DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

International Code Council: The Update Process for the International Codes and Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Code Council (ICC), promulgator of the International Codes and Standards, maintains a process for updating the entire family of International Codes based on receipt of proposals from interested individuals and organizations involved in the construction industry as well as the general public. The codes are updated every three years (2009—current edition, 2012, 2015 editions, etc.). In the past, the codes were updated on 2–18 month cycles, with an intervening supplement between cycles. Starting with the 2009/2010 Cycle, ICC is transitioning to a development cycle where there will only be a single cycle of code development with the codes split into two groups. For each group of codes, there are two hearings for each code development cycle; the first where a committee considers the proposals and recommends an action on each proposal and the second to consider comments submitted in response to the committee action on proposals.

The purpose of this notice is to increase public participation in the system used by ICC to develop and maintain its codes and standards. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of ICC is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the codes or standards referenced in the notice.

DATES: The date of the next final action hearing is May 14–22, 2010 in Dallas, Texas at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

Completion of this cycle results in the 2012 edition of the International Codes which are scheduled to be published by April 2011. For detailed information on the 2009/2010 Cycle, go to: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Pages/cycle.aspx

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Pfeiffer, PE, Secretary, Code Development, 4051 W Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Illinois 60478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

ICC produces the only family of Codes and Standards that are comprehensive, coordinated, and necessary to regulate the built environment. Federal agencies frequently use these codes and standards as the basis for developing Federal regulations concerning new and existing construction.

The Code Development Process is initiated when proposals from interested persons, supported by written data, views, or arguments are solicited and published in the Proposed Changes document. This document is posted a minimum of 30 days in advance of the first hearing and serves as the agenda.

At the first hearing (Code Development Hearing), the ICC Code Development Committee considers testimony on every proposal and acts on each one individually (Approval, Disapproval, or Approval as Modified). The results are published in a report entitled the Report of the Public Hearing, which identifies the disposition of each proposal and the reason for the committee’s action. Anyone wishing to submit a comment on the committee’s action, expressing support or opposition to the action, is provided the opportunity to do so. Comments received are published and distributed in a document called the Final Action Agenda which serves as the agenda for the second hearing (Final Action Hearing). As part of ICC’s Governmental Consensus Process, at the Final Action Hearing, only ICC’s Governmental Members are permitted to vote as they have no vested interest other than health, safety and welfare in the enforcement of the code. Proposals which are approved at the second hearing are incorporated in the Subsequent Edition, with the next cycle starting with the submittal deadline for proposals.

ICC maintains a mailing list of interested parties who will be sent a complimentary CD, free of charge, of all code development documents from ICC’s Chicago District Office: International Code Council, 4051 W Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Illinois 60478; or download a copy from the ICC Web site noted previously.

The International Codes and Standards consist of the following:

ICC Codes

International Building Code.
International Existing Building Code.
International Fire Code.
International Fuel Gas Code.
International Mechanical Code.
International Plumbing Code.
International Private Sewage Disposal Code.
International Property Maintenance Code.
International Residential Code.
International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.
International Zoning Code.

ICC Standards

ICC 300: Standard on Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating and Grandstands.
ICC 600: Standard for Residential Construction in High Wind Areas.

The maintenance process for ICC Standards such as ICC A117.1 follows a
similar process of soliciting proposals, committee action, public comment and ultimately the update and publication of the standard. ICC's Standard development process meets ANSI requirements for standard's development.

ICC has recently completed the drafting phase in the development of the International Green Construction Code which will become part of the family of 2012 International Codes ("I-Codes"). For information on its development: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/SBTC/Pages/default.aspx.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be provided by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List services previously provided by such agencies.

DATES: Effective Date: 5/17/2010.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 2/12/2010 (75 FR 6869–6870) and 2/19/2010 (75 FR 7450–7451), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46–48c and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to provide the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the services deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following services are deleted from the Procurement List:

Deletions

On 2/12/2010 (75 FR 6869–6870 and 2/19/2010 (75 FR 7450–7451), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3259. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46–48c and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

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