

International Code Council Government Relations Update September 2013

The 2013 ICC Conference and Annual Business Meeting Is This Month!

The GR staff have compiled a list of helpful resources and announcements below:

- I. **Public Comment Hearing Schedule** - The schedule for the Public Comment Hearing in Atlantic City has been posted to the ICC Website: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Documents/2012-2014Cycle/PCH/PCH-Schedule-2013.pdf>**Register for the Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride:**
<http://www.nmhc.org/files/ContentFiles/General/2013%20Atlantic%20City%20Bob%20Fowler%20Ride%20Registration.doc>
- II. **Help Spread the Word!** - Download the conference web ad and flyer here to help encourage conference participation: <http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/annual/Pages/PromoKit.aspx>
- III. **Advertise in the 10th Anniversary Program** - If you would like to Honor an Individual, Acknowledge your Chapter, Remember a Fallen Colleague or show your support of ICC's 10th Anniversary, click here: http://www.iccsafe.org/content/Documents/2013_Congrat.pdf for more information.
- IV. **View the Board of Directors Candidates** - Candidates can pre-file information to be made available to the membership here:
<http://www.iccsafe.org/AboutICC/directors/Pages/candidates.aspx> Once nominees are determined, the Committee's report will be posted there.
- V. **Attend the GR Forum!** – On Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 PM, the GR Forum will dazzle you all with updates from our department, with guest speakers covering everything from the future of residential homebuilding to wildland-urban interface strategies. Earn CEU's the easy and fun way – and check out the full agenda [here](#).

Department of Energy Technical Assistance Webinars for September:

The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) provides state, local, and tribal officials with resources to advance successful, high-impact, and long-lasting clean energy policies, programs, and projects.

- The Energy-Water Nexus: State and Local Roles in Efficiency & Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Wednesday, September 11, 2013; 2–3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
 - This webinar will feature technical experts on the topic of Energy Efficiency in Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities to discuss how states can help these facilities reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. This webinar will demonstrate how high-energy-use water facilities can be retrofitted and/or designed to reduce energy consumption in the operation and treatment of water services managed by municipalities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters, who will share replicable examples for increasing energy efficiency in water

and wastewater treatment facilities. Register here:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/800765241>

- Federal Finance Facilities Available for Energy Efficiency Upgrades and Clean Energy Deployment Tuesday, September 24, 2013; 2–3:30 p.m. EDT
 - This webinar will highlight [Federal Finance Facilities Available for Energy Efficiency Upgrades and Clean Energy Deployment](#), a new guide to the various federal financing programs for which energy efficiency and clean energy qualify. This resource is a product of a cooperative effort among seven federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and is meant to make it easier for state, local, and tribal leaders, along with their partners in the private sector, to find capital for energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Speakers will include representatives from federal programs, as well as state and local peers that have successfully leveraged these resources. Register here: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/606270384>

Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force Strategy Recommends I-Codes

A federal rebuilding strategy for communities affected by Hurricane Sandy, and for those at even greater risk, recommends adopting the I-Codes developed by International Code Council members to ensure optimal protection during future natural disasters. The strategy, prepared by President Barack Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, suggests states and localities adopt and enforce the most current versions of the International Building Code and the International Residential Code. Read more about it here: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=HSRTF_FactSheet.pdf

FEMA's Floodproofing Non-Residential Buildings Now Released

The FEMA Building Science Branch is pleased to announce the release of its latest publication, *Floodproofing Non-Residential Buildings*, [FEMA P-936](#). The primary focus of the guidance document is on dry floodproofing technologies for non-residential buildings, but it also includes an overview of other techniques including wet floodproofing and the use of levees and floodwalls. The publication provides information about regulatory requirements, design considerations, and descriptions of floodproofing methods and equipment. It was developed using input from a steering committee consisting of industry professionals, designers, academic researchers, and USACE Floodproofing Committee members, as well as FEMA engineers and mitigation staff.

IBHS Releases *Rating the States* Midterm Update

Last week, with the assistance of several GR staff members, the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) published their midterm update for the *Rating the States: An Assessment of Residential Building Code and Enforcement Systems for Life Safety and Property Protection in Hurricane-Prone Regions* report. The report evaluates and compares the quality of regulations and processes governing residential building construction in the 18 states most vulnerable to catastrophic hurricanes along the Atlantic Coast and Gulf of Mexico, assigning each state a score on a 100-point scale. The report has

helped to focus public attention on the need for strong statewide building codes, to address the importance of code enforcement that ensures building code technical standards actually are incorporated into homes, and to spotlight steps that states can take to improve their building code systems, providing better protection for their citizens. Read the full update here: http://www.disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/rating-the-states-midterm-2013_IBHS.pdf

**ICC Annual Conference: GR Forum Agenda
Convention Center Room 322
1:00pm- 3:00pm ET**

Tuesday October 1, 2013

1:00pm	Welcome & Introduction	Sara Yerkes
1:05pm	ICC Board President	Ronald Piester
1:10pm	CEO remarks	Dominic Sims
1:15pm	HUD CDBG Program	Matt Ward CEO, Sustainable Strategies
1:30pm	A Look at Residential Construction Now and in the Next Year	David Crowe Chief Economist, NAHB Economics and Housing Policy
2:15pm	HSTTP Update	Jim Ellwood
2:30pm	Federal Relations Report	Dave Karmol
2:45pm	Wildfire Safe Sound & Code Smart	Dan Bailey
2:55pm	Final Comments	Sara Yerkes

Note: Make sure you sign-up in order to receive ICC CEU's for attending!