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## ICC Reaches 70,000 Members Worldwide

The International Code Council (ICC) leads the way in building safety codes and standards, which are adopted in all 50 states and several countries around the world. Now, 32 years after its creation, ICC recently reached a major milestone of 70,000 members worldwide.

ICC members include code officials, government officials for both large and small jurisdictions, building regulators, architects, engineers, builders, manufacturers and students eager to join the world of safety codes among trade professions.

Now is a perfect time to make sure you're taking advantage of all of your membership benefits. Members have access to exclusive resources that can help with professional development and career advancement. Benefits include:

- Access to the International Codes® (I-Codes®) online for free
- Members-only library that gives access to code references, reports and videos
- Training modules members can take to become code certified
- ICC's [online Member Community](#) where members can interact
- Career support through the [ICC Career Center](#)
- Exclusive discounts on books and publications

[Learn more about membership and access benefits here](#) →



## UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

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

## Register Now for 2026 Conference & Expo



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. [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.

## ICC Criticizes DOE's Reversal of Findings on Energy Codes

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) removed longstanding analysis that details the cost-effectiveness of energy codes from [energycodes.gov](http://energycodes.gov) on June 26. The robust analysis was replaced with an unsupported assertion that updates to the International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC) since 2006 have resulted in unnecessary construction costs. DOE made these assertions without disclosing its methodology, despite continuing to solicit public input through an open [Request for Information](#) on how that methodology should be updated.

In response to the DOE assertions, the International Code Council (ICC) distributed the following statement: "The Energy Department is completely contradicting its own findings. For nearly three decades, under Democratic and Republican administrations, after each new edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, which is released every three years, the Department of Energy concluded that the code saved both money and energy. A webpage that was recently removed showed that the adoption of the latest energy code will save U.S. homes and businesses \$182 billion between 2010 and 2040. The DOE's new methodology is a deep mystery."

[Learn more here](#) →

## ICC Board of Directors Candidate Education Webinar on July 20

All members are invited to attend an educational webinar on ICC's Board of Directors on July 20 from 12-1 p.m. Eastern. The webinar will provide an overview of ICC's governance and help potential ICC Board candidates understand the nominations and elections process and will include a high-level overview of the ICC Board Manual – [Serving Others, Promoting Safety: Guidelines for Service on the ICC Board of Directors](#).

[For additional details or to register](#) →

## Annual Business Meeting Info: 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](#) →

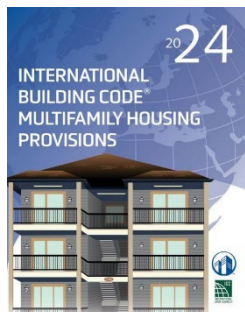
## ICC Finalizes Titles of 2030 International Energy Conservation Code

The International Code Council (ICC) has established a new framework for the development of the 2030 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC). This framework separates the content into two documents, ensuring that ICC can continue to meet the diverse needs of jurisdictions across the United States and globally.

Based on stakeholder feedback, the International Code Council has finalized the title of the additional IECC content as the International Energy Conservation Code® Stretch (IECCS). Prior documents have referred to these provisions as the International Energy Conservation Code® Expanded (IECCX). The base energy code will continue to be titled the International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC).

[Find out more about the 2030 IECC](#) →

## 2024 IBC Multifamily Housing Provisions Now Available



In recent years, middle housing has been the subject of increased interest from state and local jurisdictions exploring a variety of policy, zoning, and regulatory approaches. As part of its role in ensuring model building codes keep pace with state and local priorities, ICC has prepared materials to better identify applicable code requirements for middle housing, tracked developments in the 2027 I-Code development cycle, and has launched additional consensus building forums to facilitate discussions for future code updates. Recently, ICC released a new publication that compiles provisions from the 2024 IBC that are applicable to a range of multifamily and middle housing types, which is intended to assist building safety professionals, designers and policymakers in identifying relevant requirements within the code and applying them in practice.

[Learn about ICC's middle housing resources and the road to 2030](#) →

## NIST to Present Findings in Surfside Condo Collapse at ICC Conference

Last month was the fifth anniversary of the Champlain Towers South collapse in Surfside, Florida, where nearly 100 people were killed when the 12-floor condominium complex partially but suddenly [collapsed](#). The tragic event highlighted the importance of compliance with codes in initial construction, annual inspections and following the most up-to-date building codes. [NIST recently released a video update](#) on the latest technical findings in the investigation, concluding that the collapse began when two connections between garage columns and the pool deck failed which caused cracks to grow, leading to the larger catastrophic collapse. Alongside NIST's investigation, ICC is working on the development of [Standard ICC 1500 – Standard for Existing Building Safety Inspections](#). [Learn how building codes are being updated and driving development after the collapse](#) →

## ICC Leaders Meet with CAL FIRE on Wildfire Mitigation and Preparedness



ICC leaders including ICC Board President Mike Boso, ICC Board Vice President Steve McDaniel, ICC Board Director Randy Metz, and ICC CEO John Belcik recently met with California State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant and members of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ([CAL FIRE](#)) Office of the State Fire Marshal. The group discussed how the International Codes® (I-Codes®) and California-specific wildfire mitigation and preparedness programs are helping reduce risk in California communities.

[Find out more about wildfire mitigation and preparedness here](#) →

## 2024 IBC Essential Fire Safety Provisions Now Available

ICC recently released the *2024 IBC Essential Fire Safety Provisions*, which was developed to support jurisdictions with outdated or limited regulations that have not yet adopted the I-Codes to progressively strengthen fire safety provisions and facilitate phased code adoption. The publication, which is available in both Spanish and English, was created in response to requests from fire safety professionals in Latin America who recognized the value of the fire and life safety provisions in the International Building Code® (IBC) and International Fire Code® (IFC) and would benefit from a better understanding of the International Codes® (I-Codes®).



[Find out more about the 2024 IBC Essential Fire Safety Provisions here](#) →

## Member Spotlight: Connecticut State Building Inspector Omarys Vasquez



Through her role as State Building Inspector with Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, Division of Regulatory Compliance, Omarys Vasquez is known for advancing a collaborative code discussion that values all perspectives for safer communities with a lasting impact. As an industry innovator, she's also known for advancing women's leadership roles in building safety.

Vasquez is the second woman to serve as Connecticut's state building inspector since 1971 serving as the state's first appointed minority and now longest serving woman state building inspector in Connecticut's history. She is also a founding architect of the Connecticut chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects.

[Read a feature on Omarys Vasquez here](#) →

## Apply for Membership Council Governing Committees by July 15

Participating in a Membership Council Governing Committee is a great way to help connect and guide ICC members and stakeholders with common interests. If you'd like to serve your Membership Council in a leadership role, take this opportunity to apply for a Governing Committee! Appointment on the Governing Committee is for a 3-year term.

[Apply now!](#) →

## ‘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](#) →

## BRIC Application Deadline is July 23

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for \$1 billion in funding available to states, local governments, territories and Tribal Nations through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. BRIC provides federal funding for hazard mitigation activities to reduce future disaster costs and emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes. As a result of advocacy by ICC and others in the building safety industry, FEMA set aside \$81 million in new BRIC funding for building code adoption and enforcement activities: \$56 million for a “State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up,” with a maximum allocation of \$1 million per state and territory, and \$25 million for a “Tribal Building Code Plus-Up.”

To assist members with BRIC applications, ICC’s Government Relations and Fire & Disaster Mitigation teams prerecorded a series of informational webinars. The first webinar provides an overview of the BRIC program, examples of code activities funded in previous rounds, and guidance on the mechanics of applying for a BRIC grant as an ICC member. The second recording features a discussion with a former FEMA executive and two current state emergency management officials to get their perspectives on how ICC members can successfully apply for and receive BRIC funding. [Access BRIC resources here](#) →

## ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

### Guideline on Hydrogen Systems Available for Review

The 30-day review period is open for the Guideline 8 (G8)– *Professional Qualifications for Hydrogen Systems in the Built Environment*. This new guide will establish minimum qualification requirements for professionals involved with hydrogen systems in the built environment. The draft of G8 is available for public comment through **July 24**.

[Read more here](#) →

## ICC Family of Solutions Updates

### General Code, American Legal Publishing Unite as ICC Code Solutions

In July, General Code and American Legal Publishing will officially unite under a new brand: **ICC Code Solutions**. Together, General Code and American Legal bring 156 years of combined experience in the development and management of municipal codes.

As ICC Code Solutions, two of the industry’s most trusted codifiers will now reach more than 7,000 communities across [47 states, Canada, and more than a dozen tribal territories](#). With proven digital solutions from both companies — ranging from online code platforms and zoning maps to robust code libraries — ICC Code Solutions customers will gain best-in-class tools, exceptional service, and expert guidance under one unified brand.

[Find out about ICC Code Solutions](#) →

### ICC Code Opinion Services Provides Guidance on the I-Codes®

The International Code Council’s Code Opinion Services is a structured resource that provides authoritative guidance on the application and intent of ICC International Codes® (I-Codes®). For ICC members, access to Code Opinion Services represents a significant and practical benefit that supports decision-making, reduces risk and enhances professional credibility. Access to Code Opinion Services is a defined benefit of ICC membership.

[Learn more about Code Opinion Services here](#) →

### 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](#) →