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Hawaii Hosts I-Code Training

Building officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry can learn the keys to safe construction during the Hawaii Association of County Building Officials (HACBO) Conference for Safer Building. The conference, May 12-16 in Honolulu, includes classes, open forums and breakout discussions on the International Codes as well as HACBO's first meeting as a chapter of the International Code Council.

Attendees will learn the fundamental aspects of the 2006 *International Building Code* (IBC), the code requirements for special uses and mixed occupancies, and how to apply IBC means of egress requirements in commercial buildings. Classes also will address changes from the 2003 to 2006 *International Residential Code*. Forum and breakout sessions include discussions on fire, electrical, plumbing and mechanical codes as well as product listings and standards.

"The Hawaii Association of County Building Officials welcomes and is excited about the partnership with the Code Council to offer these educational opportunities," said HACBO President Timothy Hiu, Acting Building Department Chief for the City and County of Honolulu. "Our chapter's mission is to provide educational opportunities for the enrichment of individuals seeking to grow in their profession."

Hawaii became the 50th state to adopt the International Codes last year when the IBC took effect statewide.

"When communities adopt and apply current building safety and fire prevention codes, public safety moves to a higher level," said International Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. "Building stronger and safer can save lives and can reduce property damage when a disaster strikes."

For more information or to register for the HACBO Conference for Safer Building, visit iccsafe.org/HACBOMeeting or call 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 4334.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes

and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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