Top 10 Things Contractors/Builders Should Know About It


This single, comprehensive set of model codes regulates all aspects of building design and construction, offering many benefits to the nations contractors/builders. "This brings national consistency and economy to code enforcement ... and code compliance," explains Roy Fessell, vice president of public policy at the International Conference of Building Officials, Whittier, Calif.

Rather than comply with conflicting regional codes now used in different parts of the country, contractors/builders can use a single, comprehensive set of model codes—the International Codes—that will apply to most, if not all, of their jobs, even those in different cities or states.

To better acquaint contractors and builders with the advantages of the International Codes, ICBO offers the following "Top 10" list:

1. The 2000 International Building Code and 2000 International Residential Code are part of a family of International Codes designed to work together for use nationwide.

2. The International Code family is a natural transition from current local and regional codes, retaining their best aspects and using their established formatting.

3. The International Codes are performance-oriented to stimulate economic development through innovative design and construction standards ... and to encourage new materials and new construction technologies.

4. Using the International Codes will save contractors/builders time and money now spent complying with regional codes ... one set of consistent building code regulations for contractors/builders working nationally!
It will be easier to produce products and services that will be accepted across state boundaries, easier to bid on jobs in other parts of the country and easier to hire construction personnel or switch jobs.

The International Code family was developed and will be improved through a national consensus process . . . you can be involved.

The International Code family is fully endorsed by the American Institute of Architects; National Council of Structural Engineer Associations; National Home Builders Association; Laborer’s International Union of North America; National Multi-Housing Home Builders Association; and Federal Emergency Management Agency, among others.

The International Codes ensure that individual states are not out of step with other states with which they do business.

The International Codes ease the burden of code
maintenance for local and regional jurisdictions that use amended versions of existing codes.

ICBO is nationally recognized through ICC to conduct education and certification nationwide.

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The International Conference of Building Officials, Whittier, Calif, is dedicated to public safety in the built environment worldwide through development and promotion of uniform codes and standards, enhancement of professionalism in code administration and facilitation of acceptance of innovative building products and systems. It is a not-for-profit service organization owned and controlled by its member cities, counties and states. The International Codes were created by ICBO and other model code groups under the ICC umbrella. The International Codes, as well as complete code information, training and seminars, are available through ICBO.