

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

**July 2014**

### **Applications for Code of Honor Scholarships CLOSES JULY 18**

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>

### **Applications for IMT's Standard Bearers Award Due July 15**

Now in its third year, the Institute for Market Transformation's Standard Bearers Award recognizes leaders in building energy code compliance. Winners will be selected in three categories: State, Local, and Individuals and be honored at the ICC Annual Conference's Awards Luncheon in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Past winners have included states, counties, cities, building departments, and code officials; all ICC members. Winning the Standard Bearers Award is an opportunity to showcase innovative, cost-effective methods to tackle energy code compliance in economically and politically challenging climates. Winning programs will be featured as best practices and circulated throughout the country.

The application process is now open and the deadline for submissions is **July 15, 2014**. Please send applications (available here: <http://www.imt.org/codes/code-compliance/standard-bearers>) and questions to [awards@imt.org](mailto:awards@imt.org).

### **Exclusive Free Benefit for ICC Governmental Members!**

Through a special agreement with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), ICC Governmental Members may qualify for free access to ACCA's online membership benefits. As a contractor-focused organization, ACCA provides technical and business management products and services to help contractors meet or exceed business requirements. Now, ICC Members can have access to the same information contractors have. Find out more here:

<http://media.iccsafe.org/news/eNews/2014v11n11/14-09657.pdf>

### **FEMA Offering Two New Training Opportunities**

FEMA has two open training courses available in Emmitsburg, MD through the Emergency Management Institute. The first 4-day course will run from July 28-31 and will cover retrofitting flood-prone residential buildings. The second 4-day course will run from August 18-21 and will train participants on FEMA's Coastal Construction Manual, created for planning, designing, and constructing residential structures in various coastal environments. CEUs and CECs will be awarded for the completion of either

or both courses. To find out how to apply, visit <http://training.fema.gov/apply/>. Act soon because the July training deadline has just been extended!

### **New Advanced Permit Certification Coming Soon**

The Board for International Professional Standards (BIPS) has reviewed the survey results for an advanced level of Permit Technician, and has approved a new category – **Certified Permit Specialist**. To become a Certified Permit Specialist, applicants will first be required to pass the Permit Technician Exam and second, pass the soon-to-be-developed “Administrative” exam. This exam will be used for the certification categories where the title is “Specialist”, and will be a prerequisite to obtaining certification as a Plumbing, Mechanical, or Fire Code Specialist. To find out more, click here:

[blog.kcmapt.org/2014/07/01/bips-approves-certified-permit-specialist-category.aspx](http://blog.kcmapt.org/2014/07/01/bips-approves-certified-permit-specialist-category.aspx)

### **2015 Editions of the International Codes Now Available**

The [2015 I-Codes](http://shop.iccsafe.org/codes/2015-international-codes-and-references.html) (link: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/codes/2015-international-codes-and-references.html>) help achieve resiliency, safety, innovation and affordability in the built environment. Code users can begin today to prepare for adoption and use of the newest codes. Code purchases include a free subscription to ICC’s new Code Alert service that provides critical code updates and free access to videos, excerpts from support documents and training resources.

### **Chapter Annual Reports Deadline Approaching Fast**

All chapters must submit their Annual Reports by August 15 in order to qualify for the Chapter President complimentary Annual Conference registration benefit. Once submitted, the Chapter President will receive a discount code that may be used to register for the Annual Conference. If you submit your Annual Report after August 15, you’ll still be available for benefits such as a 2015 Chapter Education Benefit; you’ll only have missed the complimentary Chapter President registration. You may transfer the complimentary registration to *one other Chapter officer* with notification. Email [khiggs@iccsafe.org](mailto:khiggs@iccsafe.org) if you have any questions or wish to transfer the registration.

### **Speaking of the Annual Conference...**

The 2014 ICC Annual Conference, Group C Public Comment Hearings and Expo will be held September 28-October 5 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Registration is now open, and you can SAVE \$60 if you register before August 15th. The link to register is here:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=10579&ItemID=41735>

When you register for the Conference, look carefully at the Conference schedule:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=10579&ItemID=41738> .

What’s changed? The Conference is one day shorter this year so everyone can attend as many events as possible and save on their travel expenses. Region meetings are now on Sunday afternoon, following the Membership Council Annual Meetings. In addition, there will not be any breakfast meetings this year. The Chapter Presidents Breakfast has been folded into the Networking Luncheon on Monday, where

Chapter Presidents will be recognized. The Chapter of the Year Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday.