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Dear Technical High School Administrator or Instructor,

An innovative program was launched two years ago at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air, Maryland which introduced students to the International Residential Code (IRC) in conjunction with their construction trades training. This pilot was followed by the York County School of Technology in York, Pennsylvania, which incorporated the course into its curriculum this year. The International Code Council (ICC) awarded a Certificate of Achievement to each student who passed the exam which is based on a high school level of code competency.

The idea is gaining support throughout the building code community with code officials joining in and committing to work with technical schools in their jurisdictions to establish a nationally recognized Certificate of Achievement program for CTE students focused on construction related career paths. Currently, we have pilot programs established in a few schools centered on the East Coast, but interest is rapidly expanding across the entire U.S.

During ICC's 2011 Annual Business Meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, a presentation was given outlining the new program generating overwhelming support. Recently, the ICC High School Certificate of Achievement program was featured in ICC's Building Safety Journal, a national publication, distributed throughout the code and construction industry. Various news releases were also issued highlighting this new construction related Career and Technical Education curriculum.

This tool kit contains various letters of support including the requisite information and instructions to initiate the ICC High School Technical Training Program in your school. Multiple links and reference documents provide additional information about the ICC and the importance of code knowledge to the emerging workforce. Other sources reinforce the multitude of careers available to students with construction skills and a basic comprehension of the codes. Please visit ICC's website at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org) to learn more about the Council and its mission.

If you require additional assistance or have unanswered questions, please direct them to Jim Ellwood, ICC's High School Technical Training Program Consultant at [jellwood@iccsafe.org](mailto:jellwood@iccsafe.org) or 410-638-3366 during business hours. The ICC Regional Government Relations Manager serving your state is another valuable resource who will gladly provide assistance with this program. Contact information for the ICC Regional Manager for your area can be accessed from this map: [www.iccsafe.org/gr-map](http://www.iccsafe.org/gr-map).

In the coming year, ICC will be reaching out to Technical High School and Code Officials across U.S. to encourage them to collaborate on implementing this program in their respective communities. ICC's main objective in this endeavor is to introduce the students to the codes and provide them with the recognition for their efforts. Your support in this endeavor is sincerely appreciated.

Kind regards,

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