Accepted for Raising the Profile Award

The honor recognizes efforts to raise public awareness of accomplishments by code officials to improve public safety in the built environment. This year's award will be presented during 2010 Building Safety Month activities in May. Deadline for nominations is March 15. PDF application is attached.

Call for Presentations

ICC is seeking proposals for presentation for two education programs at the 2010 Annual Conference. We are looking for presenters who are interested in addressing an audience of code officials, inspectors, plans examiners, fire officials, city managers, engineers, architects, and others related to the code enforcement industry. ICC strives to provide stimulating technical and non-technical presentations, which will enhance the professional competency of conference delegates. In an effort to provide meaningful, current, and relevant educational programs, sessions need to be interesting and informative for both the newcomer and the experienced professional.

Schedule for submitting proposals:

2010 ICC Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC, October 25 – November 1

April 4, 2010 – Deadline for submitting proposals

April 22, 2010 – Notification of selection results sent to submitters

Submit application: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/CallforPresentations.aspx>

New Chapter Benefits for 2010

For 2010, the Chapter Training Benefit will consist of one day of training at 50% off the listed price for courses and workbooks. Chapters of the International Code Council are entitled to a variety of complimentary and reduced rate benefits. To be eligible for benefits, your chapter must meet the requirements of CP #10-04 and have a current annual report on file.

Visit this page for more information: <http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/content/Pages/ChapterTrainingBenefit.aspx>

New Chapter Area on ICC website:

The new website has an area for ICC Regional and Chapter News. Please visit this page for news and updates. If your Chapter has news to share, please forward to GR Regional Manager Corey Roblee CRoblee@iccsafe.org

Direct link: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Communities/ChaptersRegions/Pages/default.aspx>

Community Building Code Administration Grant Act (CBCAG) re-introduced into Congress. Please show your support by sending letters and a Supporting Resolution from your Chapter.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/code-grant.aspx>

Code Adoption Tool Kit

The Code Adoption Toolkit contains briefing papers on technical issues, samples of ordinances, endorsements and support materials from national organizations. Read more at:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/resources.aspx>

ICC Offers 2006 Certification and Contractor Exams in 2010.

The ICC will continue offering National Certification examinations based on the 2006 International Codes throughout 2010 (entire year), via Paper-and-Pencil only. Contractor exams will continue to be available as described in the Contractor/Trades bulletins. Read more:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/safety.aspx>

Stimulus Tool Kit.

Tools to help ICC members and member jurisdictions apply for funding available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Content/Pages/toolkit-recovery.aspx>

For other important ICC member news, visit the ICC website: www.iccsafe.org