

International Code Council Government Relations Update

August 2014

Chapter Annual Reports Deadline DUE THIS MONTH

All chapters must submit their Annual Reports by August 15 in order to qualify for the Chapter President complimentary Annual Conference registration benefit. Once submitted, the Chapter President will receive a discount code that may be used to register for the Annual Conference. If you submit your Annual Report after August 15, you'll still be available for benefits such as a 2015 Chapter Education Benefit; you'll only have missed the complimentary Chapter President registration. You may transfer the complimentary registration to *one other Chapter officer* with notification. Email khiggs@iccsafe.org if you have any questions or wish to transfer the registration.

Annual Conference Early Bird Registration Discount Ends August 15

The 2014 ICC Annual Conference, Group C Public Comment Hearings and Expo will be held September 28-October 5 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Registration is now open, and you can SAVE \$60 if you register before August 15th. The link to register is here:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=10579&ItemID=41735>

When you register for the Conference, look carefully at the Conference schedule:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=10579&ItemID=41738> .

What's changed? The Conference is one day shorter this year so everyone can attend as many events as possible and save on their travel expenses. Region meetings are now on Sunday afternoon, following the Membership Council Annual Meetings. In addition, there will not be any breakfast meetings this year. The Chapter Presidents Breakfast has been folded into the Networking Luncheon on Monday, where Chapter Presidents will be recognized. The Chapter of the Year Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday.

Open Positions Available on ICC-ES's Evaluation Committee

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) seeks to fill openings on the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee, with qualified members who will evaluate proposed acceptance criteria prepared by staff concerning building products. Applications will be accepted until **August 22, 2014**. For more information and how to apply, click here: <http://go.iccsafe.org/e/25182/-ES-Eval-Committee-App-v03-pdf/8xb4b/316619821>

Complimentary Code Download Program Set to Change for 2015 Editions

The 2015 Codes have launched, and Governmental, Corporate, Honorary and Building Safety Professional Members are eligible to receive the download **when they renew their Memberships**. Eligible Members will receive an email with a coupon code, along with instructions on where to go to purchase their download after their renewals are processed. The program is for any eligible Member renewing between July 15, 2014 and July 15, 2015. Only one coupon code per customer will be

awarded. For Corporate and Governmental Members, the coupon code will be emailed to the primary contact.

Note that offering the download upon renewal is a bit different from what we have done in the past; those members who have purchased multi-year memberships that do not renew until after the program period ends will be awarded coupons to those Members who qualify. Eligible Members with multi-year Memberships should check their email inboxes for a message from ICC. If they missed the email or have other questions, direct them to Membership staff. Membership staff is available at members@iccsafe.org or extension 33804.

New Issue of IMT and BCAP's *The Decoder* Available For Viewing Now

A joint publication by the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) and the Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP), *The Decoder* is a quarterly bulletin that delivers targeted, technical information on energy code enforcement and compliance to building officials, plans examiners, and inspectors. Topic areas will include explanations and technical opinions on energy code provisions, sharing of best practices, new and helpful resources, and current issues related to enforcement and compliance. Each edition will also include highlights from the Energy Code Ambassador's Program (ECAP) created by BCAP and the International Code Council. Click here to read the latest issue: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3f1896027b85fa0a0a1f32d7d&id=388db54c8e&e>

2015 Editions of the International Codes Available in ICC Store

The [2015 I-Codes](http://shop.iccsafe.org/codes/2015-international-codes-and-references.html) (link: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/codes/2015-international-codes-and-references.html>) help achieve resiliency, safety, innovation and affordability in the built environment. Code users can begin today to prepare for adoption and use of the newest codes. Code purchases include a free subscription to ICC's new Code Alert service that provides critical code updates and free access to videos, excerpts from support documents and training resources.

ICC-ES Corner: How to Read ICC-ES Evaluation Reports (with video!)

Evaluation Reports are a great way to make a code official's job easier when faced with building products that they haven't seen before. But if you're unfamiliar with evaluation reports, there's a few things you should know about them. Check out this short, helpful video to answer many questions you might have about ICC-ES reports: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZS86N2NSoPY%20>

ICC to Host Roundtable on Maintaining vs. Extending the Current Adoption Cycle

There is still opportunity to participate via telephone at the Roundtable on August 20th but you must RSVP if you want to receive the call-information. The participants will discuss current practices by states and local jurisdictions of reviewing, amending and adopting model building codes and standards on a 3-year cycle. This Roundtable does not imply any change in direction or current policies and it will revolve around the code adoption cycle, not the code development cycle. Please RSVP to Nancy Saunders at nsaunders@iccsafe.org to ensure you receive the call-in information.