

# ICC Government Relations

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Join building safety professionals from around the world at the 2026 ICC Annual Conference + Expo!

This year's event will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville on October 18-21. Network, earn CEUs, access career resources, socialize with peers, and participate in elections and other association business.

**Register for the Full Access Pass by September 11 to get the conference polo shirt.**

The conference agenda includes a variety of education and career development opportunities, including:

- Earning CEUs through building tours, an 8-track Education Program, Insight Education sessions, and panel discussions.
- New activities and displays at the Expo.
- Networking opportunities connect you with valuable peer resources.

Special guests include:



- Keynote speaker Dr. Mike Massimino (pictured at left), a NASA astronaut and best-selling author, will inspire you to identify the passion in your work.
- Country music star Scotty McCreery (pictured at right) will help us celebrate and honor our members and guests with a special private performance.



[Get more information and register here](#) →

### *Send Us Photos of You and Your Colleagues at Work!*

ICC invites all members to [share pictures and videos](#) of the impactful work they and their building safety colleagues are doing in the field. These photos and videos will be reviewed by ICC staff and could be featured at the 2026 Annual Conference.

## UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

**2026 ICC Annual Conference and Expo**  
**October 18 – 21, 2026**  
Gaylord Opryland Resort  
Nashville, TN

## Quarterly Update from ICC CEO John Belcik



International Code Council CEO John Belcik recently released a video message highlighting the milestone of reaching 70,000 members, the new G12 Guideline on Data Centers, the 2025 Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship recipient, and more!

[Visit ICC's YouTube Channel to watch](#) →

## Annual Business Meeting Info

### Nominations for 2026-2027 ICC Board of Directors

Nominations are being accepted for candidates for the 2026–2027 ICC Board of Directors. Elections for officers and vacant positions on the board will be held on October 19 during the Annual Business Meeting in Nashville. All candidates need to submit a letter of interest, current resume, a letter of support from their jurisdiction and any other information necessary to support their candidacy **by August 20**.

[2026 Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors here](#) →

### Amendments and Voter Validation

ICC's 2026 Annual Business Meeting on October 19 in Nashville will feature reports from Board officers, committees, and the CEO, as well as voting on business matters, including the election of ICC Board Officers and Directors. The meeting will include voting on proposed bylaw amendments:

- [Background — Proposed 2026 Bylaw Amendments](#)
- [Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2026-1](#)
- [Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2026-2](#)

Voter validation is required to vote at the Annual Business Meeting. All governmental voting representatives who plan to attend the 2026 ABM in person need to be validated to vote on ICC business such as elections, bylaw amendments, and member resolutions. Voter validation for the 2026 ABM closes on September 19, 2026.

[Read more about the Annual Business Meeting and voter validation here](#) →

## 2027 Code Development Cycle Finalized With More than 2,300 Changes

The final action results of the Public Comment Hearing (PCH) and Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) for the 2024-2026 Group A & Group B [are now available](#). This finalizes the 2027 Code Development Cycle process for more than 2,300 code changes received this cycle. The codes will be published and available in both print and digital formats later this year. These final voting results are reviewed by an independent Validation Committee before validating the process results. The Validation Committee determined that the process and voting results were valid with no irregularities or concerns to the outcome.

[Find out more details here](#) →

## Code Action Committees Holding Meetings in September

ICC's [Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Code Action Committee](#) (PMGCAC), [Fire Code Action Committee](#) (FCAC), and [Building Code Action Committee](#) (BCAC) will hold in-person meetings in Rosemont, Illinois, from Sept. 9–11. These Code Action Committee meetings are held to present new code change proposals, develop testimony for hearings and review public comments to help shape future editions of the International Codes® (I-Codes®).

[Find out more details here](#) →

## Redesigned cdpACCESS Launches

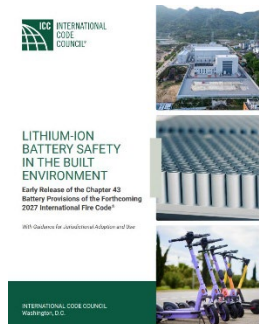
The International Code Council (ICC) has rolled out a redesign of its flagship code development process program, [cdpACCESS](#). The new, more intuitive platform is faster and clearer when creating, collaborating on and voting on updates to building, fire and safety codes.

[More details about the redesign and how to use cdpACCESS here](#) →

## ICC Releases Early 2027 Fire Code Battery Provisions

ICC recently released *Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in the Built Environment – Early Release of the Chapter 43 Battery Provisions of the Forthcoming 2027 International Fire Code®* (IFC). The guide was developed from recommendations by the Battery and Energy Storage Systems Ad Hoc Committee and published ahead of the standard code cycle to help jurisdictions address the growing use of lithium-ion batteries and emerging battery technologies. By making these provisions available now, ICC is giving code officials, designers and emergency personnel access to the most current, research-based regulatory framework for the safe manufacture, storage, use and recycling of lithium-ion batteries that may be adopted, referenced and applied today.

[Learn about the new guide and how to use it now](#) →



## ICC Publishes Playbook for ADUs and Off-Site Construction



To assist policymakers and building safety officials in leveraging Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUs) to address their housing affordability and availability challenges, ICC published *Unlocking Accessory Dwelling Units and Industrialized Off-Site Construction: A Playbook for Adoption* in July 2026. The playbook is designed to be a guide for policy makers on strategies to advance ADU deployment and leverage off-site construction.

[Read the playbook and learn more about off-site construction here →](#)

## Apply for ICC's Codes and Standards Council

Applications are being accepted for the Codes and Standards Council, which reviews and advises the ICC Board on committee appointments for the code development process and may review code and standard development policies and procedures as needed. Code officials and representatives of allied/interested organizations and professions who possess knowledge and experience in code and standards development are encouraged to apply.

[Apply for the Codes and Standards Council here →](#)

## ICC A 117.1 Consensus Committee Accepting Applications

The Consensus Committee on Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (IS-A117) is accepting applications from stakeholders including manufacturers, builders, testing laboratories, governmental regulators, users, and individuals representing organizations for persons with disabilities. The application deadline is August 31. Once appointed, the committee will convene to develop ICC A117.1 in accordance with ICC's ANSI Accredited procedures (CP-12A). The intent of the standard is to support independent access, allowing individuals with physical disabilities to approach, enter and use the built environment without assistance.

[Learn about the consensus committee here →](#)

## ICC Offers Services to Help Building Departments Address Challenges

Building departments across the country are being asked to do more, do it faster and do it with fewer resources. Which function to keep in-house, identifying partners and partnership models, technology upgrades and funding strategies are where many departments could benefit from an expert, outside perspective. ICC supports workforce research as well as operational, organizational and building department best practices implementation. ICC's experience draws on positive solutions adopted in all types of jurisdictions. ICC's [consulting services](#) can provide advisory support to assist in assessing challenges in service delivery and matching solutions to local conditions, giving communities proven approaches.

[Find out more details here →](#)

## 'When Disaster Strikes' Training Series Offered to Prepare Code Officials

The International Code Council's "When Disaster Strikes (WDS) Institute" prepares attendees to effectively respond to disasters. Through a combination of instruction, interactive activities and case study reviews, participants will learn the critical role of code officials in the wake of a disaster, the process of developing disaster preparedness plans, the types and availability of mutual aid, and the importance and process of coordinating and conducting preliminary damage assessments, substantial damage estimates and post-disaster building safety evaluations. The WDS Institute also serves as a resource for maintaining your When Disaster Strikes credential, with the goal of increasing the number of trained and qualified Post-Disaster Building Safety Evaluators and Coordinators.

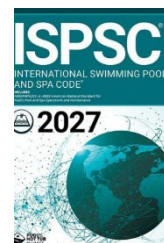
[Read more on series schedule here →](#)

## ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

### Transformative Changes Coming in 2027 ISPSC

Revisions to the 2027 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code® (ISPSC®) introduce significant updates aimed at enhancing safety, clarity and operational coherence across swimming pools and spas. The updates to the 2027 ISPSC, combined with the inclusion of the PHTA/ICC-2 standard, introduce significant and essential improvements designed to enhance safety, health, ease of compliance and operational clarity within the realm of public aquatic facilities.

[Read more here →](#)



## Rural Decentralized Water Systems Grant Program Open

Federal grants are available for nonprofits to establish and maintain revolving loan funds that help low- and moderate-income rural households construct, refurbish, rehabilitate, or replace individually owned water wells and decentralized septic wastewater systems. Approximately \$11 million is available. **Apply by September 30.**

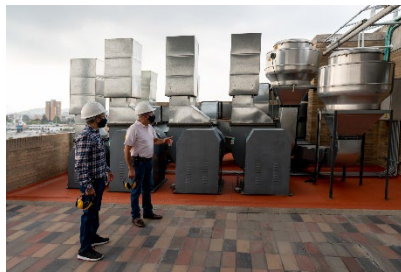
[Find out more about the grant program](#) →

## Spencer Brown Receives 2025 PMG Leadership Award

Spencer Brown, senior director of sales for Pfister Faucets in Madison, Mississippi, was honored with the 2025 PMG Leadership Award. Brown helped create "[American Plumber Stories](#)," a docuseries that serves to inspire, educate and entertain both current and future members of the plumbing industry.

[Learn about Spencer and his accomplishments](#) →

## Achieving Balance in Exhaust Systems and Makeup Air With the IMC



Mechanical exhaust systems perform a critical role in protecting occupant health, maintaining indoor air quality and reducing fire plus life-safety hazards. Exhaust systems are designed to remove contaminants from a building but every cubic foot of air exhausted from a structure must ultimately be replaced, otherwise pressure imbalances could compromise system performance, occupant comfort and even building safety. The 2024 International Mechanical Code® (IMC) recognizes this fundamental principle and includes several requirements intended to ensure exhaust systems and makeup air systems function together as an integrated design.

[Learn more about exhaust systems and makeup air here](#) →

## HVAC Industry Transitioning to A2Ls with I-Codes

As the HVAC industry continues its transition from HFC refrigerants to A2L refrigerants, many questions and concerns have come up related to the permitting process and inspection expectations. Rest assured, the transition to A2L refrigerants is moving forward smoothly. Some jurisdictions across the U.S. have not yet adopted the 2024 IMC but have chosen to amend their existing building codes, or otherwise, to include provisions related to A2L refrigerants and equipment.

[More insights into A2Ls here](#) →

## ICC Family of Solutions Updates

### ICC Acquires Code Concepts Group, O'Brian Joins ICC

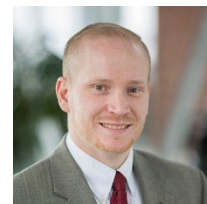
The International Code Council acquired the assets of Code Concepts Group LLC (Code Concepts), a nationally recognized consulting firm specializing in fire and building code advisory services, training and technical consulting for emerging technologies and plan review services. As part of the acquisition, industry veteran Michael O'Brian has joined ICC as Senior Vice President, where he will oversee and help expand the organization's advisory services.

[Learn more about the acquisition](#) →

### S.K. Ghosh Associates Announces Leadership Transition

S. K. Ghosh Associates (SKGA) recently announced that founder and president Dr. S. K. Ghosh is becoming President Emeritus, while Dr. Jared E. Brewe, formerly the organization's Vice President, will become President. Dr. Ghosh's decades of influence on structural and seismic design, along with his extensive service on national technical committees and contributions to building codes around the world, have shaped both the profession and the organization.

[Find out more about the transition](#) →



### New Pricing Plans Announced for Digital Codes Premium

There are new pricing plans for Digital Codes Premium: [Base](#), [Professional](#) and [Complete](#). The new plans are designed to simplify the buying process and better align with customer needs by offering the same tools and features across all plans, with the primary difference being the titles included. Read more about the new [pricing](#) and [plan details](#).

[Learn more about Digital Codes Premium here](#) →