

## Certification Exams Consolidated

The chief executive officers of the International Code Council's (ICC) founding associations — BOCA, ICBO and SBCCI — have announced the availability of a single coordinated set of national certification examinations for code officials, inspectors and plans examiners. This action was taken in response to the unanimous direction given by the memberships of the three individual organizations at their 2000 Annual Business Meetings.

The merger agreement provides for reciprocity of certifications issued by the model code organizations, as well as national standardization of renewal requirements. It also contains provisions to recognize the achievements of those who have obtained and maintained certifications under the existing model code organization examinations.

Each of the jointly-sponsored certification examinations is developed through a representative consensus process overseen by expert committees appointed from the private and public sectors. The examinations comply with national testing and legal standards, which include guidelines promulgated by the ICC Board of International Professional Standards.

Twelve jointly-sponsored certification examinations are currently available. They are offered by the model code organizations at facilities throughout the U.S. An additional 15 examinations will be phased in over the next two years.

The examinations now available are:

- Certified Building Official (CBO)
- Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Fire Inspector I
- Fire Inspector II
- Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector
- Residential Energy Plans Examiner/Inspector

- Commercial Energy Plans Examiner
- Commercial Energy Inspector
- Reinforced Concrete Special Inspector
- Prestressed Concrete Special Inspector
- Zoning Inspector
- Permit Technician

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**The Building Code Certification Committee, from left to right — front row: Matthew Takita, BOCA; Lee Pecci, SBCCI; and Will Armstrong, BOCA. Back row: Karen Wolfe, ICBO; Ed Kulik, ICBO; and Mike Shands, SBCCI.**



**The Electrical Code Certification Committee, from left to right — front row: Ashok Mehta, BOCA; Rodrick Van Wart, BOCA; and Tony Pierce, SBCCI. Back row: Michael Kerner, ICBO; Eddie Perritt, SBCCI; and Keith Schmidt, ICBO.**



**The Mechanical Code Certification Committee, from left to right — front row: Keith Morton, SBCCI; Michael Baier, BOCA; and Thomas Haney, ICBO. Back row: Randy Noland, BOCA; Hal Cosper, SBCCI; and Darcy Tosch, ICBO.**



**The Plumbing Code Certification Committee, from left to right — front row: Brian Blackwell, SBCCI; Joel Shelton, BOCA; and Ward Braswell, SBCCI. Back row: Charles Gerber, BOCA, Brett Cook, ICBO; and John Nelson, ICBO.**



## CERTIFICATION

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“The widespread adoption of the *International Codes*® makes national standardization of professional credentials possible, and meets BOCA members’ goal for certification that has national recognition and acceptance. National standardization also allows the transportability of code profession credentials within the United States and other participating countries,” stated Paul K. Heilstedt, P.E., Chief Executive Officer of Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA). “We are looking forward to participating in yet another significant milestone in code enforcement.”

William J. Tangye, P.E., Chief Executive Officer of Southern Building

Code Congress International, Inc. (SBCCI) commented that “SBCCI’s membership has made its support of the *International Codes* and the consolidation of support services very clear. The signing of this historic agreement reflects the members’ commitment to the public’s life safety by extending the national consensus process of the *International Codes* to development of national certification examinations for those who regulate construction.”

According to Jon S. Traw, P.E., President of the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), “This agreement provides certification examinations for code officials and inspectors which are based on national job analyses and na-

tionally recognized standards of performance. This new program is certain to enhance recognition of the work that our members do in protecting the public, as well as create a national professional standard of which all members can be very proud. ICBO is very pleased to support this important effort.”

Additional information on the new certification program will be available at the ICC Exhibit Booths at the BOCA/ICBO Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 16-17, 2001, and at the SBCCI Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, on October 28-November 1, 2001.

## ICC Sees No Need for Another Electrical Code

The International Code Council (ICC) announced that it has no plans for the development of an electrical code that would duplicate the purpose and then compete with the *National Electrical Code* (NEC). In response to questions from segments of the construction industry, the ICC is restating its long-held policy regarding electrical codes. ICC was formed with the goal of creating greater uniformity in building regulations in this country. ICC Chairman Larry Bell stated, “ICC’s production of an electrical code would run counter to ICC’s mission of a single set of national model construction codes. ICC has accomplished that mission with the publication of the family of 2000 *International Codes*® and it is not the intent of ICC to do anything to jeopardize that ac-

complishment. The public’s life safety is best served by eliminating the redundancy of multiple codes and we encourage other national codes and standards organizations to join us in serving our most important constituency — the public.”

ICC recommends that the NEC development process be utilized by all interests in electrical safety toward improvement of the existing code. Further, ICC recommends that the NEC leadership be aware of the concerns of many segments of the construction industry. Particular concerns include coordination of the administrative provisions commonly employed by enforcement agencies and technical aspects which do not specifically deal with electrical safety and are regulated by

other codes. This coordination would serve the interest of uniform and compatible regulations for the built environment.

Through its open and inclusive consensus process, ICC has completed the development of the *International Codes*, a family of comprehensive, coordinated and contemporary codes for the built environment. The true merits of these codes are now being put to the test as jurisdictions throughout the country have begun adopting and enforcing them. ICC is confident that the *International Codes* will continue to be widely accepted because they are based on over 150 collective years of experience in developing model codes for cities, counties and states.

## ICC Seeking Committee Applications of The ICC International Urban-Wildland Interface Code

ICC is seeking qualified individuals in the “User” and “Producer” interest categories to serve on the International Urban-Wildland Interface Code (IUWIC) Committee for the 2002 Code Development Cycle. Individuals representing themselves, consumers and representatives of organizations, associations, man-

ufacturers and producers are encouraged to apply. Applicants for Government Regulatory Agency members (code officials) in the “General” interest category should submit their applications through the model code organizations.

Committee applications are due prior to August 1, 2001. Committee application

forms can be obtained from the ICC web site at [www.intlcode.org](http://www.intlcode.org), or by contacting Program Manager, International Code Council, Inc., 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 600, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, Fax: (703) 379-1546; e-mail: [lbrown@intlcode.org](mailto:lbrown@intlcode.org).

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BOCA International, Inc.

[www.bocai.org/conferencereg.asp](http://www.bocai.org/conferencereg.asp)

ICBO

[www.icbo.org/ABM](http://www.icbo.org/ABM)



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at SBCCI  
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## Calendar of 2001 Events

### August

23-25 CBO Committee Meeting, Nashville, TN

### September

10-12 Access Board Meeting, TBD

16-20 BOCA • ICBO Joint Conference, Cincinnati, OH

### October

10-11 ANSI Annual Conference, Washington, DC

28- Nov. 1 SBCCI 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Education Conference, Greensboro, NC



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