

## **International Code Council Government Relations Update – October 2016**

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### **Free Webinar on Building Codes – Why They Matter**

On Wednesday, October 5, 2016, from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Pacific Time, FEMA and ATC will host a webinar to provide an overview of the building code pertaining to earthquake effects on buildings and underline the importance of code adoption and enforcement. Although this webinar is intended for a non-technical audience, engineers and building professionals who are interested in communicating the importance of building codes to decision-makers may also find this webinar useful. Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2876819774983293699>

### **ICC Board Looking for Feedback on the ICC Code Development Process**

In 2015, ICC entered into a new agreement with ASHRAE to develop the 2018 IgCC. As a result, hosting a Group C cycle was not necessary. Since then, ICC has received numerous suggestions on what to do in 2017 since there would not be any Code Development Hearings. ICC responded with the ICC Training & Certification Summit to be held May 22 – 26, 2017 at the University of Texas at Arlington.

In addition to suggestions on what to do in 2017, many members and organizations have made further suggestions on what they feel could be improvements to the Code Development Process, some of which have been forwarded to the ICC Board. Recognizing the need to formalize the process to allow ICC stakeholders to provide feedback directly to the ICC Board, the Board has directed staff to engage the stakeholders by announcing a “Call for Feedback” on any and all aspects of the ICC Code Development Process. Submit your feedback to: [ICCCodeProcessFeedback@iccsafe.org](mailto:ICCCodeProcessFeedback@iccsafe.org). If you have any questions, please contact Mike Pfeiffer at [mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org](mailto:mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org).

### **Contribute to the Development of ICC Certification Exams**

Share your expertise and help ensure the credibility and validity of International Code Council Certifications by serving on an Exam Development Committee. These committees oversee the development of various exams; however, no testing experience is required. Committee members typically meet for one in-person meeting that runs two to three days and multiple Web conferences throughout the year. Earn CEUs, promote building and fire safety, and add to your professional credentials! Click here for a complete list of committees with seats available for three-year terms to begin on Jan. 1: [http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/EDC\\_Applicant\\_Snapshot.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/EDC_Applicant_Snapshot.pdf) Applications are due October 31.

### **Renew Your ICC Membership Before the End of the Year and Receive an Extra Member Benefit!**

For a limited time, your renewal of your ICC Membership automatically qualifies you for a special offer of a 6-month trial of the new *International Codes*® premiumACCESS online subscription service. You'll be able to choose from the 2015 *International Building Code*® or the 2015 *International Residential Code*®.

Through a premiumACCESS subscription, users can access ICC's state, local or individual codes, or a combination thereof, to create customized online code libraries and annotations based on your specific and evolving requirements. As soon as you renew, you'll receive an email with an easy-to-apply online coupon. You'll be able to try the subscription—no charge, no obligation—for 6 months. Click here to renew now: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/renewreinststate-membership/>



2016 ICC Annual Conference and Group B Public Comment Hearings  
Kansas City, MO | October 16-25

## GR FORUM AGENDA

Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
8-11 am / Room: 2502B

8:00 am	Welcome & Introduction	Sara Yerkes, Sr. VP, ICC Government Relations
8:05 am	CEO/ICC Board President Remarks	Dominic Sims, CEO/Alex "Cash" Olszowy, President
8:10 am	The May 22, 2011 Joplin Tornado, Where Do We Go from Here?	Dr. Long Phan, Structures Group, National Institute of Standards and technology (NIST)
8:40 am	Q & A	
8:50 am	Investigation and Recommendations From the West Fertilizer explosion in West, Texas	Vanessa Allen Sutherland, Chair, Chemical Safety Board (CSB)
9:20 am	Q & A	
9:30 am	BEES and BIRDS: Measuring Sustainability Performance of Buildings	Dr. Joshua Kneifel, Economic Engineering Lab Applied Economic Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology
10:00 am	Q & A	
10:10 am	Building & Supporting Community and Regional Resilience	General Warren C. Edwards (ret.), Senior Fellow, Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI)
10:40 am	Q & A	
10:50 am	Final Comments	Sara Yerkes

This session qualifies for CEUs



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# You are Invited to Global Connections Day

## Building Codes, Standards, Regulations and Climate Change: Sustainable Practices for a Changing World

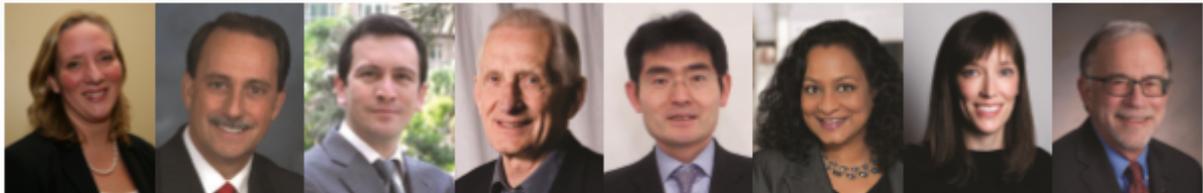
Wed., Oct. 19, 2016, 8:30 am – 5 pm, Kansas City Convention Center

### A Featured Event at 2016 ICC Annual Conference

Global Connections Day, held in conjunction with the 2016 ICC Annual Conference and Building Safety & Design Expo, will address the effect of regulatory change on institutions and governments throughout the world and the need for codes and standards to keep pace with the impact of real or perceived climate change.

### Scheduled to speak, as of September 14, are:

- Stacey Paradis, Executive Director at Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)
- James “Tim” T. Ryan, Code Administrator for the City of Overland Park, Kansas, and Presidential appointee to the National Institute of Building Sciences Board of Directors
- Ommid Saberi, Senior Industry Specialist-Green Buildings of the IFC Climate Business Department at the World Bank
- Wayne Trusty, a specialist in Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) from Canada.
- Akira Ishii, Assistant Director, Building and Environment Coordination Division, Housing and Architecture Bureau, City of Yokohama, Japan
- Radhika Fox, CEO of the US Water Alliance
- Rebecca Laberrenne, Associate Director, Service Implementation, 100 Resilient Cities Program—Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation
- Tim Wentz, President, ASHRAE



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### To Register or to View the Current Agenda – [www.iccsafe.org/AnnConf5](http://www.iccsafe.org/AnnConf5)

Global Connections Day is free, but, space is limited for this special event.

Pre-registration is required for those attending the luncheon. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$40.

### About ICC

The International Code Council is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets choose the International Codes.

Special Presentations by:

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The final schedule of speakers and topics presented at Global Connections Day are subject to change.



## Solar Permitting Plan Review Course

- ▶ **Has your region seen an increase in photovoltaic (PV) system installations?**
- ▶ **Do you need to become more familiar with solar plans and what sets them apart from other components of residential or commercial structures?**
- ▶ **Would you like to know more about what aspects of a PV system need the most focus, either due to safety concerns or common installation errors?**

PV systems can be as straightforward as many of the electrical systems you review or inspect. Learn how the solar PV plan review can be done as effectively and efficiently as other aspects of your job.

**SOLAR PERMITTING PLAN REVIEW COURSE\*** is an interactive, in-person course designed to provide a practical process for consistent plan review, with an emphasis on how to catch the most frequent installation errors. Taught by a national expert in solar plan review, the course will walk you through the review of a complete permit plan application.

**Course Length:** 6 hours

After completing this training, you will be able to evaluate a complete solar permit package to ensure it is compliant with building, fire and electrical codes relevant to your jurisdiction.

To schedule a training contact: [step@irecusa.org](mailto:step@irecusa.org) / 518.621.7379

\*CEUs available through the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and International Code Council.

### WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

Individuals who conduct  
building plan reviews

Building and  
electrical inspectors

Professionals who  
design, assemble or  
submit solar plans

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