International Code Council

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Code users benefit from Code Council, Chief Architect partnership

Residential and light commercial code users and public safety will benefit from a partnership between the International Code Council and Chief Architect, Inc. The partnership provides users of Chief Architect software access to the latest versions of the *Residential Inspectors Guide*, the *IRC Checklist: Building Provisions* and other valuable resources.

"These resources include important information to navigate current code requirements and identify code compliant building products," said International Code Council CEO Rick Weiland, "This information makes buildings safer, protects lives, reduces costs and includes resources of the ICC Evaluation Service SAVE program to identify construction products with proven sustainable attributes."

The *Residential Inspectors Guide* is organized in a manner consistent with the inspection sequence and process and provides quick reference to the building and energy requirements of the 2006 *International Residential Code*.

The *IRC Checklist: Building Provisions* is organized by subject to allow the user to quickly identify comments applicable to the project and have easy reference to the code provision for further clarification. Many details, figures and clarifications are provided to expedite the plan review process.

"Chief Architect develops software products for the professional building and architectural market. Our goal is to help the designer to be as productive as possible. For this reason, we are excited to continue our relationship with the Code Council. The IRC Checklist and Inspector's Guide provide valuable reference information to assist our professional home designers," said Scott Harris, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Chief Architect.

The *Inspectors Guide* and the *IRC Checklist: Building Provisions* are a $90 value and are free to current users of Chief Architect. Chief Architect users can download the International Code Council documents from a link inside its software or from www.iccsafe.org/chief.

Chief Architect, Inc. is a leading developer of 3D Architectural home design software for builders, designers, architects, and home enthusiasts. The company first introduced architectural home design software in 1991. For the consumer market, it publishes the Better Homes and Gardens® Home

Designer® product line. The Better Homes and Gardens products are available in many retail stores and on www.HomeDesignerSoftware.com. The Company leads the professional architectural and building home design software market with its professional Chief Architect® product line. For more information, e-mail info@chiefarchitect.com or see www.chiefarchitect.com.

Many of the 2009 editions of the International Codes are available now for purchase at www.iccsafe.org/2009icodes. The complete collection will be available by March 2009, but you may pre-purchase them now to get them shipped as soon as they are released. For more information about the Council, visit www.iccsafe.org.

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 choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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