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CITY OF ROCKFORD PARTNERS WITH STATE & ENERGY CODE TRAINING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE FREE TRAINING

ROCKFORD, IL: September 3, 2013 – Seth Sommer, the Building Code Official of the City of Rockford announces free training is available to those interested in becoming 3rd party Energy Plan Reviewers/Inspectors. As of January 1, 2013, Illinois adopted a new energy code, the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code with amendments. All contractors are required to meet the code and all municipalities in the State of Illinois that issue building permits are required to enforce it.

This training program is known as the Residential Energy Code Assistance Pilot Program, and is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). This is a brand new Voluntary Pilot Program, which is intended to assist municipalities and counties in the enforcement of and compliance to the Illinois Energy Conservation Code for new single-family homes throughout Illinois Investor Owned Utility Areas (ComEd, NICOR, Ameren Electric, Ameren Gas, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas).

The State of Illinois Energy & Recycling Office will also provide rebates to eligible builders who use these 3rd parties who have completed the Pilot Program for energy code plan review and field inspections. The rebate is offered only if the builder uses 3rd Party Energy Code Plan Reviewers/Field Inspectors trained through this Pilot Program and if the municipality/county voluntarily agrees to participate in this Pilot Program.

This Voluntary Pilot Program Energy Code Plan Review/Inspector training is all complimentary and sponsored by DCEO (a \$980.00 value) and conducted by the International Code Council (ICC). The participant must attend all 3.5 days of training, pass the ICC Energy Inspector/Plan Examiner Certification Test and then actively conduct RESCheck reviews/Energy Code Plan Reviews and Energy Code Field Inspections.

To Register, go to www.bfcacademy.com and click on the location you wish to attend.

The Building & Fire Code Academy is administering the Pilot Program which will be held at the Rockford Regional Center for Planning & Design, located at 315 North Main Street on September 16th thru the 19th.

For further information regarding program specifics please contact:

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Seth Sommer stated, “We are very excited to assist in providing this training as one of the 6 selected regions in Illinois for this pilot program. Code enforcement officials are highly encouraged to attend this training as it will educate them, which will in turn allow them to educate their contractors on meeting the Illinois Energy Code. The benefits of this program are that it is voluntary, assures compliance to the energy code, provides no additional workload for jurisdictions and creates “green” jobs.”

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