



## OCTOBER 2008 EDITION

Welcome to another issue of the BCAP Newsletter, a brief newsletter of happenings at BCAP and building energy code progress around the nation. In this issue read about:

- [Updated BCAP Commercial State Code Status Map](#)
- [Energy Code Champion, Mark Halverson](#)
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As always, we appreciate the support and collaboration of our many friends and allies. We are looking forward to continued collaboration with you to improve the energy efficiency of our built environment.

Cheers! – the BCAP Staff

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## UPDATED BCAP COMMERCIAL STATE CODE STATUS MAP

BCAP is excited to unveil the new and improved version of its [commercial state code status map](#). Aside from the color changes, the map now includes a new level of information, with lighter colors indicating states that have adopted a new code which is not yet effective.

You can view the new map on the [BCAP website](#) and click on individual states to view the most up-to-date, detailed code status information on building energy codes. The residential map will be updated as well as we get closer to the release of the 2009 IECC.

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## ENERGY CODE CHAMPION

The Building Code Assistance Project announces **Mark Halverson**, with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, as our selection for **ENERGY CODE CHAMPION!** [Read more...](#)

Each quarter, BCAP will be recognizing a new Energy Code Champion. This will be a person who has been working hard behind the scenes to advocate for improving building energy codes. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to tell us about the wonderful work you are doing, please write us at [kwilllock@ase.org](mailto:kwilllock@ase.org).

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## SUBSCRIBE TO THE BCAP CODE NEWS RSS FEED

To stay up-to-date on all the latest news from the building codes community, subscribe now to the BCAP Code News RSS Feed at <http://www.bcap-energy.org/news/feed>. An RSS, or Really Simple Syndication Feed, allows you to view frequently updated content published by a website. This tool highlights the most recent code news for you even if you do not regularly check the BCAP site (even though we encourage you to do so!).

For Mozilla Firefox users, follow the link <http://www.bcap-energy.org/news/feed>. Choose the application to view the feed (Live Bookmarks is the easiest, but you can also add the feed to your Google or Yahoo home page) and click "Subscribe Now". An orange icon titled "Code News" should appear on your Live Bookmarks toolbar underneath the URL web address toolbar. Clicking the icon will reveal a dropdown box with the five most recent BCAP Code News updates. Follow one to navigate to the appropriate page on the BCAP website and further surf Code News.

For Internet Explorer 7 users, follow the link <http://www.bcap-energy.org/news/feed>. Click "Subscribe to this feed". In the Favorites toolbar (accessed by the star icon on the IE toolbar at left), an orange icon titled "Code News" should appear. To create a quick launch live bookmark, in IE select the View menu...Toolbars...and unselect Lock the Toolbars. A section marked "Links" should appear in one of the toolbars. Drag the vertical line next to it to expand the Links toolbar. In the URL address browser, highlight the entire URL for the news feed, click and hold the icon, and drag it into the newly expanded Links toolbar. Finally, select the View menu...Toolbars...and reselect Lock the Toolbars.

And as always, please check out the rest of the BCAP website at <http://www.bcap-energy.org/> for news, events, state code status information, code adoption maps, our Policy Action Tool, and more!

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## CODE NEWS

You can also [read code news on the website](#).

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### General Code News

- [International Code Council Determines 2009 I-Codes in Minneapolis in September](#)
- [U.S. DOE Awards Six States \\$2.6 Million to Develop New Energy Codes](#)
- [ACEEE Ranks U.S. States on Energy Efficiency](#)

### Code Updates

- California – [California Adopts Improved Title 24 Effective July 2009](#)
- Florida – [Florida Building Commission: 2007 Florida Code Implementation Date Moved to March 1](#)
- Massachusetts – [Massachusetts Updating to 2006/2007 IECC & ASHRAE 90.1-2007 on October 6](#)

## State Activity

- California – [California Earns Grant to Create Building Energy Efficiency Standards Learning Management System](#)
- Connecticut – [Connecticut Developing Building Code Amendments Updating to 2006 IECC](#)
- Florida – [Florida Announces Public Conference Calls Concerning 2007 Building Code](#)
- North Carolina – [2008 North Carolina Energy Star Conference - October 27-28](#)
- Ohio – [Ohio to Hold Nov. 7 Public Hearing on Re-adoption of 2006 IECC for Residential Buildings](#)
- South Carolina – [South Carolina Governor Accepts Recommendations to Address Climate Change](#)
- Wisconsin – [Wisconsin Legislature to Consider 2006 IECC for State Residential Code](#)

## Green Building News

- California – [San Francisco Approves Tough Green Building Standard](#)
- Georgia – [Atlanta Suburbs of Doraville and Chamblee Adopt Mandatory LEED Ordinances as Atlanta Debates Own Standards](#)
- Maryland – [Maryland's Montgomery County Mandates LEED Standards for County Buildings](#)
- New Mexico – [New Mexico Judge Orders Injunction Against Albuquerque Green Building Code](#)
- Texas – [Dallas Adopts Ambitious Green Building Standard](#)

## Above Code News

- Colorado – [Colorado Governor Announces Community Funding to Include Code Improvements](#)
- Colorado – [Boulder, Colorado Considers Increasing Energy Code Efficiency by 30 Percent](#)
- Florida – [Florida Receives Grant Money to Advance Energy Codes by 30 Percent](#)
- Georgia – [Georgia Passes Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Construction Act of 2008](#)
- Massachusetts – [Massachusetts to Partner with Neighboring States to Improve Energy Codes](#)
- Nebraska – [Nebraska Wins Grant to Adopt 30 Percent Above Code Commercial Requirements](#)
- North Carolina – [North Carolina Receives Federal Funds to Develop Next Energy Code](#)
- Washington – [State of Washington Awarded Grant to Develop and Implement New Energy Code](#)