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BCAP Newsletter

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



Summer 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.

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 Announces New States for the CPA Program

BCAP has announced agreements with Alaska, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. BCAP will be producing a Gap Analysis and Strategic Compliance Plan for Alaska and Oklahoma and a Gap Analysis for Pennsylvania. Other additional states are in the final stages of an agreement and we look forward to announcing our partnerships shortly.



Throughout the process, BCAP will speak with key stakeholders and conduct extensive information gathering. Our in-depth research and analysis of the situation on-the-ground will enable us to deliver targeted recommendations and data that accommodate state-specific needs and circumstances and meet reporting requirements. The CPA Program will also help participating states navigate the wide array of federal and regional resources and services available, choosing the best fit for each state.

Read more about the [Compliance Planning Assistance Program](#)

Energy Code Champion - Felix Lopez

In honor of his many years of service to the energy code arena, the Texas State Energy Conservation Office, and given his recent retirement from that service, BCAP has selected Felix Lopez as Energy Code Champion for summer 2012. Felix's dedication to energy-efficiency through his years of service to the state of Texas has resulted in innumerable energy savings for the state. His work has saved home owners and businesses money, reduced Texas's demand for imported energy, and has improved the environment. His recent retirement from the State Energy



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Recent BCAP Travel

Sacramento, CA

May. 31 - Matt Kerns and John Miller (pictured below) attended the California Energy Commission hearing in Sacramento, California on the adoption of the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. BCAP provided testimony at the hearing in support of the update, which passed unanimously.

Conservation Office leaves a legacy of stewardship and commitment to reducing energy use that will carry on for many years.

We salute Felix for his many years of service, but especially for his many years of staunch support for energy codes and as a great old friend of BCAP.

Read more about [Felix Lopez](#)

Spanish Resources Now Available on OCEAN



Spanish resources are now available on OCEAN. BCAP has produced resources based on the 2009 IECC for Spanish-speaking consumers. These include the energy code checklist for consumers as well as Energy Codes 101. BCAP has worked with Consumers Union to publish a consumers checklist for Texas in particular and look forward to working towards creating additional Spanish oriented material.

New Compliance Collaborative Webpage on OCEAN

BCAP has created a State Compliance Collaborative's page that includes a project overview, resources for states to start their own collaboratives, and a directory of existing state collaboratives. An Energy Code Compliance Collaborative can help states achieve compliance with updated energy codes by engaging supportive stakeholders that can ease the load on state energy offices. Currently states with a Compliance Collaborative include: Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Texas.

For more information or to form a Compliance Collaborative in your state [click here](#).

IMT Entries for Excellency in Energy Code Compliance Award

A new award granted by IMT will recognize jurisdictions that have had success in achieving energy code compliance in a cost-effective manner. Winners will be announced at the ICC 2012 Annual Conference in Portland, Ore.; featured in EcoHome, a national green-building magazine; and spotlighted on IMT's new website.



All local or state government enforcement programs are eligible, including but not limited to: energy code compliance training programs; programs that depend on third-party enforcement companies; and programs supported by utilities.

Applications are due August 15. Read more about the [Energy Code Compliance Award](#). Please download the short [nomination form](#).

BCAP and BECP to Host Educational Sessions in Five States

BCAP is coordinating with the BECP to provide and make accessible technical and communication resources that may be necessary to promote the adoption of the code in different states. BCAP is currently scheduling meetings between the states' key



Denver, CO

Jun. 29 - John Miller, Brian Sernulka, Maria Ellingson attended the second meeting of the Colorado Code Collaborative stakeholders group designed to support the state's code collaborative. John Miller also attended the PNNL Train the Trainer, designed to train code experts on major code provisions to continue education in Denver, CO.



BCAP Bids Farewell to Eric Plunkett

BCAP is saying goodbye to one of our valued team-members, Eric Plunkett. Eric is going to Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies



to study energy behaviors. While sorry to see him go, BCAP is extremely proud of

stakeholders, REEO representatives, and BECP to ensure that interested and affected parties are aware of all of the resources available for code adoption, implementation, and measuring compliance. BCAP will make sure to publicize which states are chosen for the aforementioned sessions.

Greenbuild 2012 to feature Code Summit



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 code, standards, and rating systems advancements that are arming policymakers and the building industry with new levers to drive greener buildings and communities. Policymakers, builders, designers and code officials are dizzy with both enthusiasm and apprehension as everyone makes their best effort to understand the contemporary landscape, uncover avoidable pitfalls, and seize the opportunity of high-performing, 21st century buildings.

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

Eric and would like to acknowledge some of his many accomplishments.

-Managed OCEAN and BCAP online communications

-Co-managed \$135,000 project with Alabama

-Author of reports and toolkits for Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania.

Eric, we are thankful for all your contributions to the building energy code environment and wish you all the best and are excited to hear of you future accomplishments.

Event Calendar

Upcoming Events

Aug. 12 - [2012 ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#)

Oct. 3 - [2012 Midwest Regional Building Energy Codes Conference](#)

Oct. 16-18 - [2012 Great Plains Energy Codes Conference](#)



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