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## March 15 is the deadline to submit chapters' 2023 Annual Reports and qualify for all Chapter Benefits

The deadline to submit your chapter's 2023 Annual Report is March 15 if chapters want to receive all their Chapter Benefits. In addition to a 2024 Chapter Education Benefit day, chapters also receive one complimentary registration to the [2023 ICC Annual Conference](#) or the [2023 Chapter Leadership Academy](#). For assistance, contact [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org). The ICC Training Department staff wants to help ICC Chapters make their chapter training responsibilities as easy as possible, so the staff will be dropping a note periodically to give Chapter leaders some insights to help plan their chapter's training calendar. The best place to view and edit Chapter information is on your myICC page. Chapter leaders may check their chapter's officer roster and contact information by logging in to their myICC page.

**BTW** – Have you seen ICC Government Relations' **new LinkedIn page** yet?

[Check it out and follow along with our work here!](#)

## Submit your nominations for ICC's esteemed annual awards and honorary members by March 5

Safe communities are the result of dedicated professionals who use codes and standards alongside years of experience and education to ensure safety and resiliency in the buildings where we live, work, learn and play. Each year the International Code Council provides an opportunity for members to recognize colleagues for their achievements in leadership, innovation and community service.

The 2023 Code Council Awards Program is now open and accepting nominations. We encourage you to [fill out a nomination form](#) for one or more of the annual awards. [Read more here](#).

## **DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28: Volunteers sought to serve on three ICC National Certification Exam topics**

Interested in working with industry peers to contribute to the development and maintenance of ICC National Certification exams? The Code Council has openings on various Exam Development Committees (EDCs) for these subjects:

- **International Green Construction Code**
- **Portable/Pre-Engineered Fire Extinguishing Systems (NAFED)**
- **Tall Mass Timber (TMT)**

The application deadline is February 28. [Click here to open the application page](#). [Read more here](#).

## ICC GR and Center of Focus teams assist 13 applications seeking RECI funding opportunities

The ICC Center of Focus and Government Relations team members assisted the development of 13 individual applications across 14 states for the U.S. Department of Energy's [Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation \(RECI\) funding opportunity](#). This support is led by Energy and Resilience Project Manager Stella Carr who has been working states and other partners to support project development [for the concept paper phase](#). The team is engaged with states across the country and managing two project proposals that ICC is leading. Project topics range from innovative approaches to enforcement on a regional level to seeking support for energy code training for their state. Once we receive feedback on the concept papers, we'll be reaching out to applicants for support letters and additional detail required for the full applications, which are due in late March. This funding round is the first of five, and ICC is interested in connecting with you to develop future applications for next year's cycle as well as support other projects as they develop. If you are interested in learning more about the work we do to support members with these grants as well as other federal grants, visit [iccsafe.org/federalgrants](https://iccsafe.org/federalgrants) or email Stella Carr at [energygrants@iccsafe.org](mailto:energygrants@iccsafe.org).

## New guide explores the coordinated approach of energy codes and Building Performance Standards

The International Code Council has released a new guide titled, "Energy Codes and Building Performance Standards: Supporting Energy Use and Emissions Reductions in Buildings." This guide is

available to building code departments and code officials who want to understand how Building Performance Standards are developed and implemented. The guide focuses on the importance of a coordinated approach between code officials and energy policymakers where Building Performance Standards are adopted. [Read more here.](#)

### **Call for Committee: Two new codes and standards committees post application deadlines of March 15**

The International Code Council is currently seeking code officials, design professionals, contractors, engineers, government officials, manufacturers, installers and other industry stakeholders to volunteer for two new Code Council committees to help develop new standards.

- **The Foam Plastic Insulation Standard Committee (IS-FPI)** - As an ANSI-accredited standards developing organization, the Code Council is revising ICC 1100, Standard for Spray-applied Polyurethane Foam Plastic Insulation, to maintain the standard with current industry practice. Once appointed, this committee will convene to undergo the revision process in accordance with the Code Council's ANSI Approved Consensus Procedures and the ANSI Essential Requirements for the development of American National Standards.
- **The 3D Automated Construction Technology for 3D Concrete Walls Consensus Committee (IS-3DACT)** - Once appointed, this committee will convene to develop the new ICC 1150 Standard for 3D Automated Construction Technology for 3D Concrete Walls to establish minimum requirements for the evaluation of the structural performance of 3D concrete walls and proprietary concrete wall-to-floor connections designed in accordance with applicable building codes, including material and durability properties of proprietary 3D Concrete. [Read more here.](#)

### **ICC joins FEMA's Mitigation Assessment Team in reviewing Hurricane Ian impacts in Florida**

Karl Fippinger, Vice President of Fire and Disaster Mitigation of ICC Government Relations Department, recently joined federal, state and other officials at Fort Myers, Florida as part of a FEMA Mitigation Assessment Team to understand how the built environment withstood the battering wind, waves and flooding of Hurricane Ian. Fippinger [produced this video](#) in which he shares an example of how a renovated older structure (originally built in 1946) compares to post-2020 construction. A report will be published for FEMA in approximately 12 months in conjunction with federal, state, and private-sector partners. Lessons learned from FEMA MAT reports frequently lead to proposals to improve the I-Codes. [Click here to learn](#) more about the FEMA Mitigation Assessment Team, and [click here to learn more](#) about the ICC Government Relations team.

### **Code Council is opening training opportunities for members and partners to share their expertise**

The Code Council is [seeking training presentation proposals](#) from technical educators focused on educational, technical and practical topics spanning the entire spectrum of building safety, fire and life safety, administration, enforcement and construction topics. [Submissions](#) will be evaluated by the Code Council's Education Committee (appointed by the ICC Board of Directors) as well as key staff leaders from across the Code Council family of solutions. The Code Council is opening opportunities for members and partners to share their expertise via select training opportunities, which will include:

- **In-Person:** 2023 Annual Conference in St. Louis (90-minute sessions)
- **Online Live:** Learn Live Series (revamped, weekly 60 to 90-minute webinars)
- **Online Self-Paced:** Strategically Targeted Topics (varying lengths as appropriate)

### **Code Council Executive Vice President Mark Johnson elected president of RESNET Board of Directors**

Mark A. Johnson, Executive Vice President of Content and Services for the International Code Council, has been appointed President of the Residential Energy Services Network's (RESNET) Board of Directors. As President, Johnson will work with other board members to maintain the strategic vision of the organization and continue to advocate for the communities it serves. Johnson has served on the RESNET board since 2017 and was instrumental in developing the memorandum of understanding between the Code Council and RESNET. [Read more here.](#)

### **International Code Council, American Society of Home Inspectors collaborate to diversify workforce**

The International Code Council and the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) recently signed a memorandum of understanding to expand resources and improve membership opportunities to home

inspection and building safety professionals. The agreement also further advances joint initiatives between the organizations. The Code Council and ASHI plan to create opportunities for increased collaboration between members of both organizations. This includes access for ASHI members to Code Council certifications and Code Council exam resources. Additionally, ASHI will recognize Code Council training courses as qualifying for ASHI certification renewal certified education units. [Read more here.](#)

**Webinar is set for February 16 on Municipity® ePermitting & Code Enforcement software from ICC-CDS** Municipity Code Connect™, the integration that building safety professionals have been asking for, is here. No more fumbling between apps and browser tabs. You don't have to find your hardcopy code book and wonder if it is the most up-to-date version. All the information you need is accessible from within the Municipity 5 desktop. It will be accurate, immediate, and all in one convenient place. Municipity is the only ePermitting and Code Enforcement software from the International Code Council. Learn more in the next [Municipity Overview Webinar](#) on Thursday, February 16, at 1 pm ET / 10 am PT. [Register now.](#)

### **Three new videos available to provide insights for those taking ICC certification exams**

The Code Council's Assessment Center recently released three new videos that cover what participants should know before an exam, during an exam, and after an exam. You can find them [here](#) (scroll half way down the Assessment Center webpage) as well as on the ICC [YouTube channel](#). Additionally, the PRONTO testing platform will now be operating on the Guardian Secure Proctoring Browser instead of a browser extension through Chrome or Firefox. The Guardian Secure Proctoring Browser has multiple benefits including improved accessibility and ease-of-use that will decrease the need for individual technical support. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the new browser.

### **January was National Mentoring Month but mentoring is a yearlong focus for Code Council members**

This Building Safety Journal was published earlier this week highlighting January as National Mentoring Month. For Code Council members, it's a 12-month a year tradition to recruit and support young professionals who've chosen code enforcement careers. "My building safety mentor is Dwayne Garriss. Dwayne was the Georgia State Fire Marshal and President of the International Code Council Board of Directors when I first became a building official in 2016," said John "JC" Hudgison, who is now Chief Building Official for Tampa, Florida. "This type of mentor is a rare find and I am honored that Dwayne has chosen to continue to foster this relationship. My mentorship experience has inspired me to help by mentoring others who are looking to join the building safety industry." Hudgison is also Chair of the ICC Emerging Leaders Membership Council which promotes mentorship with [its annual Trailblazer Award](#). And the Code Council's Safety 2.0 features [a program to link mentors with mentees](#). [Read more here.](#)

### **HUD organizing a series of educational exchanges globally with off-site construction leaders**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognizes the opportunities of off-site construction and the lessons to be learned from international entities that have expanded their markets. As part of its research and strategy development process, HUD, with the assistance of the [National Institute of Building Sciences](#) and [MOD X](#), is organizing a series of educational exchanges with off-site construction leaders from the United States, United Kingdom, Japan and Sweden to foster greater learning opportunities within the industry. Ryan Colker, VP of ICC Innovation, produced this insightful article on the development of strategies to provide affordable housing in the United States through collaborations with other nations and their experiences with off-site construction. [Read more here.](#)



### **ICC Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas updates**

#### **Edition of ICC-PMG's CodeNotes™ address code provisions involving water heater installations**

A residential water heater can be highly problematic if not installed correctly or maintained properly. A water heater temperature and pressure relief valve is an important safety device for water heaters as well as the water distribution system to which it is connected. Any water discharge from the relief valve is an indication of an underlying problem. This CodeNotes™ addresses the important code provisions associated with the relief valve. These items are mentioned in Section 504.6 of the 2021 IPC and Section P2804.6.1 of the 2021 IRC. [Read more here.](#)



## ICC Evaluation Services updates

### ENZ-2023 expands ICC-ES global appraisal report offerings to the New Zealand Building Code

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) has issued their first Appraisal Report in compliance with the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) to Leviat for their Halfen HZA anchor channels and HZS channel bolts, breaking into the New Zealand building sector. Leviat is a global leader in anchoring, reinforcing, framing and façade fixing technology. Leviat has been a client of ICC-ES for nearly 20 years in several global markets. This new Appraisal Report by ICC-ES facilitates their entry into New Zealand by providing evidence of suitability with specified performance requirements of clauses: B1 Structure, B2 Durability, F2 Hazardous Building Materials. [Read more here.](#)

### Code Council awarded ‘Building Talent Foundation Industry Champion’ during NAHB’s Las Vegas show

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) and the ICC Family of Solutions were among those honored this week as [Building Talent Foundation](#) (BTF) 2022 Industry Champions. The presentations were made during the 2023 National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) [International Builders’ Show](#) (IBS) and National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) [Kitchen and Bath Industry Show](#) (KBIS) during the tenth annual [Design and Construction Week](#) (DCW) in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a preferred sponsor of DCW, the Code Council and ICC-ES have supported both industry shows for over fifteen years, highlighting the company’s deep commitment to building safety innovations. BTF is a national nonprofit organization, established in 2019 by the [Leading Builders of America](#) to address the acute and persistent talent shortage across building trades. With an average of 400,000 job openings throughout 2022, and with 40 percent of current workers expected to retire by 2031, the construction industry must invest in strengthening its workforce. With the support of its Champions, and in collaboration with construction employers, training providers and community-based organizations, BTF connects youth and people from underrepresented groups with internship and employment opportunities. **From left in the photo below**, BTF CEO Branka Minic presents the BTF 2022 Industry Champion Award to Dominic Sims, Code Council CEO, ICC Board President Michael Wich and Shahin Moinian Executive Vice President of the Conformity Assessment Group for ICC. [Read more here.](#)



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