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International Code Council and American Society of Interior Designers Announce Partnership

Industry leaders collaborating to develop a new interior design code specialist certification

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council, a world leader in model building codes and standards, and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the oldest and largest multi-disciplinary professional organization for interior designers, are joining forces to support designers through a series of initiatives and programs that will promote building safety.

"The Code Council is proud to partner with ASID to reach our common goal of promoting building safety and creating safe, affordable and sustainable communities," said Dominic Sims, CBO, Chief Executive Officer, International Code Council. "Interior design is a vital part of building safety and through this collaboration, we have the opportunity to arm ASID members with even more knowledge, allowing them to design to the safest and most efficient codes and standards."

As its first initiative, ASID and the Code Council will collaborate on a new certification credential for which designers may apply: the Interior Design Code Specialist (IDCS), which will promote building safety through the profession of interior design. The Code Council will take the lead in the development of the exam, while ASID will identify the subject matter experts who will provide input. Additionally, ASID members will be eligible for special Code Council membership packages that support the new credential, while non-ASID members may have the opportunity to apply for the exam and join ASID at an exclusive rate.

"Interior designers play a critical part in building and occupant safety. This new partnership with the Code Council affirms this role, builds upon the existing NCIDQ certification, and further strengthens the importance of the interior design practice." stated Gary Wheeler, FASID, Chief Executive Officer, American Society of Interior Designers. "With the Code Council on board as an ASID Industry Partner, our members will benefit from the organization's rich knowledge, timely insights, and educational resources to make safer spaces for all."

Both parties will collaborate on a joint survey to the Interior Design membership. The results of the survey will be used to aid the development of a certification exam. The IDCS will be offered exclusively through Code Council's online proctored exam platform, PRONTO.

As society continues to place greater emphasis on sustainability and resiliency of buildings, it is important that all aspects of the building community are up to date on the latest codes to improve efficiency and safety. As key decision-makers in the building process, the partnership between the Code

Council and ASID will enhance building safety education for Interior Designers and raise awareness of codes and standards within the design community.

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 American Society of Interior Designers
The [American Society of Interior Designers](#) (ASID) believes that design transforms lives. ASID serves all sectors of the interior design profession and practice through the Society's programs, networks, and advocacy. ASID was founded over 40 years ago when two organizations became one, but its legacy dates back to the early 1930s. ASID continues to lead the future of interior design, integrating the advantages of local connections with national reach, of small firms with big, and of the places occupants live with the places they work, play, learn, and heal. Learn more at asid.org.