



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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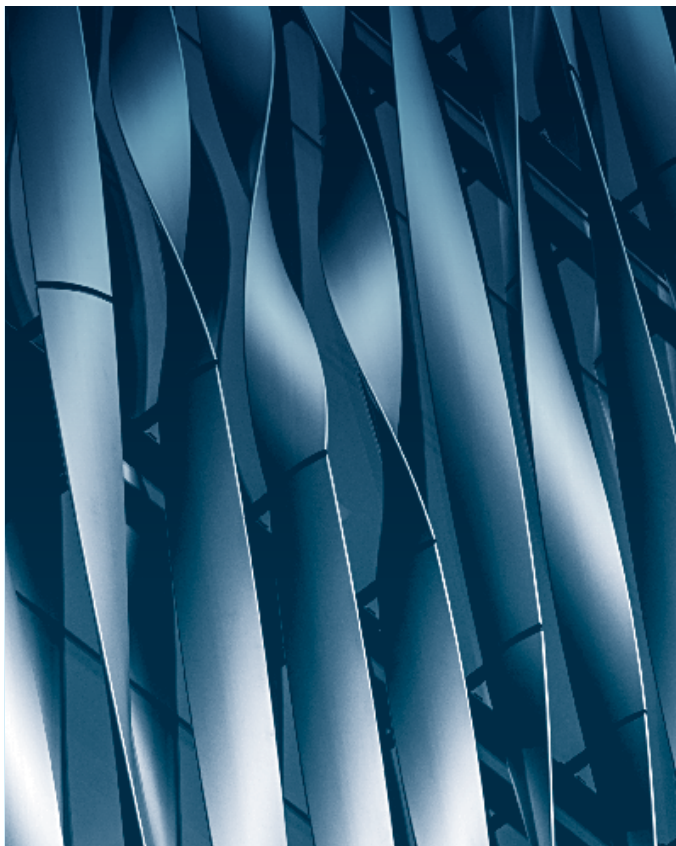
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

*At the International Code Council (ICC), we are continually focused on our mission – to provide the highest quality codes, standards, products and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment. From the development of the model codes to the evaluation and accreditation services provided by our Family of Companies, we are many voices coming together for a common purpose – to serve our members and fulfill our mission.*

### Key Accomplishments

During the past year, we've had many successes worth celebrating, each demonstrating our ongoing commitment to our members and to building safety.

- After a concerted effort from stakeholders and staff during the development and production phases, we are releasing the 2018 International Codes in September 2017.
- In May, we published the 2017 edition of the ICC A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities standard, which provides greater accessibility to buildings for persons with physical disabilities and incorporates new elements of building design.
- Given the projected shortage of qualified candidates in the code official and construction fields, a couple years ago we launched Safety 2.0, an initiative to support the next generation of leaders. We continue to expand this effort to mentor young professionals, and it now includes the High School Technical Training Program, the Emerging Leaders Membership Council, a Board Shadow Program, a Chapter Leadership Academy and more.
- We continue to provide new services and improved capabilities to our members through our remote voting process, cdpACCESS, and our digital codes system, premiumACCESS.
- Over the past year, we significantly increased the number and type of trainings available to our members as well as expanded the variety of topics and the number of geographic locations. Our training initiatives included the Test Academies and a new online training and education learning platform.
- We founded the Alliance for National & Community Resilience, which is leading a coalition of organizations to create the nation's first whole-community resilience benchmark that will enable localities to better assess and improve resilience.
- In June, the Code Council welcomed S. K. Ghosh Associates LLC, a seismic and building code consulting firm, into our Family of Companies. This addition strengthens ICC's technical abilities in structural engineering and expands the technical consulting services available to our members and clients.
- The other members of our Family of Companies continue to push the envelope and provide the best, most up-to-date services to our members. The International Accreditation Service saw growth in revenue and client offerings; ICC Evaluation Service launched the Affiliate Program and a new partnership with Innovation Research Labs; and ICC Solar Rating & Certification Corporation branched out beyond solar thermal water heating into technologies such as small and medium wind power, photovoltaic water heating, and solar space heating and cooling.
- The Code Council and ASHRAE agreed to align the technical requirements of ASHRAE's Standard 189.1 for High Performance Green Buildings with ICC's International Green Construction Code (IgCC) into one single model code. Under the agreement, ASHRAE is providing technical content for the 2018 IgCC, and ICC is responsible for the administrative sections and publication. This year, ASHRAE approved the updates to the 2018 edition, bringing the code one step closer to completion. ICC is planning the code's release for spring 2018.

**PRES/CEO LETTER** *(continued)***Policy and Thought Leadership**

The Code Council works closely with stakeholders, organizations and government agencies across the country and around the world to obtain broad consensus on issues related to health, safety and general welfare within the built environment. In the past year at the state level, we worked in California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky and many others, to successfully advocate for the adoption of updated codes and standards. Nationally, we met with senators, representatives and White House staff to make sure the voices of our members were heard as part of the national debate about building safety. And, we worked with many countries including Mexico, Pakistan and the Gulf states to promote building safety and modern codes internationally.

**Social Responsibility and Visibility**

In May 2017, we celebrated Building Safety Month, our public awareness campaign created 37 years ago to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures through the adoption of modern building codes, strong and efficient code enforcement, and a well-trained, professional workforce. The theme for the 2017 campaign was “Code Officials— Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth.” This year included 39 gubernatorial proclamations, more than 450 local ordinances or proclamations, and numerous events in Washington, D.C., and around the country sponsored by local chapters. Building Safety Month was recognized in the U.S. House of Representatives and remarks were included in the Congressional Record.

**Business Growth**

Our strong financial position over the past several years continues in 2017. We expect revenue from the sale of goods and services to exceed our budgeted revenue and initial profit targets. We continue to build cash reserves, which provides a solid financial foundation for the association as we expand our members benefits and strengthen our programs.

The 2017 Annual Report describes these successes and other programs and services in greater detail. These accomplishments are a tribute to the hard work of our members and staff. Together, we’ve built an association that is strong, stable and effective. As we look to the year ahead, we want to take the time to thank all the individuals and organizations who contribute to our success and our mission. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide the safest and most resilient buildings for our families, our communities, our nation and the world.



**M. DWAYNE GARRISS**  
President

ICC Board of Directors



**DOMINIC SIMS, CBO**  
Chief Executive Officer

International Code Council



## TREASURER'S REPORT

As **Secretary/Treasurer** of the ICC's Board of Directors, it is my privilege to report to the membership on the financial position of the association. The sustained growth in the U.S. economy and the construction industry has provided a solid foundation for the success of your association. The Code Council Board's strategic plan, 20/20 Vision, continues to drive the association's direction and focus.

The association is strong and vibrant thanks to the hard work of our staff and the dedication of our members. Our efforts, as always, are focused on our collective mission to develop the finest codes and standards and to create safe and resilient buildings and communities. Through a sustained focus on financial stability, we have been able to enhance member benefits and improve the code development process. We are committed to our members and our future!

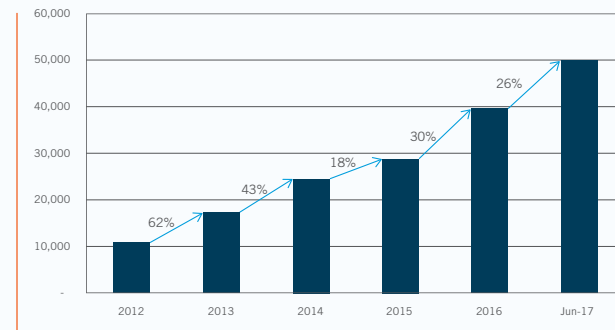
In 2017, we expect revenue from the sale of goods and services to exceed our budget revenue and operating profit targets. Our sustained financial performance has allowed us to build cash reserves, maintain our robust package of member benefits and expand our chapter outreach efforts. The Chapter Education benefit, code opinions, member pricing, publicACCESS, Code of Honor Scholarships and the Code Council's Annual Conference remain key features of ICC membership.

Our financial performance also positions the Code Council for the future, with programs such as Safety 2.0, Journey to Leadership, High School Technical Training Program, Chapter Leadership Academy and the Emerging Leaders Membership Council. Our success paves the way for additional investments in digital products such as our premiumACCESS and publicACCESS products, enhancements to cdpACCESS, and the extension of cdpACCESS to the jurisdiction level resulting in an improved code development process, better buildings and safer communities. We continue to support our technical expertise through investment with the addition of S.K. Ghosh Associates to the ICC Family of Companies.

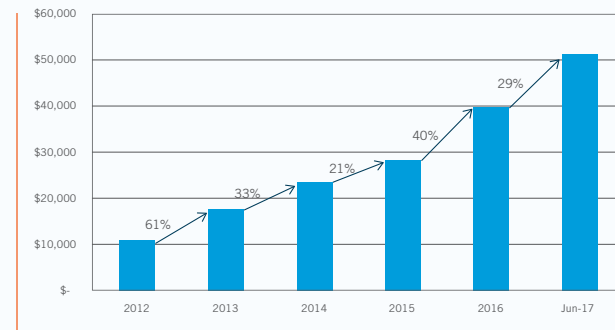
We expect exciting challenges and opportunities in the future. We will meet these challenges together knowing that the association stands strong and ready to serve its members.



### Net Asset Growth



### Cash & Investment Growth



**WILLIAM R. BRYANT, MCP, CBO**

Secretary/Treasurer  
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## ICC - BOD

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# ICC PROGRAMS & HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

BUSINESS AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

TECHNICAL SERVICES

ASSESSMENT CENTER

MEMBER SERVICES



## ICC - GR

ICC's **Government Relations (GR)** Department supports the adoption and use of the International Codes (I-Codes) and the code development process, promotes related ICC services and advocates for the interests of our members. We do this through targeted, direct advocacy and by forging strategic alliances with many other voices who are also working toward safer, more resilient buildings and communities.

GR works in collaboration with chapters, stakeholders and all interested parties on code adoption-related issues, including providing political and public policy development support; identifying legislation that may potentially affect members or the organization; and identifying developing trends in the industry.

Every year our regional managers track hundreds of state legislative bills that directly or indirectly impact the ICC Family of Companies and our members. In the past year, we successfully advocated to amend or defeat many bills across the country that would have been harmful to the Code Council and our members.

- In Tallahassee, Florida, we established the Floridians for Safe Communities Coalition, a broad coalition of local and national organizations, to do public outreach and education about the importance of using strong, current building codes. ICC staff worked with legislators and stakeholders on House Bill 1021 to simplify the code adoption process and ensure that Florida continues to have the most up-to-date building codes based on the I-Codes. The bill was signed into law in June 2017.
- We led a national coalition and successfully lobbied former Indiana Governor Michael Pence to issue an executive order to extend the commercial energy code (90.1) by one year. The order prevented the termination of the code which would have left Indiana without an energy code.
- We submitted language to amend Kentucky House Bill 394, which removed outdated references to legacy organizations and inserted ICC as the provider of the model codes. The bill passed and was signed into law.

- As a member of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Consultative Council, we participated in the Council's annual report to the President and to Congress, which examines the challenges and opportunities before the building industry and the nation. We wrote one of the two main recommendations in the report on the need for a skilled workforce.
- We submitted comments on the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico as it relates to the definition of international standards.
- Hawaii Governor David Ige signed a law requiring building codes be adopted within two years of their publication date.
- We worked closely with chapter leaders and other stakeholders on a new law that expedites the code adoption process in Connecticut and moved the state from the 2003 International Building Code (IBC) and 2009 I-Codes to the 2012 codes. Because of this work, Connecticut plans to adopt the 2015 codes this year and the 2018 codes in 2019.
- The California Building Standards Commission approved emergency building standard regulations for exterior elevated elements based on approved code changes for the 2018 IBC and the 2018 International Existing Building Codes®. GR staff facilitated this effort by providing the code change language, reasons and hearing testimony.

Our staff also met with some of the key decision-makers on the national level to discuss building safety and code adoptions.

- In February, we met with presidential transition team member and Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee to discuss building codes, infrastructure and resilience.
- In May, the Code Council presented an award of special recognition to Congressman Lou Barletta of Pennsylvania for his outstanding commitment to the adoption and use of current building and safety codes.
- In June, we led a discussion panel in the U.S. Capitol Building about advancing a skilled workforce as part of the High-Performance Building Coalition Week.
- Also in June, ICC met with White House Infrastructure staff members to address initial planning phases of the 2017 Federal Infrastructure Package.

On the national level, we also track legislation and create videos breaking down the federal bills we are monitoring on the newly redesigned federal webpage on ICC's website.

On a regular basis, we develop and maintain strategic relationships with businesses, policy advocates, homebuilders, state and local agencies, and others. Through coalitions and committees, we reinforce the importance of building safety and the work of code officials.

**ICC - GR** *(continued)*

- As the vice chair of the High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition Policy Committee, ICC provided guidance and support to the High-Performance Buildings Caucus of the U.S. Congress.
- In June, we sponsored and participated in the BuildStrong Coalition's 2017 National Thought Leaders Forum on Disaster Mitigation Resiliency for a Stronger and Safer America.
- This year GR developed the criteria for the inaugural International Code Council Innovation in Code Administration Award, which recognizes fire and building departments for innovation in the delivery of code administration services in their communities. The Code Council, the International Association of Fire Chiefs Fire and Life Safety Section, and the National Association of State Fire Marshals co-sponsored the award. The 2017 inaugural award winner was the Department of Safety and Inspections for the City of St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Because of recent significant fires in buildings under construction, in 2017 ICC, the American Wood Council, the American Institute of Architects, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and others formed the Coalition for Construction Fire Safety to identify ways to reduce the number of fires in these properties.
- The Code Council and NFPA co-chair the Coalition for Current Safety Codes (CCSC). Over 550 members representing code officials, jurisdictions, corporations, manufacturers, the insurance industry, associations, private individuals and others serve to broaden the support and raise public awareness about the role codes and standards play in the health and welfare of our communities. The CCSC worked on state legislation in Florida, Washington, South Carolina, Utah, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.
- To further promote the ICC fire sprinkler and fire alarm inspector and plan reviewer certifications, GR created an informal partnership with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, the American Fire Sprinkler Association, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, the National Institute of Certifying Engineering Technologies and the Automatic Fire Alarm Association. Together we will co-brand and market the certification exams to improve code official performance in those disciplines.

In addition, the GR staff works directly with chapter members and other stakeholders on a regular basis, and we attend hundreds of chapter meetings every year. Staff members serve as liaisons to the Major Jurisdiction Committee and the Building; Emerging Leaders; Fire; Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG); and Sustainability Membership Councils.

In particular, we worked with the PMG Membership Council to issue two additional CodeNotes for the 2015 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code® in English and Spanish and the International Mechanical Code® in English. Soon we'll be releasing CodeNotes based on the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code® and verification of Air Conditioning Contractors of America Manual J procedures. We also launched the new PMG Video Library on the PMG Membership Council website. The library showcases ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) PMG listed products and links the instruction videos with their ICC-ES reports.

We delivered I-Codes fire service training classes to members and others at the Campus Fire Safety/Ohio Fire Academy, the Seacoast New Hampshire Chapter, the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire Prevention Association of North Texas, the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials, the Pennsylvania Lancaster County Code Association and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

In May, we celebrated the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Building Safety Month. The theme was "Code Officials— Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth" and each week had a specific focus: Mentoring the Next Generation of Building Professionals; Building Design Solutions for All Ages; Manage the Damage – Preparing for Natural Disasters; and Investing in Technology for Safety, Energy & Water Efficiency. This year included 39 gubernatorial proclamations and more than 450 local ordinances or proclamations; a kick-off event in conjunction with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH); a tour of the U.S. Capitol with ICC leadership and the Inter-Jurisdictional Regulatory Collaboration Committee (IRCC); a rooftop reception at ICC's DC headquarters sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders; an event at the NIBS headquarters; and numerous events around the country sponsored by local chapters. Building Safety Month was recognized in the U.S. House of Representatives and remarks were included in the Congressional Record. A total of 33 sponsors, including 12 major sponsors, supported this year's national campaign.



SARA C. YERKES

Senior Vice President, Government Relations

ICC - GR *(continued)*

GR manages ICC's Resilience Program, which helps create resilient communities across the country through diligent planning and innovative thinking.

In November, we founded the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR). ANCR is working to create the nation's first whole-community resilience benchmark that will enable localities to better assess and improve resilience. It has 29 members, including Dow Chemical, UL and the Building Owners and

Managers Association (BOMA), as well as a Corporate Council created and chaired by Target Corporation.

GR runs the High School Technical Training program, which continues to expand. Forty-six schools including five colleges are currently participating in the program. From January to June 2017, ICC issued 283 Certificates of Achievement (COA) to students who successfully passed the examination. Over 1,083 COAs have been awarded to date.

We also act as a clearinghouse for questions and comments on national and local issues. In the past year, GR staff have provided oral and written testimony, given presentations and speeches on various topics, written journal articles and shared important industry news on social media. This year, GR continued to develop and broadcast its "House of Codes" videos with 6 new episodes highlighting the new administration, the federal budget, Building Safety Month and federal legislation. We published fire safety articles in *Gulf Fire*, the Utah Fire Rescue Association's *Straight Tip*, *NEMA-ei*, *BOMA Magazine*, *Plumbing Engineer* and the National Fire Sprinkler Association magazine.

At the ICC Annual Conference & Expo in Columbus, Ohio, in September, we are bringing together a prestigious group of speakers to discuss residential energy issues, real estate business and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's community resilience program.

The GR team will continue to work with many other voices on a local, state and national level to support our members and our stakeholders by promoting building safety and resilient communities.

**Top Photo**

ICC staff members Sara Yerkes and Chris Ochoa recognize Representative Lou Barletta (R-Penn.) for his commitment to building safety.

**Bottom Photo**

ICC staff members Sara Yerkes, Chris Ochoa and Bryan Soukup met with Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) to discuss building codes and related matters.

## ICC - BPD

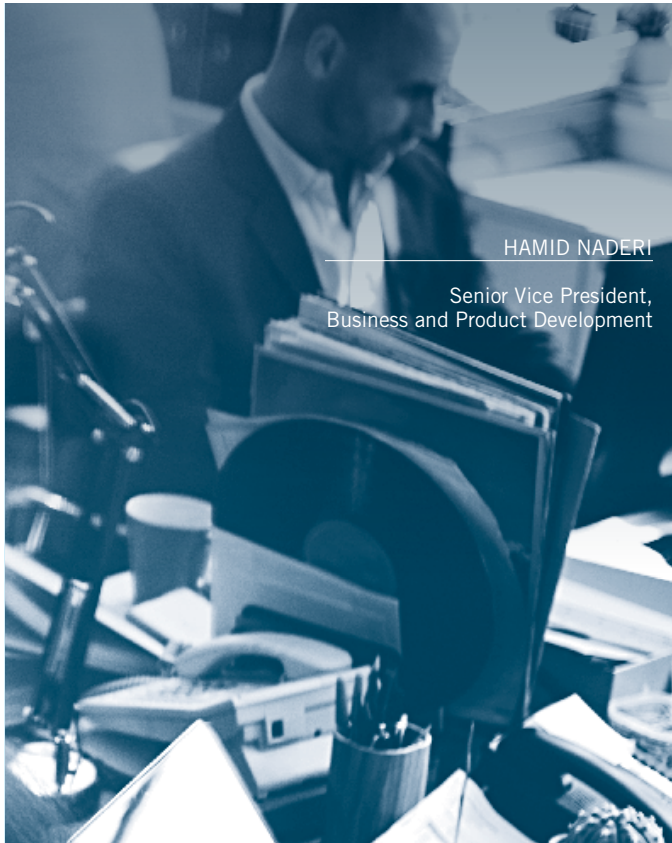
The primary goal of the ICC's **Business and Product Development** Department (BPD) is to increase the availability and timeliness of ICC publications to our members and partners in the building construction community. BPD consists of Product Development, Publishing, Customer Service, Fulfillment Center and Marketing. We are many voices working together to serve ICC customers effectively and efficiently. By utilizing the technical expertise of staff members, partner associations, expert consultants and authors, we are able to offer publications and services that strengthen ICC's reputation as the premier and trusted provider of information for codes and standards professionals.

We are proud to announce that this year we secured the early release of the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes) – fourteen of the 2018 I-Codes are scheduled for release in September 2017, and the release of the 2018 International Green Construction Code is planned for the first quarter of 2018. Publishing worked diligently in conjunction with Code Development to complete these code books quickly and effectively. Several titles in the Significant Change Series (2018 International Business Code, 2018 International Residential Code, 2018 International Fire Code and the 2018 International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes) were released simultaneously with the 2018 I-Codes thanks to the extra efforts of our Product Development and Publishing staff. The updated accessibility standard, the A117.1-2017, was released in June 2017, with the Commentary and Significant Changes publications soon to follow.

Along with the 2018 I-Codes, Publishing simultaneously worked with state and local jurisdictions to update many custom code publications. "Early Bird" marketing campaigns provided customers advanced notification of the release of these custom codes and afforded customers the opportunity to take advantage of special discount pricing. The states and jurisdictions that released updated codes this year included Florida, Ohio, Connecticut, Michigan, Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles.

On the digital front, BPD worked with Information Technology to upgrade both the publicACCESS and premiumACCESS sites. We expanded the content on both sites and made them more user friendly. For example, this year BPD added the Enhanced North Carolina Codes on the publicACCESS site and increased the number of referenced standards available in a digital format. We look forward to working with more jurisdictions in the future to make their custom content readily available in both ACCESS formats for ICC members and code users.





HAMID NADERI

Senior Vice President,  
Business and Product Development



## ICC - BPD *(continued)*



In addition, BPD leveraged the strength of industry partners by increasing the number of co-branded and partner publications. Some collaborative BPD publications released this year include New York State Energy Commentary with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Energy Compliance Options for Wood Light Frame with APA – the Engineered Wood Association; Disabled Access (California Disabled Access Guidebook); ADA in Details with John Wiley and Sons; Inclusive Design Guidelines (New York City); Solar Permitting Guidebooks (California); and Florida Building and Residential Significant Changes with the Building Officials Association of Florida.

Partnerships are key to our success in offering high-quality support resources in specialty areas of building design and construction to a large number of customers and through a variety of distribution channels. A new addition to the ICC Family of Companies, S. K. Ghosh Associates, is a well-respected and highly regarded engineering consulting firm offering consulting services, publications and training on the structural provisions of the I-Codes and their related standards. We are looking forward to strengthening and expanding the publication offerings in the structural arena in the years to come.

Getting the codes and support publications into the hands of users is as important as their creation. Our Customer Service and Fulfillment Team fielded over 7,500 calls, processed 23,000 online orders and shipped over 29,000 orders between January and June 2017. We also attended conferences, code hearings, industry trade shows, regional chapter events and training institutes throughout the year to showcase ICC products and services. Some highlights included the Colorado Chapter Education Institute, the 25<sup>th</sup> Building Professional Institute in Arlington, Texas, and a booth at EduCode 2017 in Las Vegas.

In the coming year, we plan to strengthen our partnerships, leverage our technical and publishing expertise, build even stronger teams of expert authors and trainers, and create additional synergy between ICC departments to make the best and most trusted information and resources hub accessible to our members and to all building industry professionals.

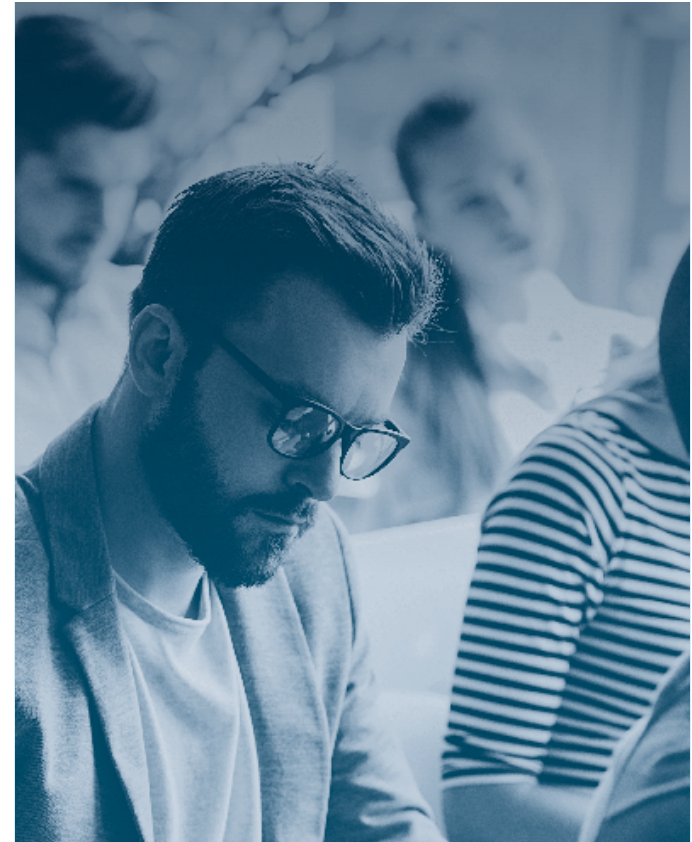
## ICC - T&E

The ICC **Training and Education** (T&E) Department develops and delivers high-quality, comprehensive codes and standards training from expert instructors while also ensuring that the educational offerings are accredited by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training in order to provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs). T&E has continued to expand service offerings and enhance delivery mechanisms to focus on one purpose – serving ICC members and construction professions by providing innovative building safety education.

In the past year, T&E has made impressive strides by providing a host of delivery methods and content options to promote our safety mission. Building from a solid foundation, we have been able to bolster our core training options, provide exceptional service to our chapters and members, begin construction on a new online platform called ICC's Learning Center and further engage and support our Preferred Provider Network.

In 2016, we significantly increased the number of institutes and open enrollments offered as well as expanded the variety of topics and the number of geographic locations in order to provide convenient training options to our members. We created and deployed new programs including the Test Academies, which prepare learners to sit for certification exams by exposing them to the test environment, question styles, timed drill training and test taking tips. The B2-Commercial Building Inspector Certification Test Academy pilot program, held in Alaska in December 2016, was a success with the pass rate for the exam matching that of the national pass rate. Also, the first 2015 IECC Energy Rating Index Compliance full-day course, offered in Country Club Hills, Illinois, demonstrated compliance with the code using a metric modeled on the popular Residential Energy Services Network Home Energy Rating System Index.

We also launched new webinars topic including “Carbon Monoxide: Changes in the 2015 International Codes (I-Codes)” with 176 participants; “Cost Benefits to the Building Community of Adopting Current I-Codes & Using ICC Evaluation Service Reports” with 270 participants; and “How to Get Involved with ICC” with over 280 participants. In the online arena, the iCampus offered eleven new courses about online study guides and IBC essentials including “2015 IBC Online Study Guide - For Commercial Building Inspectors;” “2015 IBC Essentials – Code Administration, Enforcement and Building Planning;” and 2015 IBC Essentials – Fire Safety.”





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Vice President, Training and Education



## ICC - T&E *(continued)*



T&E also provided training focused on our chapters through the organization, delivery and execution of over 150 contracted training days and over 100 chapter education benefit days. By re-energizing and refocusing the Education Committee, we have been able to provide innovative solutions and new training ideas and have better identified the needs of our chapters in terms of content and service level.

We continue to strengthen partnerships with ICC chapters by supporting their institutes and education programs. In 2016, we saw strong participation in chapter, municipal and university programs such as EduCode (Southern Nevada Chapter), Upper Great Plains Region III Education Institute and the Building Professional Institute.

A vision came closer to reality in 2016 with the kick-off of the planning and construction of ICC's Learning Center, which combines a multitude of services including live events, iCampus and Hire ICC to Teach web pages. ICC's Learning Center will provide learners with a one-stop shop for all training initiatives and supporting publications.

The ICC Preferred Provider Program (PPP) established new partnerships with ICC chapters, building-related associations and organizations, educators and manufacturers to drive growth and affordability through innovation and by broadening educational opportunities in the construction field and in code administration. The program has been growing steadily and reached 371 partner providers in June 2016. The role of the partner education providers is now critically important as 50 percent of the total required CEUs for certification renewals must now come from ICC or ICC PPP training.

T&E welcomes the chance to join with our partners to support the career growth and advancement of ICC members and all building industry professionals. We continue to tailor our offerings to our members' needs and look forward to providing even more top-notch learning opportunities in the future.

