

International Code Council Government Relations Update October 2013

ICC Call For Committee Members

The Code Council is currently accepting applications for its Codes and Standards Council, Code Technology Committee, and three Code Action Committees. Click here for more information and applications: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cc/Pages/calls.aspx> **The deadline is Oct. 21, 2013.**

ASHE Celebrating Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week

Recognizing the work of facility staff and others dedicated to the health care physical environment, the Code Council supports National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week, Oct. 20-26. The event is sponsored by the American Society for Healthcare Engineering and features two webinars on achieving sustainability goals and Joint Commission accreditation. Find out more about National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week here: <http://www.ashe.org/projects/recognition/> or access the webinars here: http://www.ashe.org/resources/asheinsider/2013/spotlight_130924.html

NIBS Seeks Entries for 2013 High-Performance Building Awards

The National Institute of Building Sciences Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) has expanded the categories in its 2013 *Beyond Green™* High-Performance Building Awards. The program now includes award categories to recognize building projects that focus on enhancing individual building systems or attributes, as well as innovations in design processes, contracting, code administration, insurance and research. The deadline to submit entries is November 1. Read more here: <https://www.nibs.org/news/142186/Theres-Still-Time-to-Nominate-Excellence-in-Code-Administration-Code-Compliance.htm>

NYU-Poly Offering Free Web-Based Firefighter Training Programs

With funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG), NYU-Poly teamed up with the Fire Department of New York (FDNY), the Chicago Fire Department (CFD), the Bloomington Fire Department (BFD), the Eagan Fire Department (EFD), and the Eden Prairie Fire Department (EPFD) to develop a web-based, interactive firefighter training program - ALIVE (Advanced Learning through Integrated Visual Environments). ALIVE simulates critical decision-making aspects of firefighting for career / volunteer firefighters and reinforces firefighting safety concepts developed by leading industry researchers through interactive tactical scenarios.

Three FREE training programs can be downloaded for free from the NYU-Poly website:

Wind-Driven High Rise Fires: <http://www.poly.edu/fire/alive/alive8a.html>

Fires in modern lightweight residential construction: <http://www.poly.edu/fire/alive/alive8b.html>

Fire Dynamics (available January 2014): <http://www.poly.edu/fire/alive/alive8c.html>

Federal Government References IBC for Outdoor Accessibility Requirements

The US Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board today issued a Final Rule that describes the accessibility requirements for outdoor developed areas. These requirements are mandatory for all US Government agencies that operate, own, manage or develop outdoor developed areas. (Park Service, Dept. of Defense, Dept. of Interior, Dept. of State, etc.)

The final rule references several sections of the 2003 IBC (or in the alternative, sections on the 2000 or 2001 Supplement to the IBC). The referenced sections are the sections that deal with Means of Egress, Areas of Refuge Signage and Directional Signs. The final rule is available here:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-26/pdf/2013-22876.pdf>

GR Forum Presentation Now Available Online

The Government Relations Forum held at the ICC Annual Business Meeting in Atlantic City was very well attended and participants enjoyed all the presentations. You may get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation made by David Crowe, Chief Economist with NAHB's Economics and Housing Policy Department on "A Look at Residential Construction Now and in the Next Year" at this link:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Documents/AdoptionToolkit/US-EconomicHousingOutlook.pdf>

Review the latest on cdpACCESS

Led by the ICC Board and Steering Committee, the cdpACCESS team has grown to include dedicated research, design, and development professionals as well as ICC leadership, staff, and Members from across the globe. This all-inclusive approach has unearthed a wealth of valuable insights on system requirements, usability guidelines, and the core values that shape the making of ICC's great codes. Together, we're developing the technology to empower and enhance participation in the code development process.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS/Pages/default.aspx?r=cdpACCESS>

Group B Public Comment Hearing Results

<http://www.iccsafe.org:8888/cs/codes/Pages/PCH-GroupB-Results.aspx>