

STANDARD BEARERS:

Excellence in Energy Code Compliance

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The Annual Standard Bearers Award is presented by the Institute for Market Transformation with support from the International Code Council to recognize leadership in raising energy code compliance.

The 2015 Award will be presented at the ICC Annual Conference in September in Long Beach, Calif.

Winners will be selected in three categories: state, local jurisdiction, and energy code leader.

Past winners include:

- Mississippi Development Authority, Energy and Natural Resources Division
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois
- Astoria, Oregon
- Austin, Texas
- Pima County, Arizona
- Shaunna Mozingo, Parker, Colo.
- Brent Ursenbach, Salt Lake County, Utah
- Gil Rossmiller, Parker, Colo.

RAISING THE BAR FOR ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE

The Standard Bearers Award is a national recognition program developed by the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) with support from the International Code Council (ICC). The annual award distinguishes state and local code programs and building officials who are setting a precedent for energy code compliance in the U.S. These Standard Bearers assure the many benefits of adopted modern energy codes are realized through smart, cost-effective, and innovative strategies that increase compliance. They safeguard the buildings where we live and work and help ensure they are designed, built, and renovated to foster safety, comfort, and energy savings.

WHAT STANDARD BEARERS AWARD WINNERS RECEIVE:

Award recipients receive a travel stipend to attend the [2015 ICC Annual Conference and Public Comment Hearings](#) in Long Beach, Calif. in September 2015, where they will be honored at the ICC Awards Luncheon. Winners will receive trophies on stage and will be photographed, featured in press releases sent to national, trade, and local media, and promoted through IMT and ICC's respective websites, newsletters, resources, and partners.

Why Standard Bearers are crucial for energy code compliance:

- › A task force led by IMT found that every dollar spent on code compliance and enforcement efforts returns \$6 in energy savings, an impressive 600 percent return on investment.
- › IMT estimates the savings from bringing just a year's worth of new residential and commercial construction in the U.S. up to full compliance could reach \$189 million. This equates to lifetime savings of up to \$37.1 billion for just five years' worth of new buildings.
- › Code compliance is low to non-existent in many jurisdictions in the U.S.
- › Award winners provide examples of effective code compliance strategies, foster a higher level of code literacy amongst code officials, inspectors, and builders, and highlight areas of improvement and processes for other municipalities to replicate.
- › Compelling stories, helpful case studies, and cost-effective strategies are needed to encourage not only better compliance but to help attract next-generation code officials.
- › The impact of poor energy code enforcement matters: A recent Southface DET Verifier Test data study in Georgia showed homes and ducts that passed the test were only barely passing and houses that did not pass were still granted C.O. and did not follow up.

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING:

All local and state government energy code compliance programs are eligible, including but not limited to: energy code training programs; programs that depend on third-party compliance companies; and programs supported by utilities. Three awards will be given in the following categories: State Level Program, Jurisdictional Level Program, and Energy Code Leader for individual efforts. Entries will be judged by a panel of expert judges assembled by IMT and ICC, based on achievements, cost-effectiveness, innovation, market-transforming effects, and replicability and documentation.

