International Code Council Government Relations Update

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Advance Registration Open for Committee Action Hearings

We invite you to register now for the 2013 Committee Action Hearing, formerly known as the ICC Code Development Hearing. The Committee Action Hearing is a critical step in the development of the 2015 International Codes.

This year’s hearing, April 21 – 30 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, offers code and fire officials, designers and other building safety professionals the opportunity to voice their opinions and help shape the 2015 I-Codes. This event is an excellent way to learn more about the codes, get involved in the code development process, and be heard! Participants will consider proposed code changes to the Group B codes. Group B “Admin” includes code change proposals submitted to Chapter 1 of all the I-Codes except the IECC, IgCC, IRC, ISPSC, and the ICCPC and the administrative update of referenced standards in all the 2012 I-Codes. Proposed changes to Chapter 1 of the IECC, IgCC, IRC, ISPSC and ICCPC will be considered by the applicable Code Development Committee.

Should YOU attend the hearings? If you are:

- Code Officials and Inspectors
- Contractors and Builders
- Structural Engineers and Architect
- Fire Safety Professionals
- Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Professionals
- Manufacturers of pool and spa safety products
- ICC Members and stakeholders

Then what are you waiting for? Click on this link to fill out your registration form now! [https://s3.goeshow.com/icc/ICCCAH/ereg591499.cfm?pg=register](https://s3.goeshow.com/icc/ICCCAH/ereg591499.cfm?pg=register)

Building Safety Month is Right Around the Corner!

Sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May. This year’s theme is Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety:

- Week One – May 6-12, 2013: Fire Safety and Awareness
- Week Two – May 13-19, 2013: Disaster Safety and Mitigation
- Week Three – May 20-26, 2013: Backyard and Pool Safety
- Week Four – May 27-31, 2013: Energy and Green Building

Find out more about Building Safety Month here: [http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Pages/default.aspx)
Building Safety Month Proclamations

But that’s not all! Building Safety Month earned the highest recognition during 2012 from President Barack Obama (http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/05/01/presidential-proclamation-national-building-safety-month-2012) and his declaration of May as National Building Safety Month. You can help expand recognition for 2013 Building Safety Month with an official proclamation from your local, state and national leaders. Download the 2013 Building Safety Month Model Proclamation in Word: http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2013/BSM_Proclamation.doc

ICC, NASFM Offer Crowd Manager Training

In the wake of the tragic nightclub fire in Brazil, ICC reminds all its members that the training is available for the joint ICC/NASFM Crowd Manager Public Safety Program. Developed by experts, including state Fire Marshals, this program complies with International Fire Code requirements. Visit the ICC website for details and link to on-line training program: http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/crowdmanager.aspx?r=crowdmanager

Interim Guidance for ICC Members on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

ICC has been working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development so code officials and HUD administrators recognize that CDBG funding may be used for building code administration. A joint webinar will be announced soon. Find out more about how you or your jurisdiction can receive federal funding to administer building codes here: http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/CDBG.aspx

ICC Codes and Standards Council Application Deadline Is Upon Us!

The Code Council is currently accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Codes and Standards Council, a single, multidiscipline council established to advise the Board of Directors on codes and standards committees’ procedures, practices and other codes and standards related processes. Application deadline is Feb. 11, and the application can be found here: http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/c-app.aspx. More information about the Codes and Standards Council can be found here: http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/calls.aspx

ICC Board Approves cdp ACCESS Steering Committee’s Final Recommendations for Online Code Development

During its winter meeting, the International Code Council Board of Directors approved the cdp ACCESS Steering Committee’s final recommendations. The Board authorized staff to proceed with the initiative to increase participation in ICC’s core function: Code Development. A flow chart, located here: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS has been created to illustrate the new process. Testing of the online Governmental Consensus Vote will occur in October in Atlantic City at the 2013 Public Comment Hearings. After system and process adjustments the 2014 Cycle for the IgCC will be a binding Beta test for the entire cdp ACCESS process.