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ICC Leadership Visits Washington, DC

International Code Council's leadership visited key legislators and federal agencies in Washington, DC, in conjunction with Building Safety Month to emphasize ICC's commitment to expanding housing affordability while protecting the health, safety, and resilience of the built environment.



ICC Board President Mike Boso and Vice President Steve McDaniel as well as ICC CEO John Belcik met with senior leaders at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Department of Commerce. They also met with U.S. Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH), seen at left with President Boso, and Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL), seen in the photo above on left, as well as Representatives Kevin Kiley (R-CA), Derek Schmidt (R-KS), and Paul Tonko (D-NY).

During legislative meetings, ICC advocated for the *Pro Codes Act* ([H.R. 4072](#)), which will help ensure non-profit standards developers can continue to fund the development and updating of safety codes. In addition to the meetings listed above, ICC conducted more than a dozen additional meetings with Members of Congress and congressional staff last month to build support for the legislation. While the congressional calendar remains challenging, there is optimism for the bill's prospects in the months ahead. ICC's Government Relations team will soon provide prewritten messages for our members to transmit to Members of Congress. For more information, contact [Aaron Levy](#).

Registration Open for 2026 Conference & Expo



Join building safety professionals from around the world at the 2026 ICC Annual Conference + Expo! This year's event will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville on October 18-21. Network, earn CEUs, access career resources, socialize with peers, and participate in elections and other association business. Register for the Full Access Pass by September 11 to get the conference polo shirt. [Get more information and register here](#) →

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

2026 ICC Annual Conference and Expo
October 18 – 21, 2026
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, TN

Apply for Building Safety Leadership Experience by June 19

The [Building Safety Leadership Experience](#) is an exclusive opportunity to connect with fellow ICC members, leaders and stakeholders during the annual conference. Participants receive complimentary registration and will be reimbursed for transportation and lodging costs. To learn more about the BSLE and apply, [click here](#) →

Participate in Benchmarking Survey on Permit Fees and Plan Review

ICC is conducting a short survey to provide members with comparative benchmarks on permit fees, plan review turnaround times, staffing and other related practices. Findings will be reported in aggregate, and responses will be kept anonymous. Complete submissions will be entered to win one of five \$100 Amazon gift cards.

[Participate in the survey here](#) →

Preliminary Results of Online Governmental Consensus Vote Available

Preliminary results of the 2026 Group A & B Public Online Governmental Consensus Vote on the public comment hearing results are now available. The online governmental consensus vote was conducted May 7 – May 22 following April's hearings in Hartford, CT. The preliminary results are not final as they are subject to certification by the Validation Committee and confirmation by the ICC Board in accordance with Section 13.1 of CP 28 Code Development. The 2026 Group A & B Final Action results, including vote tallies from the OGCV, will be posted following certification in accordance with Section 13.4 of CP 28.

[More code development news and preliminary results here](#) →

Shane Hoepfer Receives Emory R. Rogers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship

The Emory R. Rogers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship is awarded annually to an ICC member pursuing an executive-level career path and provides up to \$20,000 to cover educational program costs and travel expenses for the recipient. This year's recipient, Shane Hoepfer, Plans Examiner for the [City of Dubuque, Iowa](#), will use the Fellowship to attend the [Senior Executives in State and Local Government](#) program at the Harvard Kennedy School.

[Learn more about Shane and the fellowship program here](#) →

Recap Available for Recent Natural Disasters Webinar

Did you miss the recent webinar, *Natural Disasters: Life and Career-Changing Events for Code Officials*, which highlighted the critical role building and fire officials play in disaster response and recovery? A recap is now available with real-world insights from code officials on preparedness, mitigation, and recovery efforts that help communities rebuild safety and resiliently after natural disasters.

[View the recap here](#) →

2026 Wildfire Forecast is a Warning Light to Prepare Beyond “Fire Season”



The 2026 wildfire forecast is a reminder that the wildfire problem is now as much a built environment problem as it is a wildland one. When wind-driven fires reach communities, the outcomes depend heavily on whether buildings and neighborhoods are prepared to resist ember exposure, radiant heat and direct flame contact. The [International Wildland-Urban Interface Code® \(IWUIC\)](#) is designed specifically to address the vulnerabilities that drive large-loss WUI disasters. The 2026 outlook provides urgency, but communities should treat it as a prompt to build durable systems rather than one-time seasonal preparations.

[Find out what your community can do to prepare](#) →

ICC Publishes Report on Accelerating Off-Site Construction

In response to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) recently released [Action Plan for Accelerating U.S. Offsite Construction for Housing](#), ICC published a report titled [Accelerating Off-Site Construction Through Collaboration](#). The report explains how ICC addresses the needs outlined in the Action Plan. As HUD advances its Action Plan, ICC's standards, inspection pathways and technical expertise will continue to play a central role in making off-site construction a reliable tool for addressing America's housing challenges.

[Read more about HUD's action plan and ICC's report here](#) →

'When Disaster Strikes' Training Series Offered to Prepare Code Officials

The International Code Council's "When Disaster Strikes (WDS) Institute" prepares attendees to effectively respond to disasters. Through a combination of instruction, interactive activities and case study reviews, participants will learn the critical role of code officials in the wake of a disaster, the process of developing disaster preparedness plans, the types and availability of mutual aid, and the importance and process of coordinating and conducting preliminary

damage assessments, substantial damage estimates and post-disaster building safety evaluations. The WDS Institute also serves as a resource for maintaining your When Disaster Strikes credential, with the goal of increasing the number of trained and qualified Post-Disaster Building Safety Evaluators and Coordinators.

[Read more on series schedule here](#) →

New HUD Funding Opportunities Now Available

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research released three research funding opportunities on May 29, including:

- The Mass Market Solutions for Leveraging Robotics and AI Technologies for Home Construction Demonstration for projects that demonstrate how the development and deployment of advanced robotics and AI technologies can accelerate the manufacturing of factory-built housing and/or offsite components.
- The Automated Permitting Systems Demonstration to support jurisdictions that will deploy automated building code permitting systems and partner with HUD to evaluate their applicability and effectiveness within real-world operating conditions.
- The Housing Policy Research Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity for projects that contribute to knowledge about housing policy in the United States.

[Learn about the funding opportunities here](#) →

BRIC Returns With \$81 Million in Funding for Code Plus-Up Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for \$1 billion in funding available to states, local governments, territories and Tribal Nations through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. BRIC provides federal funding for hazard mitigation activities to reduce future disaster costs and emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes. As a result of advocacy by ICC and others in the building safety industry, FEMA set aside \$81 million in new BRIC funding for building code adoption and enforcement activities: \$56 million for a "State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up," with a maximum allocation of \$1 million per state and territory, and \$25 million for a "Tribal Building Code Plus-Up."

To assist members with BRIC applications, ICC's Government Relations and Fire & Disaster Mitigation teams prerecorded a series of informational webinars. The first webinar provides an overview of the BRIC program, examples of code activities funded in previous rounds, and guidance on the mechanics of applying for a BRIC grant as an ICC member. The second recording features a discussion with a former FEMA executive and two current state emergency management officials to get their perspectives on how ICC members can successfully apply for and receive BRIC funding. [Access BRIC resources here](#) →

ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

DOE Water Heater/Furnace Rules Drive Shift to Condensing Technologies

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has finalized updated federal energy efficiency standards for commercial and consumer water heaters and consumer gas furnaces. The changes will increasingly turn routine replacements into retrofit projects with new venting, condensate, and drainage implications.

[Read more here](#) →

Learn About the IPC's Plumbing Trap Requirements

In this episode of *The Pipeline*, hosted by Tom Roberts, Global Director of PMG for the International Code Council, listeners are taken on a journey to uncover some of the research advancements being made in leak detection and how these solutions can save drinking water before it's lost.

[Read more here](#) →

New PMG Code Corner Spotlights Private Sewage Disposal Systems

This edition of the Code Corner spotlights the scope of Chapter 8 of the 2024 International Private Sewage Disposal Code®: Tanks. Tanks are an integral part of any private sewage disposal system whether they serve as treatment (septic) tanks, pump tanks or holding tanks for leveling the peaks in flow to the system.

[Read more here](#) →

CPSC Releases \$4 Million for Drowning and Drain Entrapment Prevention

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) released \$4 million to state, local and tribal governments through its [grant program](#) to support efforts to prevent drowning and drain entrapments in pools and spas. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$400,000, and funds may be used over a two-year period.

[Read more here](#) →

ICC Family of Solutions Updates

ICC and Avolve Software Announce Collaboration to Expand Electronic Plan Review and Permitting Services

The International Code Council Conformity Assessment Group (ICC-CAG) and Avolve Software announced a strategic collaboration framework aimed at expanding access to digital plan review services for jurisdictions while increasing collaboration, visibility, and innovation across both organizations' customer ecosystems. Under this collaboration, ICC-CAG will support Avolve's DigEplan™ solution as the foundational digital engine behind ICC's contracted plan review services, enabling jurisdictions to access a proven, streamlined technology platform for efficient, consistent, and code-aligned plan review.

[Learn more about the strategic collaboration here](#) →

New Pricing Plans Announced for Digital Codes Premium

There are new pricing plans for Digital Codes Premium: [Base](#), [Professional](#) and [Complete](#). The new plans are designed to simplify the buying process and better align with customer needs by offering the same tools and features across all plans, with the primary difference being the titles included. Read more about the new [pricing](#) and [plan details](#).

[Learn more about Digital Codes Premium here](#) →