



# The **AIA** and the IgCC

## *Who, What and Why?*

### ***AIA and the IgCC: Creating the first national model green code***

The AIA has actively engaged in the development of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) over the past three years, working with International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Volunteers from AIA and numerous other organizations to create the first national green model code. Creating the first model green code supports [existing AIA Board position statements](#) on the value of a unified code; sustainability; and sustainable codes, standards and rating systems. The IgCC is designed to be a flexible document with provisions that allow designers to work with owners to determine their shade of green and facilitate establishment of appropriate levels of regulation within a community. The architects in each jurisdiction involved with adoption should play a key role assisting the jurisdiction to take full consideration of local building stock, climate, social and economic conditions and make an informed choice regarding adoption of the IgCC after it is published in March of 2012.

### ***Why all this matters to AIA members and components***

Each jurisdiction will weigh a variety of factors when considering adoption of the IgCC. Therefore, it is critically important that AIA members and components understand the IgCC, the AIA's involvement in the development of the Code, and the resources available to assist members in understanding the code and, as appropriate, advocating for adoption. The AIA is providing education resources so that architects will be informed about the IgCC and be ready to practice under the code once it is adopted; and advocacy resources for code adoption in their state and jurisdiction. The AIA will seek feedback from all its members and components to understand what does and doesn't work about the code so that it can be refined over time, like all the national model codes.

## *How?*

### ***IgCC Task Force – Creating the AIA Guide to the IgCC***

The AIA has analyzed the impacts of the IgCC on the practice of architecture through the work of a special Task Force. The guide will take a practical look at the code from the perspective of the AIA member in both application and advocating for the IgCC's adoption by a jurisdiction and implementing it within their own practice and projects.

### ***National Model Code Development***

The 2012 IgCC is only the beginning. It is part of the same development process as the other "i-codes;" with revisions occurring every three years. The AIA will continue to represent the interests of our members at the code development hearings, by proposing changes that support architects in both design and practice. Check out [www.aia.org/codesadvocacy](http://www.aia.org/codesadvocacy) and [www.aia.org/igcc](http://www.aia.org/igcc) for more information and updates.

## *When?*

### **IgCC Key Milestones and Events 2012-2013**

Presentations at AIA Grassroots: March 7 & 10, 2012  
Design Art+Science Video Series (Continuing Education): March 2012  
IgCC 2012 Published by ICC: March 21, 2012 (subject to change)  
AIA Guide to the IgCC published (Practice Resource): May 15, 2012  
Convention Events for the IgCC (Continuing Education): May 17-19, 2012  
AIA Energy Modeling Design Guide (Practice Resource): June 2012  
Call for public Comments on IgCC 2015 – Early Fall 2012  
Public Comments due for IgCC 2015 Code Development Hearings: Early January, 2012  
IgCC 2015 Code Development Hearings: May 2013  
IgCC 2015 Final Action Hearings: November 2013