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The International Code Council Leads Discussions on Housing Affordability at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Innovative Housing Showcase

Fourth annual Innovative Housing Showcase will feature exhibitors and hybrid panel discussions on off-site construction, building codes, manufactured housing, decarbonization, zoning, public and multifamily housing, resilience and finance

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council is co-sponsoring the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) 2024 Innovative Housing Showcase taking place from June 6-9, 2024, in Washington, D.C. The Code Council is hosting an educational session during the event titled *Avenues for Innovation: Insights from State and Local Governments and Manufacturers* on Thursday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. The panel sessions will be viewable online and in-person at the District Architecture Center.

The Innovative Housing Showcase is a public event that raises awareness of innovative and affordable housing designs and technologies that can increase housing supply, lower the cost of construction, increase energy efficiency and resilience, and reduce housing expenses. The Showcase also features innovative housing solutions on the National Mall from June 8-9. The Code Council will have a booth at the Showcase.

The *Avenues for Innovation* event will include a fireside chat titled *Delivering Innovations in Building Science through Codes and Standards* followed by panel discussions. The first panel discussion, *Addressing Housing Affordability and Availability through Off-Site Construction*, will be moderated by Code Council Vice President of Innovation Ryan Colker. Panel speakers include:

- Steve Waltrip, Housing Innovation and Senior Strategy Advisor
- Spencer Cox, Utah Governor
- Paige Roosa, Director, Boston Housing Innovation Lab, Office of the Mayor
- Ryan Terbush, Commercial Loan Officer, Colorado Housing and Finance Agency

This panel will explore state and local success stories and opportunities around off-site construction related to building policies that have led to addressing affordability and availability challenges.

The second panel discussion, *Bringing Innovative Materials and Products to Market*, will be moderated by Michael Temesvary, Vice President, ICC Evaluation Service. This panel will examine how manufacturers of innovative materials and products have been able to gain acceptance from designers, builders and code officials using product evaluation. Manufacturers will share their experiences with product evaluation and the benefits they have seen.

“Housing affordability and availability is an issue that is necessary to address, and I cannot think of a better group of people to speak on the topic than our selected panelists,” said Colker. “Attendees will not only get the opportunity to educate themselves on the housing crisis but should also leave feeling inspired about possible solutions.”

Learn more about the showcase [here](#).

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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.