

## International Code Council Government Relations Update May 2013

### President Obama Proclaims May 2013 National Building Safety Month

We at the GR department would just like to extend a special thank-you to everyone who helped our Building Safety Month be nationally recognized for the second year in a row! You can see the official proclamation here: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/04/30/presidential-proclamation-national-building-safety-month-2013> You can help expand recognition for 2013 Building Safety Month with an official proclamation from your local, state and national leaders. Download the 2013 Building Safety Month Model Proclamation in PDF: [http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2013/BSM\\_Proclamation.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Documents/2013/BSM_Proclamation.pdf).

### ICC Launches “Get Everyone Certified” Campaign Together with Target

In its ongoing commitment to education and safe communities, Target will be awarding three code enforcement departments with a \$1,100 credit for ICC educational offerings, such as training and training materials. All departments with 100% newly certified staff will be entered into a drawing by population size. Winning departments will be recognized by Target at the ICC Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, September 29-October 2. To be eligible for the drawing, building departments must submit the form by August 16. Get more information about the campaign here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/GetEveryoneCertified.aspx> and submit your 100% certified department for your chance to win here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/Isyourtechnicalstaff100certified.aspx>

### ICC National Certification Exams—2012 Version Available Soon

Exams based on the 2012 codes will be administered via computer-based testing beginning July 1. [Register today](#) and be among the first to get your 2012 International Code certification. Computer-based testing for the 2009 codes is still available and will be offered through at least December 2013. Register soon to ensure your seat in the remaining 2009 computer-based exams. View the [computer-based testing exam bulletin](#). To see a full list of national certification exams, [click here](#). ICC also offers training materials that can help you prepare for your exam. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 materials in the ICC Store.

### Code Council Seeks Nominations for 2013 Awards

If you know an exemplary individual or group whose contributions to building safety, code compliance, fire prevention, sustainability, public service or community service are commendable, nominate that person or group for an International Code Council award. Award recipients will be honored and recognized publicly for their accomplishments during the 2013 ICC Annual Conference in Atlantic City, N.J.

Nominations for the Bobby J. Fowler, Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year, Fire Service, Community Service, Affiliate and Raising the Profile awards will be accepted until July 1. Applications and details are available at

<http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/annual/Documents/2013AtlanticCity/2013AwardsNominationForm.pdf?r=2013Awards>.

Nominations for the ICC National Leadership in Sustainability Award must be submitted by June 1. Applications and details are available

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Councils/Documents/Sustainability/NationalLeadershipSustainabilityAwardApp.pdf?r=GreenAward>.

The Global Membership Award nomination deadline is July 15. Applications and details are available at <http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Councils/Pages/2013Call.aspx>.

### **Updated HUD Form Allows New Homes to Meet IECC Energy Requirements to Qualify for FHA Financing**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has updated its Builder's Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site form to require home builders to certify that a new home complies with the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code or a newer edition of the code. Homes not in compliance with the IECC will not qualify for Federal Housing Administration loan financing. While this is not a federal requirement for all new homes, it is a requirement for any home a builder wants to be eligible for FHA financing. You can view the updated form here:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=92541.pdf&mkt\\_tok=3RkMMJWWf9wsRonuK%2FIZKXonjHpfX76OovT%2Frn28M3109ad%2BrmPBy%2B2YFWp8na%2BqWCgseOrQ8IIUPV9SxS80Vo60%3D](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=92541.pdf&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWf9wsRonuK%2FIZKXonjHpfX76OovT%2Frn28M3109ad%2BrmPBy%2B2YFWp8na%2BqWCgseOrQ8IIUPV9SxS80Vo60%3D)

### **EPA Grant Competition Forecast for Calendar Year 2013**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is committed to making it easier for communities to access our grant resources. Below is a link to the calendar of expected 2013 competitive grant opportunities that may be of particular interest to communities. These opportunities, as well as other EPA grant opportunities, will be posted on <http://www.grants.gov>. In addition, the EPA offers a Grants 101 Tutorial ([http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources\\_for\\_communities/epa\\_grants\\_101.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/epa_grants_101.htm)) to assist communities in understanding the grants process.

Grant programs with open solicitations or that expect to have open solicitations in 2013 are noted in the table. To learn more about each program, (e.g., details on focus areas, eligible applicants, and funding amounts), visit the specific program link.

### **Want To Vote in Atlantic City? Read This:**

All Governmental Member Voting Representatives wishing to vote in Atlantic City must comply with the following:

- Governmental Membership must have been active on April 1 and remain active (i.e. not lapse due to nonpayment) throughout the period from April 1 until the time of the hearings.
- All Governmental Member Voting Representatives must registered and validated through the online Electronic Voter Designation located at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).
  - The link is located under “Quick Links” at the left of the home page and at MY ICC.
  - Only the Primary Representative may make designate the Voting Representatives for his/her Governmental Member.
  - The Primary Representative must log in to the web site in order to view and complete the designation form.
  - Even if the Voting Representatives were designated in 2012, they **must** be redesignated and revalidated in 2013.
  - All Primary Member Representatives must designate or revalidate their Governmental Member Voting Representatives online by *August 30, 2013* to be eligible to vote at the Annual Business Meeting or Public Comment Hearing.

Anyone having trouble with completing the form should contact ICC Member Services at x3380 or [members@iccsafe.org](mailto:members@iccsafe.org).