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Building Owners and Managers Association International, International Code Council, and National Institute of Building Sciences will bring together experts across building safety, construction and real estate industries

West Palm Beach, Fla. – The Building Owners and Managers Association International, the International Code Council, and the National Institute of Building Sciences will convene a panel discussion in West Palm Beach, Florida, in the wake of the Surfside building collapse. Hosted by the Building Officials Association of Florida, this dialogue will focus on how communities monitor the safety of existing buildings, what guidance exists for building owners, and how future catastrophic events can be avoided.

The goal of the discussion is to establish a channel for the building safety community to have a dialogue and develop information that could inform policymakers as they consider questions raised by the tragic collapse of Champlain Towers South. Participants will not be looking into the causation of the building collapse but instead focusing on the broader questions related to frequency of inspections, structural safety, maintenance, and the application of current building codes and standards.

Invited participants include representatives from nonprofit, academic and private organizations, as well as local leaders from Florida, and experts from the code enforcement, building, construction, design and real estate communities. Representatives from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, National Institute of Standards and Technology, S. K. Ghosh Associates, Structural Engineering Institute, and University of Florida plan to participate; a full list of participating organizations is [available here](#). The discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021; only confirmed participants may attend. Media are welcome; space is limited.

For more information about the dialogue and participation details, email wdoll@iccsafe.org.

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About the Building Owners and Managers Association International

The [Building Owners and Managers Association International](#) has been the leading trade association for commercial real estate professionals for more than 100 years. It represents the owners, managers, service providers and other property professionals of all commercial building types, including office, industrial, medical, corporate and mixed-use.

About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building

safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

About the National Institute of Building Sciences

The [National Institute of Building Sciences](#) brings together labor and consumer interests, government representatives, regulatory agencies, and members of the building industry to identify and resolve problems and potential problems around the construction of housing and commercial buildings. NIBS is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization. It was established by Congress in 1974.