Energy Conservation Code Mandate

On Friday, January 29, 2010, the Capitol Development Board filed final and emergency rules with the Secretary of State's office and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) implementing the Illinois Energy Efficient Building Codes Act. The Act mandated the statewide adoption of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code for single family residential construction. This mandate is effective and enforceable **immediately**.

If a unit of local government enforces energy efficiency standards, they must enforce the 2009 IECC and only the 2009 IECC. A unit of local government is prohibited from adopting or enforcing any standards that are more or less stringent. However, if a unit of local government does not enforce building code standards, they are not required to enforce the provisions of the Act.

There is no doubt that this mandate will increase the cost of construction, substantially. However, the benefit to builders in this mandate is the consistency. Builders were able to obtain a single set of environmental standards across the State.

In the meantime, The Illinois Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC) has obtained a grant for DCEO to administer and host training seminars across Illinois to educate builders on the 2009 IECC. The Seminars will be **FREE OF CHARGE** "for those living in or doing business in the ComEd or Ameren Illinois Utility service territories of Illinois". Click on the link below to register for the training Seminar!!!

http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Courses/Pages/IL-Seminar-List.aspx