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BCAP Newsletter

Dedicated to the adoption, implementation, and advancement of building energy codes



Fall 2012 Edition

Welcome to another issue of the **BCAP Newsletter**, a brief summary of happenings at the Building Codes Assistance Project and building energy code progress around the nation.

Cheers! – the BCAP Staff

Adoption and Compliance Portals Launched on OCEAN

To further improve the quality of OCEAN users' online experience, BCAP improved how users access and engage with OCEAN Resources via new access points on the homepage called portals. BCAP has published an Adoption Support portal with a policy action toolkit and a Compliance Support portal.



The [Adoption Portal](#) is designed to help state officials, energy code supporters, and consumers understand the process taken to adopt an energy code. The [Compliance Portal](#) links to programs, tools, and resources states and municipalities can use to help set and meet compliance goals, cosponsored by IMT.

Read more about the [Adoption](#) and [Compliance](#) Portals

Energy Code Champion - Emily Nunez

BCAP is proud to announce Emily Nunez as this quarter's Energy Code Champion. Emily is responsible for overseeing the building energy code policy for Nevada. She has 19 years experience with the State of Nevada and served as operations deputy for former Governor Jim Gibbons prior to taking over her new role at the Nevada State Office of Energy (NSOE).



In 2010, she oversaw the publication of two energy code gap analysis reports for Nevada. Following the completion of the reports, Emily managed the funding for a project that delivered a five-year strategic plan for energy codes in the state, seven energy code ambassadors, and hosted numerous code trainings and educational seminars in Northern and Southern Nevada.

Although Emily was recently promoted to Fiscal Manager for the NSOE, she will continue to oversee the building energy codes policy for Nevada. Emily's positive

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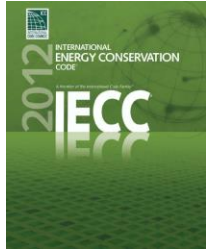
Recent BCAP Travel

Winston-Salem, NC

attitude, leadership and commitment is influencing forward momentum on energy codes, and will produce legitimate energy savings for the state of Nevada.

Read more about [Energy Code Champion Emily Nunez](#)

Request for Information to State Energy Offices



BCAP is eager to hear from state energy offices or energy code supporters concerning what jurisdictions have adopted or are in the process of adopting the 2012 IECC or the IgCC. If you have any information about cities or counties that have adopted either energy code, please send information to Anthony Price at aprice@ase.org.

Additionally, BCAP has kicked off a new consumer awareness campaign. If you are aware of a city in your state that is considering adopting the 2012 IECC and would appreciate assistance educating homeowners, please contact Cosimina Panetti at cpanetti@ase.org.

Use #EnergyCodes to Post on OCEAN



BCAP is offering a new service to energy code stakeholders and organizations allowing them to post directly to the front page of OCEAN. By using #EnergyCodes, all tweets will be listed under the "What's Trending in #EnergyCodes" segment at the top of the home page. BCAP encourages everyone to use this feature to promote news, articles, opinions and press releases.

Go to the [OCEAN home page](#) now

BCAP Staff Present at ACEEE Summer Study

Maureen Guttman and Cosimina Panetti presented on BCAP's Compliance Planning Assistance Program at the 2012 ACEEE Summer Study. The research took the form of 15 "Gap Analysis Reports" developed in close partnership with each state's Energy Office or similar agency, and in some cases, other stakeholders chosen by the state. Important conclusions drawn from this large body of work included: an assessment of commonalities and differences in these states that create or hinder a successful infrastructure for code compliance, essential elements for any state's energy code strategic compliance planning, and lessons learned with regards to political and/or other barriers in these states.

This was the 17th biennial ACEEE conference on Energy Efficiency in Buildings. A diverse group of professionals from around the world gathered at this preeminent meeting to discuss the technological basis for, and practical implementation of, actions to reduce energy use and the climate impacts associated with buildings.



Greenbuild 2012 Code Summit

Sept. 4-5 - Mark Lessans attended the North Carolina Train-the-Trainer program. The event was sponsored by SEEA and BECP to provide code officials in the Southeast with free code training, and to act as ambassadors and energy code experts to staff within nearby building departments. The two-day event consisted of one full day of classroom training, followed by one full day of plan reviews, a commercial site inspection, and a residential site inspection.



Omaha, NE

Oct. 16-18 - Paul Karrer and Maria Ellingson attended the Great Plains Regional Energy Codes Conference hosted by the Nebraska Energy Office in Omaha, Nebraska. Paul gave presentations on BCAP's Incremental Cost Analysis for the 2009 and 2012 IECC and on developing energy code advocacy materials. Maria presented on BCAP's Consumer Energy Code Awareness campaign and the Energy Code Compliance Collaborative project.



Energy Code Ambassadors Program (ECAP)

A joint project of BCAP and the International Code Council (ICC), the Energy Code Ambassadors Program (ECAP) is a peer-to-peer program for code officials to improve enforcement of building energy codes from direct interaction with trained and experienced code professionals who understand the challenges and constraints that each code official can be faced with. ECAP strives to enrich the infrastructure to one that encourages the correct and effective implementation of energy codes.

If you are interested in joining our effort to build a stronger energy code infrastructure,

Only two weeks until the first-ever Codes Summit on building, and regulating, green construction practice on Nov. 13 in downtown San Francisco, CA. Government employees and non-profits get a sharp discount. In addition to a full day of education (CEUs available for ICC, AIA and GBCI), attendees get a free pass to the world's largest expo hall on green building on Nov. 11. If you will be attending the Summit, please RSVP to ayue@usgbc.org.



This one-day summit will dive deep into green building codes and best practice and will familiarize a diverse community of building professionals with these emerging regulations. 2012 has been a big year for codes, standards, and rating systems advancements that are arming policymakers and the building industry with new levers to drive greener buildings and communities.

Read more about [Greenbuild 2012 and the Code Summit](#)

please contact Kelly Guhanick at kguhanick@ase.org.

To learn more about the program, check out our [Meet 90% Compliance with Your Knowledge: Energy Code Ambassadors Program](#)

Event Calendar

Upcoming Events

Nov. 12 - [The Behavior, Energy and Climate Change \(BECC\) Conference](#)

Nov. 14-16 - [USGBC Greenbuild](#)

Dec. 3 - [The National High Performance building Conference at Ecobuild America](#)



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