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ICC partners with Mexico to develop building safety codes

The International Code Council will provide technical assistance to the Mexican government to develop a residential building code as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. association and the Mexican National Commission of Housing Development. Under the MOU, the I-Codes developed by the International Code Council will serve as a guide for the creation of new codes and standards in Mexico.

“The Mexican government has a long-term plan to update its construction standards to include the safest techniques, materials and technologies,” said International Code Council CEO James Lee Witt, former Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. “The I-Codes, already enforced in thousands of U.S. jurisdictions, will be the basis for housing construction in Mexico. The codes will provide Mexico’s residents with safe, affordable and comfortable housing.”

“Signing this agreement is a concrete step in support of the housing sector within the framework of the Housing Sector Program strategies,” said Carlos Gutierrez Ruiz, National Commissioner of Housing Development for Mexico. “This is also a great opportunity for the International Code Council and the National Commission of Housing Development to establish the basis to participate in the development of instruments to promote quality and safety in residential buildings in Mexico.”

The MOU signing took place during Building Safety Week, May 8-14. Building departments across America and around the world observe Building Safety Week to raise public awareness of building safety, and to promote the use, enforcement and importance of building safety and fire prevention codes.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

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