

Organization releases new green construction code

March 16 -- The International Code Council is out with a new green construction code to regulate new and existing buildings.

The new code aims to significantly reduce energy usage and greenhouse gases, according to the organization.

"We talked to communities who indicate that their voluntary green building programs reach only, but an important, 30% of the built environment," Code Council CEO Richard P. Weiland said. "This means that there is a clear need for a regulatory tool to establish a baseline to help jurisdictions meet their sustainability goals."

The International Code Council calls itself a membership association dedicated to building safety, fire prevention and energy efficiency. The council develops codes used for residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Those codes can then be selected by cities, counties and states to guide construction.

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