International Code Council Government Relations Update

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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/Documents/cdp_ACCESS_FlowChart.pdf 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.

ICC Accepting Applications for ICC Codes and Standards Council

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

Passed “Fiscal Cliff” Legislation Extends Energy Tax Credit for Builders

This tax credit, at Sec.45L(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, has been in existence since being enacted in the 2005 Energy Policy Act. It provides a $2,000 CREDIT to the builder, or the owner of residential dwelling units (either single family or multi-family or apartments) placed into service prior to December 31, 2013. The credit had expired at the end of 2011, and the legislation extends the credit until the end of 2013, with an updated reference to the 2006 IECC. This is great news for builders, and a windfall as well, since any homes built in 2012 would be eligible for the credit, as long as they have the proper documentation.

It’s Not Too Early to Think About Committee Action Hearings

The Committee Action Hearings for the next generation of I-Codes are just a few short months away, taking place April 21–30, 2013 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Don’t forget to book your travel early!

2012 Final Action Hearing Results Still Available

The following link contains a comprehensive list of final actions on the 2012 Proposed Changes to the ICC International Codes® considered at the Final Action Hearings held in conjunction with the Final Action Hearings in Portland, OR, Oct 22nd, 24th – 28th, 2012. The I-Codes considered for change in this
2012 cycle included the Group A Codes – IBC, IFGC, IMC, IPC, and IPSDC and the structural portions of the IEBC. Find out what made it into the 2015 codes here:
http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Documents/2012-13cycle/Portland-Results.pdf

**Code Council Annual Report Available**

The 2012 Annual report includes the Treasurer's Report, Proposed Bylaw Changes and Proposed Member Resolutions and ICC Program Profiles and Highlights. Click here to view the entire report:
http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/annual/Pages/AnnualReport.aspx?r=annualreport