

International Code Council Government Relations Update – December 2015

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Reminder: Group B Code Change Proposals Due Next Month

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit code changes online via cdpACCESS is January 11, 2016. Just like with the Group A codes, all code change proposals must be made via cdpACCESS. Log in and check on the status of your proposals or your collaborations at <https://cdpaccess.com>

Free Webinar: DOE Presents Hydrogen Equipment Certification Guide

The U.S. Department of Energy Fuel Cell Technologies Office will present a live webinar titled "Hydrogen Equipment Certification Guide" on Thursday, December 10, from 1 to 2 p.m. EST. The webinar will introduce the Hydrogen Equipment Certification Guide, a document intended to aid in equipment approval until listed equipment are available for the entirety of equipment and components. Additionally, the webinar will begin a public comment phase of the document for soliciting stakeholder feedback in preparation for a September 2016 release. Register to attend this webinar here: <http://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/webinars>

Advance Your Career as a Code Professional with the Code Official Institute

Code professionals serve as the backbone of both the development of building codes and in overseeing their community's compliance to them. Prepare to advance your career to a leadership role when you make your plans to attend ICC's four-day Code Official Institute in Phoenix from December 7-10.

Learn from fellow code officials with extensive experience in code administration. Instructors Ron Lynn, MCP and former ICC Board President, and John Gibson, MCP and CFM, will address some of the field's most pressing professional challenges. You will earn 2.4 CEUs and gain practical experience using the tools that will help you and your department meet the needs of your community.

Register Now: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/education-and-certification/live-schedule/code-official-institute-120715.html>

Call for Standards Committees Members

The International Code Council is accepting applications for service on its Standard on Bleachers Folding and Telescopic Seating, and Grandstands (ICC 300-2012) and Standard on the Design and Construction of Log Structures (ICC 400-2012) consensus committees. The application deadline is Jan. 21. Click here for details: <http://www.iccsafe.org/StandardsCommittees>

The U.S. Resiliency Council (USRC) Launches its Earthquake Building Rating System

The USRC's new rating system launches Monday, November 30. It assigns one to five stars for three performance measures—Safety, Damage (repair cost) and Recovery (time to regain basic function). Check out the official press release here: <http://www.usrc.org/news-details/NewsReleaseNov202015TheOfficialLaunchoftheUSRC>, and read more about USRC, how

ICC has partnered with them, and how it affects our Members in the August Building Safety Journal: [http://bsj.iccsafe.org/ICC Applauds USRC 1st Rating Sys Aug BSJ 2015.pdf](http://bsj.iccsafe.org/ICC%20Applauds%20USRC%201st%20Rating%20Sys%20Aug%20BSJ%202015.pdf)

ICC-IAS Accredits Building Departments and Fire Prevention Bureaus

You can enhance your agency's public stature by obtaining accreditation through the ICC International Accreditation Service (IAS). Accreditation is a process where an organization or agency is assessed by an independent entity that compares the agency's performance against consensus criteria. The organization must produce plans and documentation that it meets the accrediting agency standards and commit to ongoing review to retain the accreditation.

IAS accredits building departments, third-party building department service providers, special inspection agencies, product certification agencies, inspection programs for metal building manufacturers, fabricator inspection programs, testing and calibration laboratories, training agencies, curriculum developers, and field evaluation bodies. IAS's Fire Prevention and Life Safety Department accreditation program began in 2011.

For more on how your agency can become accredited visit the IAS website (<http://www.iasonline.org>) or call IAS at 1-866-427-4422.