

May 2010 International Code Council Update

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>

New Green Construction Code Unveiled. The International Code Council announced the release of Public Version 1.0 of the *International Green Construction Code* (IGCC) to regulate construction of new and existing commercial buildings. The IGCC aims to significantly reduce energy usage and greenhouse gasses. It addresses site development and land use, including preservation of natural and material resources. The Code Council and original IGCC Cooperating Sponsors—American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ASTM International—have been joined by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the Illuminating Engineers Society (IES) in a first-of-its-kind collaboration to boost critical green building practices across the country. For a free download of IgCC Public Version 1.0 visit:

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

The Public Comment Period is open through May 14th.

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

Code Development – Final Action Hearings (May 15-23 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel)

May 15-23 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.

Nominations Accepted for Awards to be presented at ABM

Nominations are being accepted for the ICC Awards to be presented at the 2010 ICC Annual Conference, October 25–28 in Charlotte, North Carolina. ICC Awards will be presented in several categories to honor individuals and organizations for their accomplishments and service to ICC and the building safety industry. The deadline to submit nominations is June 15. Completed forms may be mailed, faxed or emailed. *See attached nomination form.*

Call for Award Nominations: Excellence in Fire and Life Safety – 2010 The IAFC's Fire & Life Safety Section is now accepting nominations for the 4th Annual Excellence in Fire and Life Safety Award, sponsored by the International Code Council. The award was developed by the ICC and the Fire & Life Safety Section to honor individuals who have dedicated themselves to saving lives and property through their work on building codes, fire-prevention practices or legislative efforts while demonstrating strong leadership in their fields.

Please submit nominations of individuals whose service, professional abilities and leadership have been exemplary in promoting fire prevention and who epitomize the model fire-prevention and fire-protection

professional. Nominees do not have to be IAFC members, but you must be an IAFC member to submit a nomination.

Details about this award and this year's nomination form, can be found on the Fire & Life Safety Section's award webpage. You're welcome to submit supporting documents along with your nomination form. Visit: <http://www.iafc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=974>

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>

Chapter Reports due June 1st All ICC Chapters are required to submit an Annual Report each year in order to be eligible for chapter benefits. To receive full benefits, please submit your Annual Report by June 1. Since we are no longer using paper mailings to communicate with our Chapters it is critical that you provide us with current email addresses for all of your officers. As we are increasingly using online communications to keep our members updated, a current Chapter membership list with complete contact information also is appreciated. Visit the Chapters page on the website for information and to submit your on-line Annual Chapter Report: <http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/content/Pages/chapters.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 is updated regularly and 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>

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