



CP#2-05 – Partnership and Development Guidelines

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- 1.0 Purpose of Council Policy:** The International Code Council is a member-focused organization that works with a broad cross-section of interests. To achieve the ICC's vision and mission, the organization must continue to build relationships with external organizations that share or support the ICC's purpose.

Vision

Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of people by creating better buildings and safer communities

Mission

Providing the highest quality codes, standards, products, and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment

Council Policy (CP) 2-0, Partnership Development Guidelines, is designed to provide guidelines on how external organizations and ICC develop partnerships.

- 2.0 Types of Relationships:** There are several ways organizations support the ICC. Three of the most common types of partnerships are outlined below.

2.1 Strategic Partner – *A strategic partner is a high-level cooperative arrangement between a named organization and the ICC.* The purpose is generally to use the combined strengths of both organizations to achieve the vision and mission of the ICC as well as to benefit the strategic partnership. Strategic partners have publicly stated their support for the I-codes and consistently lend their resources to achieving code adoptions at many levels. Strategic partners represent special opportunities for joint business initiatives between the organizations. To be successful, these partnerships require regular and consistent communication between the leadership of the organizations, which the ICC is committed to. All strategic partners must be designated by the ICC BOD.

2.2 Supporting Organization – *A supporting organization is a cooperative relationship between a named organization and the ICC.* The purpose is generally to achieve a level of cooperation on specific shared objectives. Supporting organizations have expressed their support for a specific program or policy of the ICC. The form of a supporting organization relationship may vary depending on the nature and level of the external organizations support: these organizations may lend resources to the adoption of the I-codes at various levels or represent opportunities for joint business initiatives. Supporting organizations must be designated by the CEO/COO through a written expression as approved by the CEO/COO or a designee.

2.3 Participating Organization – *A participating organization is an organization that directly or indirectly participates in the ICC Codes and Standards development*

process through their members. There are no special criteria for this category, other than participation.

Attachment A contains a list of strategic partners and supporting and participating organizations. The list may be updated through operation of this CP.

3.0 Agreements & Fiscal Impacts: The nature and form of any agreement between the ICC and another organization requires care in its development. The pros (benefits) and cons (costs) must be carefully considered. Issues such as proper level approval, resource availability, and impact on other relationships must all be considered. To guide the BOD and staff in the development of these relationships, the following guidelines should be considered:

3.1 Strategic Partnerships – The decision to enter into any strategic partnership should be carefully examined. Initial conversations among the Executive Committee, BOD, and CEO/COO should precede an in-depth analysis by staff. At the conclusion of this process, the final question should be put before the BOD for action.

3.2 Supporting & Participating Organizations – The decision to enter into a relationship with organizations that fall into one of these two categories is sometimes a question of policy (requiring BOD action) and sometimes operational (requiring CEO/COO action). The appropriate level of approval can generally be determined by the commitment of resources of the ICC. In using this assumption, the following conditions apply:

1. The relationship (written agreement, contract, MOU, etc.) commits the ICC's financial resources beyond the current operating budget or the signatory thresholds in CP 15. In these cases, approval by the BOD is required.
2. The relationship (written agreement, contract, MOU, etc.) calls on the greater involvement of the members of the ICC. In these cases, approval by the BOD is required.
3. The relationship (written agreement, contract, MOU, etc.) does not commit the ICC's financial resources beyond the current operating budget or the signatory thresholds in CP 15. In these cases, approval by the CEO/COO is sufficient.

Attachment A

The following list includes current strategic partners and supporting and participating organizations. With their support, the ICC's vision, mission, and consensus process are working to improve safety in the built environment.

Strategic Partners

- American Gas Association (AGA)
- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
- National Multi Housing Council (NMHC)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)

Supporting Organizations

- Alliance to Save Energy
- Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACAA)
- Alliance of Canadian Building Officials (ACBOA)
- American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA)
- American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA)
- American Institute of Building Design (AIBD)
- American Planning Association (APA)
- American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA)
- American Seniors Housing Association (ASHA)
- American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE)
- American Society for Healthcare Engineering of the American Hospital Association (ASHE)
- American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE)
- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)
- American Wood Council (AWC)
- Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)
- Asociación de Profesionales en Conducción de Fluidos (APROCOF)
- Associated General Contractors, Alabama Branch (AGC)
- Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (APHC)
- Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP)
- Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)
- Australiasian Scientific Review (ASFlow)
- Boeing Company
- Building Codes Assistance Project
- Building Component Manufacturer Conference (BCMC)
- Building Officials Association of British Columbia (BOABC)
- Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ)
- Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)
- Center Scientifique et Technique du Batiment (CSTB)
- China Academy of Building Research (CABR)
- Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation (CEOSF)
- Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
- Construction Technology Institute of the Italian National Research Council (ITC CNR)
- City of Garden Grove

- CROSQ
- Department of Municipal Affairs, Abu Dhabi, UAE (DMA)
- Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik (DIBt)
- Eastern States Building Officials Federation
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)
- Housing & Building Research Center (HBRC), Arab Republic of Egypt
- Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)
- Institute for Credentialing Excellence
- Institute of Plumbing South Africa (IOPSA)
- Instituto for Colombiano de Normas Técnicas Y Certificación (ICONTEC)
- Insurance Building Code Coalition (IBCC)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
- International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI)
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
- International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)
- International Trade Administration (ITA)
- Japan Conference of Building Control Authorities and Officials (JCBO)
- Missouri Association of Building Officials (MABO)
- Modular Building Institute (MBI)
- National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)
- National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA)
- National Apartment Association (NAA)
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP)
- National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NARC&DC)
- National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM)
- National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI)
- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
- National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA)
- National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
- National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)
- National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)
- Northwest Wall & Ceiling Bureau (NWCB)
- Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC)
- Plumbing Efficiency Research Coalition (PERC)
- Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (PHCC)
- Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI)
- Priest & Associates Consulting, LLC
- R S Means Co.
- Rajdhani Unnavan Kartripakkha (RAJUK)
- Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET)
- Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc. (RJA Group)
- Responsible Energy Codes Alliance (RECA)
- SAI Global
- Saudi Building Code National Committee (SBCNC)
- Saudi Council of Engineers (SCE)
- Saudi Green Building Forum (SGBF)
- Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA)

- Steel Truss and Component Industry (STCA)
- Structural Building Components (SBCC)
- Structural Component Distributors Association (SCDA)
- Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC)
- Texas Municipal League (TML)
- Tianjin Fire Research Institute (TFRI)
- The Model Building Code Initiative
- United Nations (UN)
- U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)
- U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
- United States Hispanic Contractors Association (USHCA)
- Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM)
- Water Efficiency Research Coalition (WERC)
- Western Contractor's Association
- Western Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association (WWCCA)
- Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA)
- Wood Truss Council of America (WTCA)
- World Council of Civil Engineers Committee on Construction (WCCE)
- World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO)
- World Toilet Organization (WTO)

Participating Organization

- Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)
- Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)
- American Association for Wind Engineering (AAWE)
- American Chemistry Council (ACC)
- American Concrete Institute (ACI)
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE)
- American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
- American Subcontractors Association (ASA)
- American Supply Association (ASA)
- ASTM International (ASTM)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- BuildStrong Coalition
- Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI)
- Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)
- Corzan Piping Systems
- Froet Industries LLC
- Gypsum Association
- Inter-Jurisdictional Regulatory Collaboration Committee (IRCC)
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
- Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA!)
- Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)
- National Association of Realtors (NAR)
- National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
- National Elevator Industry, Inc. (NEII)
- National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA)

- NSF International (NSF)
- Simpson Strong-Tie
- Softwood Lumber Board (SLB)
- Target Corporation
- Underwriter's Laboratory (UL)
- World Organization of Building Officials
- Verisk Analytics