

**May 2012**

## **International Code Council Update**

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### **President Obama Proclaims May “National Building Safety Month”**

In recognition of all the hard work and effort building professionals put in to ensure that America’s built environment is the safest and strongest in the world, President Barack Obama has officially proclaimed May to be National Building Safety Month for the second year in a row. You can find a full text of the proclamation here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/05/04/2012-11013/national-building-safety-month-2012>

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### **Chapter Annual Reports Due June 1!**

All Chapters are required to submit an Annual Report by June 1 in order to qualify for full benefits. By completing your report on time, Chapter Presidents will receive a complimentary registration to this year's Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. In addition, your Chapter will qualify for a Chapter Education Benefit day of training for 2013.

All Chapters are encouraged to participate in the Chapter of the Year (COTY) Award competition. Please follow the guidelines listed on the form carefully. The deadline for the Chapter of the Year Awards application is also June 1. Good luck to all! IMPORTANT: Chapter Presidents who qualify for a complimentary registration will be provided with a SPECIAL ACCESS CODE to use when registering. Please DO NOT REGISTER until you receive this code.

To sign in and complete your Annual Report online from your new MY CHAPTERS account click here: <http://pro.launchmailerpro.com/t/25241/23823046/734747/0/>. To download the Annual Report or the Chapter of the Year application form, visit the Chapter Information page: <http://pro.launchmailerpro.com/t/25241/23823046/377454/0/>. For assistance accessing your account contact Customer Care at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), extension 33804 or email us at [membership@iccsafe.org](mailto:membership@iccsafe.org). For questions regarding chapter forms please contact Chapter Relations staff at extension 4312 or 7203, or e-mail us at [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org).

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### **Code Council Seeks Nominations for Awards**

If you know an exemplary individual or group whose contributions to building safety, code enforcement, public service, community service, or fire prevention are commendable, nominate them for an International Code Council award! Nominations will be accepted until July 25 for awards to be presented at the 2012 [ICC Annual Conference](#), Oct. 21-24, in Portland, Ore. You can find the list of awards and nomination forms here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/annual/Documents/2012Portland/2012AwardsNominationForm.pdf>

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### A New Chapter Education Benefit for 2012

By now, you may have heard that the ICC Board of Directors approved the introduction of an enhanced annual Chapter Education Benefit for 2012. For the past two years, ICC offered a Chapter Education Benefit of a 50 percent discount off of a training seminar. In that time, more than 160 Chapters have taken advantage of the benefit, bringing high-quality ICC training to their local audience. In recognition of the Year of the Member, and with the hopes of even greater Chapter exposure to ICC training, we are now expanding the benefit.

Beginning April 1, the enhanced Chapter Education Benefit will provide qualifying Chapters with a live training seminar at no cost to the Chapter. Qualifying Chapters are those that filed their annual chapter report in a timely manner. After discussing options and gathering feedback from Chapter leaders, it became apparent that any changes to the benefit be structured to provide maximum value to the ICC Chapters and the organization as a whole. To that end, the following specific requirements will apply to the enhanced Chapter Education Benefit:

- The benefit is available beginning April 1, 2012
- Qualifying Chapters will receive either:
  - 1 complimentary live Fundamentals, Update, Significant Changes, or Transition training seminar, or
  - 1 complimentary live Performing, advanced or special topics one-day training seminar (legal and electrical seminars are not eligible) with the purchase of a second seminar
- The Chapter will receive up to 30 complimentary sets of student materials (workbooks, handouts, etc.) for the no-cost seminar. Additional sets of materials for more than 30 students must be purchased at standard Chapter pricing
- The Chapter may request, but is not guaranteed, a specific instructor

As with the current benefit, a Chapter will still be allowed to combine or donate its Chapter Education Benefit day. Visit our online catalog for a complete list of available classes. To schedule a Chapter Education Benefit seminar or for any other ICC education needs, please contact one of our Education Client Services Administrators at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), extension 33818.

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### I-Code Exam Availability Update

Currently, 2012 I-Codes exams are paper and pencil only with computer-based testing available in January 2013. Computer-based and paper and pencil exams are available for the 2009 I-Codes. 2006 I-Codes exams are paper and pencil only. For more information, see the National Certification Examination Information Bulletin here:

[http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Bulletins/National\\_Certification\\_EIB.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Bulletins/National_Certification_EIB.pdf)

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### Draft of Guideline Available for Public Comment

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers, in collaboration with the International Code Council, has released the draft of the [Guidelines for Designing Fire Safety in Very Tall Buildings](#) for public comment. The submission deadline for [public comments](#) is June 8.

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### 2012 is the Year of the Member!

Every International Code Council Member contributes to building a safer world through their individual commitment to public safety. The International Code Council always focuses on its Members, but 2011-2012 is a special time as ICC celebrates the Year of the Member. The Year of the Member recognizes the fact that ICC Members are industry leaders dedicated to building safe and sustainable communities.

Are you getting the most out of your membership? Click here to find out about all the opportunities you have as an ICC Member! <http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/YearOfTheMember.aspx>

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### Call for Proposals: ICC/ANSI A117.1-09 – Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities

ICC Consensus Committee on Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities will be developing the next edition of the ANSI A117.1-09 standard. Suggested revisions or additions can be submitted to the ICC by completing the public proposal form, located here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/standards/Pages/publicforms.aspx>. Remember, the deadline is July 2, so get your revisions in soon!

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### Call to Committee: ICC Accepting Applications for Exam Development Committee Members

Certification and Testing seeks volunteers to serve in several areas. View the responsibilities of Exam Development Committee here:

[http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Documents/EDC\\_Applicant\\_Snapshot\\_2011.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Documents/EDC_Applicant_Snapshot_2011.pdf), and then apply today! Applications link here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/EDC.aspx>

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### ICC Membership Councils: New Opportunities to Enhance Your Profession and Career

The Membership Councils offer ICC Members a place to come together and be a more powerful force shaping your ICC, your industry, your career, and your future. The ICC Board, as part of ICC's celebration of the "Year of the Member," is pleased to announce five discipline-specific Membership Councils that

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will each serve to take your ICC Membership and profession to the next level. Share your expertise, voice, and vision with your peers – get started today!

ICC Membership Councils were formed after Members asked to have a greater role influencing how ICC serves to enhance Members' work performance, careers and professions. ICC's success is driven by the unity and diversity of its Members. The strength and solidarity of our organization allows us to better serve our membership and communities, and promote a shared vision of a safe and sustainable world.

Find out more about the new ICC Membership Councils here:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Councils/Pages/default.aspx>

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### **Think You're a Major Jurisdiction? Join the Committee!**

The Major Jurisdiction Committee is open to representatives of state code enforcement agencies, the capital city of each state, the two largest jurisdictions in each state and jurisdictions with a population of 1,000,000 or more. Find out more about it here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/Pages/MJC.aspx>