



CP#17-03 – Federal Advisory Committee

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- 1.0 Purpose of Council Policy:** This policy establishes the ICC Federal Advisory Committee and sets forth the objectives, procedures and organization of the committee.
- 2.0 Name of Committee:** Federal Advisory Committee (FAC).
- 3.0 Statutory Authority:** The FAC is established by the International Code Council in accordance with ICC Policy CP# 6-03, Industry Advisory Committee. The FAC operates as an independent, voluntary body under terms of this ICC Policy.

4.0 Scope of Committee:

The purpose of the FAC is to facilitate the adoption of the *International Codes* by federal agencies. The FAC represents the interests of U.S. federal agencies and the International Code Council (ICC) by providing leadership and direction on matters of particular interest to the built environment to meet government, industry and public needs, including homeland security.

FAC activities will provide an opportunity for participation by interested federal agencies and other bodies representing affected and knowledgeable sectors of the building community, including the public.

The scope of the FAC's activities encompasses policy and procedural issues related to the federal built environment. Issues to be considered may include: social, technical, administrative, procedural, political, legal and economic.

5.0 Objectives of Committee:

- 5.1** Build and improve relationships with all interests in code development, training and enforcement.
- 5.2** Provide recommendations to the ICC on matters of mutual interest with the federal government.
- 5.3** Provide education and training on the code development process including receiving and submitting comments and suggestions regarding code development.
- 5.4** Encourage federal agencies, such as the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, Department of Energy, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, FEMA, NIST and all other interested agencies of the federal government, to participate in the ICC code development process.
- 5.5** Establish dialogue with groups that have a potential interest in the process or the product, as identified by the Federal Advisory Committee, i.e., Department of

Defense Unified Facilities Criteria, General Services Public Buildings section, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid life and safety provisions, etc.

- 5.6 Advise the ICC Board of Directors on matters that will affect the working relationship or coordination of efforts of the ICC and federal agencies.
- 5.7 Advise the ICC of methods to build and improve relationships with all those interested in code development, training and enforcement.
- 5.8 Advise the ICC as to policies and programs to address issues that present a distinct concern to the federal agencies.

6.0 Activities:

- 6.1 Make recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors for creating ad-hoc committees for the codes and standards monitored by the FAC or to address issues that present a distinct concern to the federal government.
- 6.2 Committee members serve as liaisons to ICC committees, ICC councils and organizations internal and external to the ICC, to provide a voice on federal issues.
- 6.3 Make recommendations for ICC training and certification programs to accommodate federal needs.
- 6.4 Provide opportunities to enhance the understanding, acceptance and use of the *International Code* series by federal users, federal regulators and federal employees in general, through education, training and marketing.