



MAY 2009 EDITION

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

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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

BCAP UNVEILS CODE BUILDER TOOL ON ADVANCED CODES

BCAP is excited to unveil **Code Builder**, its latest tool supporting advanced building codes. The BCAP Code Builder provides information on advanced codes to architects, builders, and building departments. This tool explains terminology, references current practice of specific measures, and provides information on applicability. The Code Builder will also serve as a clearinghouse for next-generation code changes -- including advanced and green measures used in high performance homes. [Go to Code Builder...](#)

BCAP & SAN ANTONIO MISSION VERDE

Since late 2008, representatives of the Building Codes Assistance Project have served the City of San Antonio and its Office of Environmental Policy by providing technical assistance to the advisory committees of the Sustainable Buildings Task Force. Charged with developing the city's new advanced energy codes, the Sustainable Buildings Task Force was formed in response to San Antonio Mayor Hardberger's groundbreaking **2009 Mission Verde** initiative, an all out effort to strengthen the city's economy through widespread sustainability efforts built on energy and water efficiency and conservation. [Read more...](#)

ENERGY CODE CHAMPION

The Building Code Assistance Project announces **Jeff Herholdt** of the West Virginia Division of Energy 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 kwillock@ase.org or pkarrer@ase.org.

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!). [Read more...](#)

CODE NEWS

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

General Code News

- [DOE Releases Guidelines for SEP Grants Under ARRA](#)
- [DOE Releases Guidelines for EECBG Grants Under ARRA](#)
- [ICC Extends Code Change Proposal Deadline to June 1](#)
- [ICC Announces Plans to Develop Green Building Code](#)
- [EPA Proposes New ENERGY STAR Homes Guidelines, Comment Deadline July 10](#)
- [Save the Date – Energy Codes 2009: July 27-30 in Portland](#)
- [EEBA Excellence in Building Expo September 28-30 in Denver](#)
- [Home Ventilation Institute Connects Building Code Personnel](#)
- [MEEA and Ohio Energy Expo in Columbus on June 2](#)

Code Updates

- Connecticut – [Regulatory Amendment to Adopt 2006 IECC Effective August 1](#)
- Hawaii – [Hawaii County Council Approves Adoption of 2006 IECC](#)
- Maryland – [Maryland Governor Approves Legislation Adopting 2009 IECC](#)
- Minnesota – [New Minnesota Residential and Commercial Codes Effective June 1](#)
- New Hampshire – [New Hampshire Building Code Review Board Adopts 2009 IECC](#)
- Rhode Island – [Rhode Island Governor Signs Bill to Comply with ARRA Provisions](#)
- Washington – [Washington Governor Signs Ambitious Energy Efficiency Bill](#)
- West Virginia – [West Virginia Governor Signs Legislation Adopting 2009 IECC and 90.1-2007](#)

State Activity

- Delaware – [Delaware Senate Passes Model Energy Code Bill](#)
- Idaho – [Idaho Adopts 2006 IBC, IRC, and IEBC Editions](#)
- Illinois – [Illinois Bill Requiring 2009 IECC for All Buildings Passes House](#)
- Indiana – [Indiana Vetoes Model Commercial Energy Code Bill](#)
- Michigan – [Michigan Legislature Introduces Bills on ARRA Compliance and Local Green Standards](#)
- North Dakota – [North Dakota Folds Energy Code within State Building Codes](#)
- New York – [New York Assembly Introduces Bill to Comply with ARRA Requirements](#)
- South Carolina – [South Carolina House Approves Bill to Adopt 2006 IECC for All Construction](#)
- Tennessee – [Tennessee Legislature Introduces Clean Energy Future Act](#)
- Texas – [Texas House Introduces Bill Updating to 2009 IRC & IECC](#)
- Texas – [Texas Publishes Request for Public Comment on 2009 IECC by May 18](#)

Green Building News

- California – [California Introduces Bill for Net Zero Energy Buildings by 2020](#)
- Maine – [Portland, Maine Passes LEED Requirements for City Buildings](#)
- Missouri – [Missouri Legislature Introduces Green State Building Standards](#)
- New York – [Green State Building Legislation Introduced in New York Assembly](#)
- New York – [New York City Proposes Major Legislation to Green Existing Buildings](#)
- Virginia – [Virginia's Fairfax County Adopts Green Building Policy for County Facilities](#)

Above Code News

- Arkansas – [Arkansas Passes Advanced Requirements for State & Higher Ed Buildings](#)
- Massachusetts – [Massachusetts BBRS Approves Voluntary "Stretch Code" Appendix](#)

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