

## **ICC NEWS RELEASE**

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## ICC 2017 Annual Conference cultivates education, networking, leadership

Special events include expert-led training sessions, Global Connections Day and a chance to hear from Buckeye legend Archie Griffin

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** –The International Code Council (ICC) will host its 2017 Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, from September 10-13, 2017. The Annual Conference offers members expert insights on building safety, fire prevention and resilient construction with unique educational sessions led by nationally-renown instructors.

This year's theme of "Many Voices for One Purpose" highlights the Code Council's many different members and stakeholders from across the spectrum working together to promote safe buildings and resilient communities. In addition to industry-leading educational sessions, the 2017 program includes special networking events, a range of compelling speakers, historic building tours and the Building Safety & Design Expo.

"Our annual conference provides our members and partners with the opportunity to learn from one other, take advantage of educational programs and expand their professional networks," said ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "We're grateful to our generous sponsors for helping to make this year's conference one of the best yet."

Archie Griffin, senior advisor for advancement at Ohio State University, will serve as the keynote speaker for the Members' Luncheon on Sept. 12. Griffin is a two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Trophy and was named one of the NCAA's Most Influential Student-Athletes. The All-Century player will talk about the qualities of leadership. After the luncheon, ICC will host a meet and greet with Griffin.

At Global Connections Day on Sept. 13, Paul Rivers, a senior fire protection specialist with more than 40 years of experience in the fire protection industry, will discuss "Building and Fire Codes, Fire Protection and Safety around the World: Fire Regulation Solutions for Developing Countries." Additional speakers include Jaime Moncada, an experienced fire protection engineer with experience in projects throughout Latin-America; Dante Amarto, strategic account manager at Metrostudy; and Lori Parris, deputy director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

Other special events at the conference include the Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride and the Third Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing, which raises funds to support "Journey to Leadership," an initiative that aims to inspire code officials to reach new levels in their career development.

For more information about ICC's 2017 Annual Conference, including registration, schedules, transportation and lodging, visit <a href="https://www.iccsafe.org/conference">www.iccsafe.org/conference</a>.

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## **About the International Code Council**

The <u>International Code Council</u> is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets <u>choose the International Codes</u>.