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 and 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)
Convention Events for the IgCC (Continuing Education): May 17-19, 2012
Call for public Comments on IgCC 2015 – Early Fall 2012
IgCC 2015 Code Development Hearings: May 2013
IgCC 2015 Final Action Hearings: November 2013