

## **ERRATA – Significant Changes to 2009 IFC**

### **Section 607.3, Fire Service Access Elevator**

*Revise the first complete paragraph on Page 70 to read as follows:*

To facilitate the rapid deployment of firefighter, IBC Section 403.6.1 contains a new requirement for a fire service access elevator in high-rise buildings that have an occupied floor more than 120 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. The elevator can be used by building occupants – however, if it is recalled using either Phase I or II elevator capture service as the result of manual or automatic means, the elevator’s use is limited to firefighters and emergency responders.

**Reason:** No provisions exist in the IBC or IFC that limits the use of the fire service access elevator during normal building operations. An elevator, like any other mechanical system, should be operated over its service life so that it is maintained and available for service in an emergency. These elevators are required to comply with IFC Section 607.1 which requires Phase I emergency recall operation and Phase II in-car operation in accordance with ASME A17.1. These elevators can be used by occupants or tenants of a high-rise building until it is manually or automatically captured by emergency responders or the elevator controller as the result of an elevator lobby smoke detector activation.