

**International Code Council Government Relations Update – July 2016**  
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**Early Bird Registration Now Open for Annual Conference!**

This year's Conference will offer over 30 educational sessions where you can earn CEUs and LUs, as well as certification testing, building tours, valuable networking and the opportunity to help finalize code changes to the 2018 International Codes. Check out what's new for this year:

- More educational sessions and building tours for building safety professionals at all levels of experience.
- Drone classes and demos — Learn how drone technology is helping reduce operating costs and improving the timeliness and accuracy of data from the field.
- The Building Safety & Design Expo will feature the new *Energy Efficiency Zone*, sponsored by RESNET, where the latest energy efficiency technologies and cutting-edge products will be on display.

Register here: [http://media.iccsafe.org/2016\\_ICC\\_PCH/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2016_ICC_PCH/index.html), and for voting members, don't forget to visit <http://www.iccsafe.org/EVDS> to validate your voting representatives by the September 19 deadline!

**Apply Now for a Code of Honor Scholarship!**

If you are an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, don't miss your chance to apply for a Code of Honor Scholarship to support your attendance at ICC's Public Comment Hearings, October 19 – 25. The application period is currently open and will close on Friday, August 5. Code of Honor Scholarship Program details are available here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/scholarships/code-of-honor-scholarships/>, or for specific questions, call 888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 5268. Thank you in advance for making this program successful.

**Don't Forget to Submit Your Annual Report!**

Dozens of Chapters have already submitted Annual Reports. August 15 is the deadline to submit your Annual Report and receive all Chapter benefits, including a complimentary registration to this year's ICC Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri or to the Chapter Leader Symposium in Oklahoma City. Remember: To submit your Chapter's Annual Report, log in to your My ICC account and choose "My Chapters." From there, you can "View/Edit Chapter Details," including adding an Annual Report. As always, if you have questions or comments, please contact Karla Higgs at 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) x5268 or [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org).

**US Department of Energy Holding Free Webinar on IECC Compliance Paths**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Building Energy Codes Program is excited to announce the next event in its *Energy Code Commentator* training series, titled "2015 IECC: The Energy Rating Index (ERI) Compliance Alternative". This course will cover how the new compliance path can be implemented into current plan review and inspection processes for Code Officials and resources available to assist with construction best practices. Presented by Shirley Ellis of the Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory, it will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 1 PM Eastern Daylight Time. Registration is now available by clicking this link: <https://www.energycodes.gov/resource-center/training-courses/2015-iecc-%E2%80%93-energy-rating-index-eri-compliance-alternative>

## **PNNL and Sandia Labs Release Energy Storage Systems Compliance Guide**

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories, in collaboration with ICC and other industry partners, have published the “Energy Storage System Guide for Compliance with Safety Codes and Standards”. The Compliance Guide is intended to provide assistance to those who need to document compliance with current safety-related codes and standards in order to develop and deploy ESSs, as well as guidance to those responsible for approving and/or accepting ESSs or for verifying compliance with those same codes and standards on an ongoing basis. The document can be found free of charge here: <http://www.sandia.gov/ess/publications/SAND2016-5977R.pdf>