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# Energy Newsletter

## International Code Council November 2023 Energy and Sustainability Updates

*This is an ongoing series of bi-monthly emails that includes updates from the International Code Council's Energy Team on everything from energy grants to standards development. Visit [www.iccsafe.org/energy](http://www.iccsafe.org/energy) for more information.*

### Top News

- The International Code Council will be participating in the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) from November 30 through December 12, 2023, in Dubai. The International Code Council team will provide thought leadership and offer solutions in a total of ten sessions. Read more about ICC's participation [here](#). Information on all International Code Council sessions at COP28, including links to available live streams of presentations, can be found [here](#).
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [recently announced](#) an unprecedented opportunity for federal funding to support building code updates, administration and implementation in your jurisdictions. FEMA's 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program includes a new Building Codes Plus Up program, with \$137 million in dedicated funding for code projects. [Click here](#) to learn more and reach out to [federalgrants@iccsafe.org](mailto:federalgrants@iccsafe.org) for help.
- The Department of Energy (DOE) has extended the deadline for states and territories to submit Letters of Intent (LOI) for the State and Community Energy Programs' (SCEP) [Technical Assistance for the Adoption of Building Energy Codes](#) formula funding. The program provides funding for adopting or achieving full compliance with the latest model energy codes and zero energy codes (2021 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC) and Zero Energy Appendices). **LOIs are now due to DOE by January 31, 2024.** Contact [federalgrants@iccsafe.org](mailto:federalgrants@iccsafe.org) for assistance. An optional [template letter of intent](#) is available to download.

### Code on a Mission Campaign: 2021 IECC

- The International Code Council's Code on a Mission Campaign aims to get over a third of the U.S. population covered by energy codes based on the 2021 IECC by the end of 2023. **As of November 30, 2023, the International Code Council has met our goal with over 119 million Americans covered by the 2021 IECC or equivalent!** [Visit our website](#) to see who's adopted. Check out the International Code Council's [resources](#) to help support your jurisdiction.

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## 2024 IECC Development Process

- To ensure that all interested stakeholders are able to participate in the process, the International Code Council has extended the deadline to submit appeals relative to the 2024 IECC to **Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 11:59 PM PT**. [Click here](#) for more information on the process.

## Standards Development

- The IS-STSC committee has approved the second formal public comment period for the draft ICC 903 Solar Tank Standard. The [Second Public Comment Draft of the BSR/ICC 903/SRCC 500, Solar Tanks](#) is now available for review. Formal public comments are being accepted from November 20, 2023, to January 15, 2024. Note that only sections of the document that have changed since the First Public Comment Review are open for comment at this time. Comments may be submitted by interested members of the public using either the [Word](#) or [PDF](#) version of the International Code Council's forms.

## ICC-Evaluation Service (ICC-ES)

- The International Code Council hosted a Forum on Sustainable Building Materials in Washington, D.C. on November 13, bringing together policymakers, product manufacturers and trades groups, and key building industry stakeholders to discuss the current and future development of sustainable materials policy, the importance of consistency in approaches and interim strategies and tools to achieve the desired outcomes and meet industry needs. In addition, the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications through January 16, 2024**, for the new [Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Construction Materials and Products](#) grant program to support the development and verification of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs). Reach out to Eric Polzin, (Manager of Environmental Programs, ICC-ES), at [epolzin@icc-es.org](mailto:epolzin@icc-es.org) to discuss verification of environmental claims and potential collaboration opportunities on EPA's grant funding.

## Building Safety Journal

- Check out the International Code Council's [Building Safety Journal](#), which features articles relevant to current trends and hot topics within the building safety industry. New featured articles include:
  - [Standard 850 and Beyond: Water Conservation Efforts Through the Code Council](#)
  - [Fortifying Our Future: The BRIC Program's Unprecedented Support for Building Codes](#)
  - [Highlights From the International Code Council Board of Directors Fall 2023 Meeting](#)
  - [Off-Site Construction Solutions Highlighted at Senate Hearing on Housing Supply and Innovation](#)
  - [Harnessing BRIC Funding: Paving the Way for Virtual Inspections](#)
- **Submit an article for consideration in the Building Safety Journal.** The Building Safety Journal is accepting editorial submissions for categories that include deep dives, technical topics, personal perspectives, member news and quick hits. [Click here to learn more and submit.](#)

## Training and Educational Resources

- On behalf of the Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council, registration is now open for EduCode 2024! EduCODE provides ICC Preferred Provider certified educational training along with several networking opportunities, including industry representatives showcasing their latest products, technology and services at the daily expo. Learn more [here](#).

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## Energy and Resilience Grants

- Based on the release of the Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY22, we are expecting the release of FY23 RECI NOFO by the end of the year. Keep your eyes out for more details. In the meantime, learn more about RECI:
  - [Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation Solutions](#)
  - [FAQs on RECI Funding](#)
- The International Code Council is prepared to assist communities in seeking federal grants to support code-related activities. [Click here to learn more](#) or contact Stella Carr (Energy and Resilience Grants Manager) at [scarr@iccsafe.org](mailto:scarr@iccsafe.org) to schedule a consultation.

## Committees

- [Sustainability, Energy & High Performance Building Code Action Committee \(SEHPCAC\)](#)
  - SEHPCAC meetings are open to the public. The [next meeting](#) will be held on February 7, 2024, at 2:00 PM Eastern.
- [Sustainability Membership Council \(SMC\)](#)
  - The Sustainability Membership Council held its 100<sup>th</sup> meeting at the International Code Council's Annual Business Meeting in St. Louis! Huge congratulations on this great accomplishment and the amazing work that has come out of the SMC over the years.



- Find out what the SMC is doing to support healthy and sustainable buildings in your community. The next meeting will be on December 1, 2023. An [agenda](#) will be posted prior to the meeting.
- Join the SMC for a casual coffee hour on December 15 from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern. The final SMC coffee hour topic of the year is *Measuring Success*.
  - Meeting ID: [943 1788 2063](#); Passcode: [458626](#)
- A special thank you to the SMC Governing Committee members completing their terms in December: Joshua Harmon and Tony Catana! Both have made long-lasting contributions to the committee and the sustainability community at large. Josh has contributed countless hours to the SMC's social media presence, Building Safety Month videos, and training and education initiatives. Thank you, Josh and

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Tony, for the many years of service!

- Follow the SMC on social media: [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

## Partner Activities

- Over 75,000 building safety professionals have accessed the free, expert-vetted resources developed under the DOE's EMPOWERED program to support clean energy adoption. [Click here to learn more](#) about our work on this project. New and featured resources include:
  - [Efficiency, Energy, and Safety Codes: What Is Working Around the County to Foster Resilient Communities](#) (Webinar Recording)
  - [Energy Codes Then & Now, 1983 – 2021](#) (Graphic)
  - [Energy Storage Systems: Based on the IBC, IFC, IRC, and NEC](#) (Downloadable Report)
  - [First Responders Guide to Lithium-Ion Battery Energy Storage System Incidents](#) (Downloadable Fact Sheet)
  - [Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pumps—Efficacy and Building Readiness](#) (Webinar Recording)