



NEWS ASSIGNMENT NOTE



International Code Council Committee Meets to Begin Development of International Green Construction Code

WHAT: The International Code Council Sustainable Building Technology Committee (SBTC) will hold its inaugural meetings next week (July 28-30) in Chicago to begin development of the first draft of the recently announced International Green Construction Code (IGCC). The meetings are open to the public. Media are encouraged to attend.

WHY: The IGCC initiative will develop the first model green construction code to address new and existing commercial buildings with a focus on increasing building performance. It will apply to traditional commercial and high-performance buildings, and will be consistent and coordinated with the ICC family of codes and standards. Results of the increased building performance driven by IGCC implementation are expected to include: increased efficiency in use of energy, water, materials and resources; improved indoor environment quality; education for building owners and facility managers; and a reduction in overall carbon emissions. The first draft of the IGCC is expected to be available for public comments in March 2010.

WHO: SBTC members include building and governmental officials; architects; designers; engineers; green, standards development, plumbing, iron and steel, and cement associations; and academia. For a committee roster, go to www.iccsafe.org/IGCC/docs/roster2009.pdf.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 pm; Wednesday, July 29, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 pm; and Thursday, July 30, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Central.

WHERE: Wyndham O’Hare, 6810 North Manheim Road, Rosemont, Illinois, 60018.

Web pages of interest: IGCC website (www.IccSafe.org/IGCC); Green Construction Code Expected to Increase Energy Efficiency, Reduce Carbon Footprint for Commercial Buildings (www.IccSafe.org/news/nr/2009/0629_IGCC.pdf); USGBC, GBI Support for Code Council’s IGCC Builds Momentum toward First Development Committee Meeting; (www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2009/0722_USGBC.pdf); ICC Green (www.IccSafe.org/green); ICC Energy (www.IccSafe.org/news/energy).

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