

The Environment Committee and Energy Sub Committee will meet to discuss the role of mayors in **Moving America's Model Building Energy Code on a Path of Efficiency Improvements toward Net Zero**. Please join us:

**March 13, 10:00 AM to noon; optional tour to follow**

Hosted by IBEW-NECA Technical Institute (IN-TECH);

**6201 W 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Alsip, IL**

America's Model Energy Code (IECC) will set efficiency requirements for newly constructed and renovated building that will provide energy savings and emissions reductions over the life spans of buildings. Well-crafted, robust building energy codes can bring benefits to building owners; support local and global environmental objectives. This IECC code is very important because:

- Buildings use 40% of the nation's energy and account for 50% of the [greenhouse gas emissions in our region](#);
- Cost saving are enjoyed by building owners and occupants over the long-term. A report ([Focused Acceleration](#)) commissioned by [C40 Cities](#) noted that building energy efficiency generates utility bill savings that exceed and rapidly recoup their costs; averaging from \$4,763 to \$33,105 (depending on climate zone); and
- The National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) [identified building energy codes as the most impactful policy action cities can take](#) to meet GHG reduction targets and the *Focused Acceleration* report underscores the value of optimizing building energy efficiency as the most *significant and impactful step cities can take to meet Paris Accord GHG emission targets*.

America's Model Energy Code, or the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is being updated this year and municipalities can have an important role in how these codes deliver benefits for residents, communities, and the environment. **A national campaign to engage municipal leaders in supporting America's Model Energy Code is being led by the [Energy Efficient Codes Council](#) (EECC) and [endorsed by the US Conference of Mayors](#).**

**Municipal leaders are asked to leverage their voting ability in this process** beginning with membership enrollment in the International Codes Council **by March 29<sup>th</sup>**. The EECC has put together a [helpful guide and timeline to help municipal leaders participate](#). Please support this initiative by enrolling and casting your vote, even if you are unable to attend this meeting.

**At this meeting we will discuss this process, its impacts and how municipalities can help assure outcomes that align with sustainability objectives in the [Greenest Region Compact](#) (GRC).** Guests from the Energy Efficiency Codes Council; the [Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance](#) and the [Illinois Energy Conservation Code Advisory Council](#) will present. **The IBEW-NECA will lead a tour of their Building Automation and Lighting Labs following the meeting that will last for approximately 30 minutes.**

As always, this information will also be sent via email to assure receipt across all email platforms.