

ICC Looks to Partner with States to Receive DOE Funding

The Department of Energy (DOE) recently announced a Request for Proposals to receive funding for \$5 million total in contracts for State Energy Offices, with a maximum of \$250,000 per state. The purpose of these contracts is to provide funding to support activities related to the adoption and implementation of the most current building energy codes, including the 2009 *International Energy Conservation Code* (IECC), and to meet the compliance targets in the 2009 Recovery Act.

The full RFP will be posted by DOE on August 30, with deadlines for proposals to be September 30. Proposals must meet at least one of the three criteria:

- a) creating activities/plans to adopt the target codes (either 2009 IECC or ASHRAE 90.1 2007);
- b) organizing training activities that “will enhance the state's ability to facilitate effective implementation of building energy codes”; or
- c) “activities that will advance the states’ level of compliance with state building energy codes.”

[Click here](#) to read the DOE announcement.

While the request for proposals is aimed solely at state and territory organizations, they are explicitly allowed to partner and share funding with other organizations, such as the International Code Council (ICC). Thus, we have an opportunity to gain not only additional adoptions of, and compliance with, our 2009 IECC, but also to build closer relationships with state energy offices and share funding and expertise with them.

ICC’s Government Relations office will be working to expand the Energy Code Ambassadors Program (ECAP) to additional states with this program. We also will be supporting efforts of ICC’s Education, Training and Certification staff to partner with the states to provide training and certification that meets the DOE criteria. ICC members, and Chapter leaders who would be interested in partnering with ICC in their states, should contact either [Jim Bax](#) for training or [Dave Karmol](#) regarding ECAP.