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## The International Code Council and RESNET create new voluntary certification for building safety industry

This IECC/HERS Compliance Specialist credential leverages the strengths of both organizations to address the demand for qualified energy evaluation specialists

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council and the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) developed a new certification designation, the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)/Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Compliance Specialist. This certification combines the energy code knowledge of code officials with the energy efficiency knowledge of HERS Raters to identify experts in energy plan review and inspection. The credential leverages the strengths of both organizations to increase the number of qualified individuals available for evaluating energy code compliance and home energy performance.

The IECC/HERS Compliance Specialist designation verifies competence in energy performance measurement and energy code proficiency. These certified specialists can supplement the work of jurisdictions facing resource constraints that affect their ability to conduct the necessary reviews. IECC/HERS Compliance Specialists may now be used for both code compliance and energy performance rating services.

The Code Council is the preeminent certification body for credentialing code professionals. ICC certifications are often prerequisites for those seeking positions that review building plans and inspect homes and buildings for compliance with applicable codes and standards. The Code Council is also the publisher of the most widely adopted building safety codes in the world and the expert on testing for understanding and application of codes and standards.

RESNET is a national standard making body for building energy and water efficiency ratings and certification of systems. RESNET provides training and certification to industry professionals who rate the energy efficiency of homes through the HERS Rater certification. Rigorous training and testing are done to ensure mastery of the application of rating tools so that builders and developers, in addition to homeowners, can get an accurate estimation of a home's energy efficiency. As the gold standard for inspecting, testing and rating a home's energy performance, RESNET has led the market for the past 20 years and delivered home energy ratings for over 2.6 million homes in the U.S.

For more information on the IECC/HERS Compliance Specialist certification, please visit <a href="https://www.iccsafe.org/ECS">www.iccsafe.org/ECS</a>.

## **About the International Code Council**

The <u>International Code Council</u> is a nonprofit association that provides a wide range of building safety solutions including product evaluation, accreditation, certification, codification and training. It develops model codes and standards used worldwide to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures.

## **About RESNET**

The Residential Energy Services Network (<u>RESNET</u>) is a not-for-profit, membership corporation that is governed by a board of directors (who are elected by membership). RESNET is a recognized national standards-making body for building energy efficiency rating and certification systems in the United States.