

## **International Code Council Government Relations Update**

**May 2014**

### **President Obama Issues Proclamation for Building Safety Month**

ICC's annual safety campaign held each May has been officially endorsed by the President of the United States for the fourth year in a row. The month's activities include educational and informational resources to help ICC Members and others increase public awareness of building safety. This year's theme is Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience; Minimizing Risks. Read the full proclamation here: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/04/30/presidential-proclamation-national-building-safety-month-2014>

Promotional materials include a proclamation, news release, activities and stickers for youngsters, posters and brochures. Printed campaign materials are available for purchase at the ICC Store and many items are free and downloadable. Click here for details: <http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org>

### **Free IECC Compliance Guide Download Available**

Through a partnership arrangement between ICC, the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) and the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC), and as part of our ongoing efforts to provide our Members with the latest tools and information, we want to offer ICC Members a free PDF download of the International Energy Conservation Code for Simple Commercial Buildings Compliance Guide. To take advantage of this free ICC Members-only offer, click here to go to the Compliance Guide product page. Once there, simply log-in, add the Compliance Guide to your shopping cart and proceed to check out. This special offer expires on June 30, 2014, and is limited to one free download per ICC Member.

Click here to download from the store page: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/2009-international-energy-conservation-code-for-simple-commercial-building-compliance-guide-pdf-download.html>

### **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs Provide Funds for Code-Related Activities**

In April, FEMA announced the Funding Opportunities for FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance. All 50 States, the District of Columbia, minor outlying islands and federally-recognized tribal governments are eligible to apply. Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory. Applicants are encouraged to review the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information. Grant applications must be submitted to FEMA through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible on the Internet at <https://portal.fema.gov> no later than 3:00 PM ET on July 25, 2014. Find out more about the grants here: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>

## **Applications for Code of Honor Scholarships Open May 5**

Code of Honor professional development scholarships help ensure that the I-Codes reflect the consensus view of officials at all levels of government by providing funding to Governmental Member Voting Representatives seeking to attend and participate in the Public Comment Hearings held October 1–7, 2014 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Code of Honor Scholarship program includes the following categories: Architect Leaders, Emerging Leaders, Future Leaders, International Leaders, Match Scholarship, Small Town Leaders, and Veteran Leaders. Find out more here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/scholarships/Pages/CodeHonor.aspx>

## **ICC Seeks to Honor Deserving Individuals, Organizations**

Do you know an outstanding person or organization deserving to be recognized for efforts to promote safety in the built environment? Each year the International Code Council honors outstanding service and achievements that contribute to saving lives, protecting property and creating resilient communities.

Nominations now are being accepted for the Code Council's annual awards in several categories to honor accomplishments and service to ICC and safety in the built environment. The deadline to submit nominations for ICC Awards is the close of business on July 1, 2014. Nomination forms and award criteria are available at: [www.iccsafe.org/2014AwardsCall](http://www.iccsafe.org/2014AwardsCall). Nominations may be emailed, mailed or faxed. Any enclosures in addition to the form must be sent in multiples of seven for committee review.

## **ICC Recertification Program Changes to Strengthen the Credibility of the Program**

The Code Council is strengthening its Certification program by improving the quality and the flexibility of its recertification requirements (recertification is also sometimes referred to as renewal). The recertification program changes, which will require a portion of continuing education units (CEUs) to be earned through ICC or its Preferred Provider Network training, will be gradually phased in through a smooth transition from April 2014 through July 2016.

No changes related to the Preferred Provider Network will take place in 2014. Beginning in 2015, recertification candidates will be required to earn 20 percent of the total required CEUs from ICC or ICC's Preferred Provider Network training. This percentage will incrementally increase to 50 percent after July 1, 2016.

Participation in code hearings through cdpACCESS as well as participation in courses offered by ICC Preferred Providers are new options for accruing CEUs. ICC will partner with other entities to provide quality training on topics outside of ICC's core areas. The new Preferred Provider Program is currently under development and is planned to be implemented later this year. The Preferred Provider Network will increase the availability of training providers and training subjects to further support the training needs of the building construction and safety professionals. The final table of number of CEUs required and the table of various methods of obtaining CEUs will be announced later this month.

### **Positions on Code Development Committees Still Open!**

The International Code Council is seeking volunteers to serve on Code Development Committees, the Code Correlation Committee and Code Interpretation Committees for the 2015-2017 Code Development Cycle. Both new and veteran committee members must complete an application. **Applications for committee service are due by June 2.** Click here to apply for a committee:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/CC/Pages/calls.aspx>

### **ICC-ES, QAI Laboratories Align to Expedite Building Product Testing and Evaluations**

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) and QAI Laboratories have aligned resources to create a “one stop shop” to help customers bring new products and technology advancements to market as fast as possible. This enables ICC-ES to facilitate testing laboratory services to applicants, along with factory inspection, product evaluation and certification, all through a single source within ICC-ES’ service package, meaning that you get the ICC-ES reports you trust even faster than before, while product manufacturers will benefit from the high quality of service and speed of testing at a competitive price. Find out more here:

[http://www.icc-es.org/News/NR/2014/041414\\_QAI.pdf](http://www.icc-es.org/News/NR/2014/041414_QAI.pdf)