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Department of Energy to Host Free Energy Code Webinar

A [U.S. Department of Energy](#) (DOE) free webinar on Feb. 22 will discuss major changes to the [International Code Council's](#) 2012 [International Energy Conservation Code](#) (IECC) compared to the [2009 edition](#). The webinar will include an overview of the role that DOE's residential [Building Energy Codes Program](#) played in the development of the 2012 IECC and a forecast on the future of energy codes.

The webinar is aimed at building and energy code officials, residential builders, architects, building engineers and contractors. [Click here](#) to register for the seminar (https://www.mymeetings.com/emeet/rsvp/index.jsp?customHeader=mymeetings&Conference_ID=1050088&passcode=7170033). [Comprehensive training](#) on the 2012 IECC changes will be available from the Code Council in May.

The 2012 IECC is expected to improve the energy efficiency of newly built commercial and residential buildings by 30 percent more than those built under the 2006 IECC. Key changes for residential buildings up to three stories in height include measures to improve the thermal envelope, HVAC systems and electrical systems. Required energy savings for windows, doors and skylights; thermal envelope efficiency; and increased efficiencies for installed HVAC equipment are among the major changes for non-residential construction.

The [International Code Council](#), a membership association dedicated to building safety, fire prevention and energy efficiency, 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. The International Codes also serve as the basis for construction of federal properties around the world, and as a reference for many nations outside the United States.

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