

## **International Code Council Government Relations Update – November 2016**

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### **Voting on Group B Public Comment Hearings proposals runs Nov. 8-22 on cdpACCESS**

Voting has started on cdpACCESS and ends Nov. 22 on the proposals coming out of the Group B Public Comment Hearings held in conjunction with the 2016 ICC Annual Conference in Kansas City, Mo. The hearings were held Oct. 19-25 and the results from the public comment hearing set the voting options on the ballot for each code change proposal in the Online Governmental Consensus Vote. The voting options for the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) in accordance with Section 8.1 of CP 28 are listed for each code change proposal alongside the public comment hearing results. All Governmental Member Voting Representatives who were validated for the 2016 Group B cycle and Honorary Members are eligible to vote on the OGCV.

As in the past, voters will have access to the hearing video from both the Public Comment and Committee Action Hearings. Non-eligible voters will also be able to log-in and view the OGCV ballot, but will not be permitted to vote. This is the link for the hearing results: <http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-Public-Comment-Hearing-Results.pdf>

For voting information using cdpACCESS, visit this page: <http://media.iccsafe.org/news/icc-eneews/2016v13n37/jump-pch.html>

### **Alliance for National & Community Resilience launched at Kansas City**

A major showcase at the 2016 ICC Annual Conference launched the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) and its mission to create a national benchmark on what makes a community resilient. So far, partners include Target Corporation, the International City/County Management Association, Kaiser Permanente, and the National Institute of Building Sciences. “With its diverse makeup and expertise, this alliance clearly understands that communities are complex, interconnected systems that urgently need a way to comprehend what it means to be resilient,” said ICC Board of Directors President M. Dwayne Garriss, Georgia State Fire Marshal. “ANCR will give communities a single, transparent, usable and easily understandable metric to gauge their cross-sector resilience efforts quickly.” The ANCR Board of Directors appointed ICC’s Director of Resilience Initiatives, Bryan J. Soukup, Esq., as Executive Director and CARRI’s Maj. General Warren C. Edwards (Ret.) as Chairman.

Make sure to forward to your Chapter Members and colleagues this brief and excellent video on ANCR: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/government-relations/alliance-for-national-and-community-resilience/>

### **Two new FEMA documents identify updated codes as the key to resilience and future relief**

Seeking to make the most effective and efficient use of federal dollars, FEMA recently published a pair of policy documents that warn jurisdictions they will need to adopt current building codes and standards in disaster-prone areas if they wish to fully benefit from future disaster relief payments. Signed in September after a lengthy period for research and discussion, FEMA recently released:

- **FEMA Recovery Policy FP-104-009-4, Public Assistance Required Minimum Standards**  
[https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1475592732229-1773d9d032c89da0f4e201e1529feb29/PA\\_Minimum\\_Standards\\_Policy\\_508\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1475592732229-1773d9d032c89da0f4e201e1529feb29/PA_Minimum_Standards_Policy_508_FINAL.pdf)

- **FEMA Policy 204-078-2, Disaster Risk Reduction Minimum Codes and Standards**

<http://productionpullzone.umz7izwbxixtqs4tn8wkvgdcktq5y5tafr.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/FP-204-078-2.pdf>

“FEMA’s Public Assistance program will generally require the integration and use of the hazard resistant provisions of the International Code Council’s (ICC) International Building Code (IBC), the International Existing Building Code (IEBC), and/or the International Residential Code (IRC) as a minimum design standard for all eligible building restoration projects where the design standard is triggered,” FP-104-009-4 states in its background summary.

Further, it states, “As a condition of assistance, buildings eligible for repair, replacement, or construction located in hazard-prone areas will use, at a minimum, the hazard-resistant standards referenced in the most recent edition of the model building code (IBC, IEBC, and IRC) as of the disaster declaration date.”

#### **ICC Member input sought by HUD to comment on department’s resilience standard**

Public comment is sought until Dec. 27 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on its proposed higher elevation requirements for properties seeding HUD assistance or Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance. The proposal is in response to increased flooding risks and rising sea levels. “Specifically, HUD’s proposed rule would require that properties deemed ‘non-critical’ to be elevated two-feet above the site’s base flood elevation (also called 100-year floodplain), a term commonly used in floodplain management. Properties considered ‘critical,’ such as hospitals, nursing homes, and police/fire facilities, would be elevated to three feet above the base flood elevation or the 500-year floodplain, whichever is greater,” according to an HUD press release. For more, click this link:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2016/HUDNo\\_16-165](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2016/HUDNo_16-165)

#### **Job Task Analysis Survey seeks feedback on how you prioritize tasks in your job**

ICC Certification & Testing is using a survey to update whether tasks performed each day in your job are still relevant to specific examinations. During the Job Task Analysis Survey, you will be asked to rank each task by how frequently you perform it and how important the task is in the performance of your current job. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes. You can access the survey by clicking the hyperlinked text above, or you can copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<http://go.iccsafe.org/e/25182/r-jobtasks-electrical/bxkmzh/1111006650>

Michelle Porter, ICC Director of Certification & Testing, said because industries and jobs change, job analyses must be updated on a regular basis. During the survey, respondents also have the opportunity to provide information on topics that are not currently covered in the exam, but need to be included. These topics might include new technology, updated best practices, or changes to code provisions.

#### **USGBC issues video and online guide to LEED Version 4**

As of Oct. 31, the new LEED v4 has been the only version of LEED available to register new projects. A useful online user guide and video are linked here: [http://www.usgbc.org/articles/get-ready-leed-v4-our-user-guide?sm\\_au=iVV5HQSKjnDFVOPN](http://www.usgbc.org/articles/get-ready-leed-v4-our-user-guide?sm_au=iVV5HQSKjnDFVOPN). The guide provides a review of differences in the new rating system and a summary of how to start a new project. It posts comparison charts detailing the evolution of credits from LEED 2009 to LEED v4.

### **New video quickly explains ICC's High School Technical Training Program to local educators**

Many ICC Chapters and Members would like to see the High School Technical Training Program (HSTTP) take root in nearby school districts, but they'd like to know how to start that conversation. Here's a 3-minute video you can email to your high school building trades instructors and others interested in giving high school trades students a real boost before they enter the workforce. This is the video: <https://vimeo.com/186406454>

This video was debuted at the recent ICC Annual Conference in Kansas City. The video and this link to the ICC website page on HSTTP should help get the conversation started so your schools can adapt to the urgent market for code-knowledgeable young minds: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/career-in-building-safety/high-school-technical-training-program-tool-kit/>

### **New CodeNotes™ based on 2015 IMC provided free by PMG Membership Council**

ICC's PMG Membership Council is providing its members a free downloadable copy of CodeNotes, titled **Workers Safety on Roofs and Elevated Structures**, based on the 2015 International Mechanical Code. Click this hyperlink to obtain your free copy on the ICC website: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/membership-councils/codenotes/>

Any ICC Member may become a member of any of the Membership Councils at no cost. If you'd like to become a member of the PMG Membership Council and participate in the regular phone conference meetings and receive notices and minutes, click here and follow directions to enroll now: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/membership-councils/pmg-official-membership-council/>

The other Membership Councils are the Building Officials Membership Council, the Fire Service Membership Council, the Sustainability Membership Council and the ICC Global Membership Council. Click here for more info: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/membership-councils/>

The new Emerging Leaders Membership Council was approved by the ICC Board of Directors as a forum for Members new to the code enforcement profession. It held its initial meeting during the Annual Conference in Kansas City. More information on its next meeting will be posted soon.

### **Want to relive special moments in Kansas City? Photos of events online**

Cameras were quite busy during the 2016 ICC Annual Conference at every meeting, meal event, hearing and presentation that we've accumulated – we “shutter” to say – nearly 2,000 photographs for you to review and share with colleagues and friends. Here's the collection with this link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/internationalcodecouncil/albums>

### **Just in time for holidays: Get a 6-month trial of premiumACCESS online subscription service**

If you renew your ICC Membership before Dec. 31, you will automatically qualify for a **free six-month trial** of the new *International Codes*® premiumACCESS online subscription service for either the 2015 *International Building Code*® or the 2015 *International Residential Code*®.

Click to renew and obtain this offer: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/renewreinstate-membership/>  
As soon as you renew your membership, you will be emailed a simple online coupon for the free six-

month trial. A premiumACCESS subscription allows users to access ICC state, local or individual codes to create customized online code libraries and annotations based on your specific and evolving requirements. Check it out today. Thanksgiving's right around the corner!

#### **ICC-ES PMG receives award at ASPE Expo and Convention**

The ICC Evaluation Service PMG, experts in plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas products received the Sponsor Recognition Award at the recent 2016 American Society of Plumbing Engineers Expo and Convention in Phoenix, Ariz. The award recognizes ICC-ES PMG's continuing support, sponsorship and contributions. "We were very surprised and delighted to receive this award from ASPE while exhibiting at their 2016 Expo," said ICC-ES PMG Director, Dawn LaFleur-Qualley. "ASPE has always been a great supporter of ICC-ES PMG and we look forward to exhibiting again at the 2018 Expo in Atlanta, Georgia."