

## International Code Council Government Relations Update – October 2014

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### Don't Forget to VOTE!!

The 2014 Public Comment Hearings may be over, but if you didn't make it to Ft. Lauderdale, don't worry. With cdpACCESS, it's your turn to vote. If you haven't been keeping up with the webcasts live, they will be posted by October 10 on the ICC website so you can watch the debate on each proposal unfold. After that, the final results of the in-person voting will be posted October 14, with online voting on cdpACCESS to begin on October 15, running through October 29. Find out more about how to vote here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS/Pages/default.aspx>

### Call for Committees: Exam Development Committees

Share your expertise and help ensure the credibility and validity of ICC Certifications by serving on an Exam Development Committee! The Plumbing and Property Maintenance and Zoning Committees will have seats available for 3-year terms to begin on January 1. These committees oversee various exams, however no testing experience is required. Committee members typically meet for one 2-3 day in-person meeting and multiple Web conferences throughout the year. For more information visit the Exam Development Committee Applicant Snapshot here: [http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/EDC\\_Applicant\\_Snapshot.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Documents/EDC_Applicant_Snapshot.pdf). To apply, download and complete the application <http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Pages/EDC.aspx>. **Applications for consideration are due by October 20.**

### New ICC Publication Focuses on Post-Disaster Mitigation

The most common contributing factor to significant structural damage and building failure after extreme natural events such as earthquakes and hurricanes is construction that fails to comply with codes, standards and design documents. A new Code Council publication, Special Inspection Manual: 2012 Edition, discusses mitigating these issues. Click here to find out more: <http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/Pages/071814-SpecialInspection.aspx>

### HUD Launches \$1 Billion National Disaster Resilience Competition; ICC Plans to Support Applicants

The competition will help communities that have been devastated by natural disasters build back stronger and be better prepared for the future. ICC plans to support communities who apply with information on best practices for adoption of state of the art building codes and standards. Read more about the program here: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2014/HUDNo\\_14-109](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2014/HUDNo_14-109)

### ICC Webinars Explain Important Changes to the 2015 I-Codes

Feeling overwhelmed by the changes to the 2015 codes? Or just looking for what's new? ICC helps you understand the major changes to the 2015 codes with three webinars on the *International Energy*

*Conservation Code, International Existing Building Code and the International Property Maintenance Code.* Reserve your seat at these webinars today by clicking here: <http://go.iccsafe.org/l/25182/2014-09-25/d75x3>

### **FEMA Invites You to Share Your Knowledge of Disaster Resilience**

FEMA's 2014-2018 Strategic Plan calls to draw from and work with the whole community to identify leading, community-level resilience indicators that can provide a recurring, overall picture of the resilience of the nation in preparing for, responding to and mitigating against disasters. Find out more about how you can help here:

<http://fema.ideascale.com/a/ideafactory.do?mode=tag&discussionFilter=byids&discussionID=60387>