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MINUTES

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT

Virtual Meeting

Minutes Approved – January 30, 2026

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call - Meghan McNulty called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. EDT and welcomed the meeting attendees. Attendance was taken (see below). A quorum was present.

Attendance

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Meghan McNulty	Matthew Catan	Alice Yates	<i>none</i>
Mick Schwedler	Adam Doubblestein	Bryce Causey	
Syed Mubarak	Chris Miller		
Keith Reihl	Ioan Dobosi	Emily Porcari	
Megan Tosh	Brad Lentz	Jacob Karson	
PJ Johnston	Rob Craddock	Neil Gavigan	
Dennis Knight	Doug Fick	Leigh Lain Walker	
Andy Persily			
Artorius Reyes			
Adrienne Mitani			
Patrick Villaume			
Harrison Kesling			
Victor Nino			
Doug Cage			
Eleazar Rivera			
Jessica Renner			
Alexander Armstrong			
Geoff Jenks			
Luis Miguel Alvarado			
Varun Jain			
Abdallah Mahmoud			
Ashish Rakheja			

2. ASHRAE Value Statement – McNulty read the value statement.

ASHRAE Value Statement

In ASHRAE meetings, we will act with honesty, fairness, courtesy, competence, inclusiveness and respect for others, which exemplify our core values of excellence, commitment, integrity, collaboration, volunteerism and diversity, and shall avoid all real or perceived conflicts of interest. Our culture is one of inclusiveness, acknowledging the inherent value and dignity of each individual. We celebrate diverse and inclusive communities, understanding that doing so fuels better, more creative and more thoughtful ideas, solutions and strategies for the Society and the communities our Society serves. We respect and welcome all.

Code of Ethics - <https://www.ashrae.org/about/governance/code-of-ethics>

Core Values - <https://www.ashrae.org/about/ashrae-s-core-values>

Diversity Statement - <https://www.ashrae.org/about/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-dei>

3. Review of Agenda - McNulty reviewed the agenda, and it was accepted as written. McNulty highlighted that Leigh Lain Walker, Staff Liaison to the Center for Building Decarbonization (CEBD) was present.
4. Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2025 Meeting – McNulty asked for a voice vote to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2025 meeting (See Attachment).

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the June 20, 2025 GAC Meeting. Motion made by Eleazar Rivera and seconded by Adrienne Mitani.

MOTION PASSED: Approved by Voice Vote (CNV). No objections. No abstentions.

5. Update on Action Items – Yates reviewed the action items, stating that there was only one, which is still in progress. Jacob Karson stated that he is almost done working on the video on how to submit GOE forms in addition to updating the forms themselves (See Attachment).
6. Subcommittee Reports and MBO Status Reports (See Attachment)
 - a. Executive Subcommittee – McNulty gave updates from the Executive Subcommittee.
 - i. Governing Documents – McNulty noted the 3 governing documents overseen by this subcommittee, however, there was no business regarding these documents.
 - ii. GAC Budget Requests - Mick Schwedler explained that as Vice Chair, one of his duties is to prepare budgets for the upcoming years. Schwedler noted that the only projected increases were for (1) transportation due to the additional region (with the additional RVC) and (2) an increase of 50% for the SMEs for GOEs program (from \$3,500 to \$5,000), assuming the pilot proves successful. Society Treasurer Ashish Rakheja asked for specific amounts. Mick Schwedler

responded that the increases were around \$5,000 - \$7,000 for a roughly overall \$100,000 budget.

iii. MBO Updates – McNulty reviewed the updates for the MBOs assigned to this subcommittee, as well as the MBO assigned to all subcommittees (see attached table)

- MBO #7: Improve methods for seeking input from ASHRAE members and the Executive Committee on issues to be addressed in the society’s public policy priorities.

- MBO #8: Coordinate with Environmental Health Committee (EHC) on emerging IEQ topics, in alignment with SY25-26 Presidential Theme.

With regard to this MBO, Andy Persily noted that the EHC is developing some advocacy materials, and the GAC should share what types of advocacy trainings and resources it has to inform EHCs work, as well as to avoid duplication of efforts. Staff was assigned and **action item** to send the advocacy trainings and other resources to the EHC.

- MBO #9: Evaluate feasibility of establishing a “scholarship” fund for public sector workers’ conference attendance through ASHRAE Foundation funding.
- MBO #10 (All Subcommittees): Recommend changes to PAOE for next SY. Completion date: 9/30/2025 – Schwedler stated that draft recommendations have been sent to Members Council, and he will share them with the GAC members. Key recommendations included reducing redundancies, adjusting for yearly changes to PPPs and presidential initiatives, in addition to higher PAOE points for using SMEs for GOEs.

b. Policy and Programs Subcommittee - Adrienne Mitani provided the report for this subcommittee.

i. Update on SME Program – Mitani stated that this would be covered in her MBO Updates.

ii. PPIB Updates – Mitani stated that members are reviewing the PPIBs for updates and that a new PPIB on infectious diseases is also being worked on (See Attachment).

iii. MBO Updates

- MBO #3: Implement and improve SMEs for GOEs pilot program.
- MBO #4: Consider ways to better inform ASHRAE’s technical communities of relevant public policy actions, and to solicit updates from TCs and PCs.
Completion Date: 6/30/2026

c. Member Mobilization Subcommittee – Rivera provided the report for this subcommittee.

iv. GOE Updates – Rivera stated that so far, there have been 17 GOEs for the SY with many more in the works for the spring (See Attachment).

- v. Government Affairs Award: Rivera mentioned that 5 nominations have been received so far, ahead of the submission deadline of 10/31/2025.
 - vi. Upcoming Dates for Proclamations and Resolutions – Rivera briefly highlighted the following proclamations on the Advocacy Toolkit webpage as a good tool to mobilize members and connect with local government officials. Rivera also stated that some proclamation templates should be translated to other languages (the only non-U.S. ones are International Women in Engineering Day and World Refrigeration Day, so those would be the ones to translate); he noted that he could do the Spanish translations.
 1. Engineers Week (February 22-28, 2026)
 2. Building Safety Month (May 2026)
 3. High Performance Building Week (2026 Date TBD-likely in June)
 4. International Women in Engineering Day (June 23, 2026)
 5. World Refrigeration Day (June 26, 2026)
 - vii. MBO Updates – Rivera reviewed the updates to the MBOs assigned to his subcommittee (see Attachment).
 - MBO #1: Incentivize members to follow up with government officials after GOEs.
 - MBO #2: Improve forms for GOE reporting and GAA nominations to increase submissions.
- c. Global Affairs Subcommittee - Luis Alvarado provided the report for this subcommittee.
- i. Update on GTIC Activities – Eleazar Rivera gave updates on GTIC activities, saying that Standard 154 (Ventilation for Commercial Cooking) was selected for adaptation for Region XV. Rivera noted that GTIC is working on Memoranda of Interest with other societies; Rivera expressed concern about this, as it may be duplicative of that from the AASA. Rivera will work with Alvarado to further investigate these activities. Rivera provided more details in the TEAMS meeting chat box, which are copied below:
 - Last week, GTIC held its regular meeting, where several key topics were discussed that may be of direct relevance to GAC.
 - First, **ASHRAE Standard 154** has been selected as a **candidate for a pilot project under the adaptation process**, following a request from **Region 15**. (Standard 154 is Ventilation for Commercial Cooking Operations) This initiative aims to test and refine ASHRAE’s framework for adapting standards to regional contexts — something that could have strong policy and governmental implications once the methodology is validated.

- In addition to the adaptation effort, GTIC members also **proposed developing a pilot project focused on training**. We understand that GAC has been exploring similar needs, particularly around capacity building and outreach to authorities and decision-makers. Therefore, there is a clear opportunity for **coordination between our committees** to align messaging, scope, and potential audiences for that training initiative.
 - Finally, **the RCIS and GTIC Regional Liaisons** are actively reviewing potential **Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)** with organizations that align with ASHRAE's global objectives. These partnerships could enhance ASHRAE's visibility and technical collaboration in emerging regions, and we will ensure that any relevant developments are shared with GAC to maintain alignment on policy-related opportunities.
 - In summary, GTIC is making progress on **standard adaptation, training development, and international partnerships** — all areas where coordination with GAC will strengthen ASHRAE's global impact.
- ii. CEBD Flexible Building Codes for Developing Countries – Alvarado referenced the attachment in the agenda. In response to a question, Leigh Lain Walker said that GAC should let Clay or her know if the GAC would recommend places to conduct a workshop on this tool. They are currently considering the Philippines and India.
 - iii. MBO Update – Alvarado reviewed the updates to the MBOs assigned to his subcommittee (see Attachment).
 - a. MBO #5: Work with Global Technical Interaction Committee (GTIC) to facilitate sharing of information to avoid duplication of efforts, including through improved understanding of market needs and the tracking and adoption of ASHRAE standards and guidelines around the world.
 - b. MBO #6: Provide recommendations to the full committee on priorities for document translation.
 - d. Nominating – Mick Schwedler stated that this subcommittee does its work in Executive Session; it is reaching out to candidates. Schwedler also noted that subcommittee recommendations take place in the spring.

7. Reports

- a. ExO Report - Rob Craddock was absent as he was doing chapter visits in his region.
- b. Communications Coordinator Report - Brad Lentz was absent as he is attending the ACEC.
- c. Technology Council Representative Report - Doug Fick was absent, but sent a report to Yates:
 - PFAS - Tech Council leadership has inquired with the responsible refrigerant Usage Position Document to see if they are covering PFAS.

- Coordination - I discussed coordination during the OPS meeting and suggested possible inclusion in the TAC and PC chairs breakfast. I will need to follow up with TAC and Std so they better understand the concern/ issue.
 - d. Members Council Representative Report - Keith Reihl had nothing to report other than the recent shift of countries from Region XV to RAL.
 - e. Pub-Ed Council Representative Report - Megan Tosh did not have anything to report.
8. Other Business – Alex Armstrong asked to discuss options for the GAC dinner at the Winter Conference in Las Vegas. He said that restaurants are expensive close to the conference hotel, and he wanted to know if members would be willing to Uber somewhere further away for a lower cost dinner option. An **action item** was assigned to staff to send out a preference poll to the GAC members regarding options of eating near the conference hotel or using shared Ubers or public transit to go somewhere else.
 9. Review of New Action Items added at this meeting -Yates reviewed two action items from the meeting:
 - Staff will share advocacy resources with EHC
 - Staff will send out a poll regarding options for the GAC dinner.
 10. Next Meeting- McNulty stated that the next meeting would take place on January 30, 2026 1-5 PM (PST) at the Winter Conference in Las Vegas, NV.
 11. Adjourn – McNulty moved to adjourn the meeting; it was adjourned at 10:03 EDT.

*Minutes respectfully submitted on 10-24-2025 by Alice Yates, Staff Liaison,
with support from Chris Miller.*



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DRAFT MINUTES

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM MST**

**Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
Valley of the Sun D (Level 2)**

Or virtually through Teams: [Virtual Meeting Link](#)

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call – Sheila Hayter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. MST and welcomed the meeting attendees. Attendance was taken (see below). A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Sheila Hayter, Chair
Meghan McNulty, Vice Chair
Keith Reihl
Heather Schopplein
Megan Tosh
PJ Johnston
Andy Persily*
Tim Wentz
Adrianne Mitani
Patrick Adams Villaume
Weston Hockaday
Victor Niño
Doug Cage*
Eleazar Rivera
Peter Koneck-Wilwerding
Tracey Jumper
Geoff Jenks
Luis Alvarado

Members Absent

Artorius Reyes
Will Fisher
Adam Doubblestein

Incoming Members

Absent

None

Guests

Georgios Pantelidis,
GTIC
Tobi Showunmi
Mike Nerozzi
William Bahnfleth
Thomas Kolpasky
Blake Ellis
Matthew Archey
Leigh Lain Walker
Darryl Boyce
Caroline Keltz
Doug Cochrane
Wade Conlan
Kazukiyo Kumagai –
CA Dept of Health
Brittany Swan - AMCA
Chris Ruch – SMART
Dwayne Taylor

Staff

Alice Yates
Bryce Causey
Neil Gavigan
Jacob Karson
Chris Miller
Emily Porcari
Jeff Littleton

Members Present (continued)

Syed Mubarak*
Ioan Dobosi
Varun Jain
Ahmed Bolbol
Sonya Pouncy
Bryan Holcomb
Sarah Maston

Incoming Members Present

Mick Schwedler
Dennis Knight
Harrison Kesling
Jessica Renner
Alexander Armstrong
Abdallah Mahmoud*
Brad Lentz
Rob Craddock
Ashish Rakheja

Guests (continued)

Scott West
Tanmay Rakheja
Walt Vernon
Linda Lee
Peter Luttik
Douglas Fick
Colin Laisure-Pool
Chris Seeton
Martin Luymes* - HRAI
Catherine Brown*

*Indicates Remote Participation

2. Guest Introductions – Sheila Hayter asked the guests in the room to introduce themselves.
3. ASHRAE Value Statement –Hayter read the value statement and referenced the hyperlinks.

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4. Review of Agenda –Hayter reviewed the agenda, and it was accepted as written.
5. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2025 Meeting –Hayter asked for a vote to approve the minutes from the spring meeting (See Attachment).

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025 GAC Meeting. Motion made by Keith Reihl and Seconded by Meghan Tosh.

MOTION PASSED: Approved By Voice Vote (CNV). No Objections. No abstentions.

6. Update on Action Items – Alice Yates reviewed the action items (See Attachment), noting that all except #13 were complete, which is scheduled to be completed by the time of the Fall CRCs which start on July 24.
7. Report from ASHRAE Government Affairs Office – Staff provided a presentation (See Attachment), highlighting how staff can support GAC efforts and reviewing policy trends and opportunities for engagement in the current political environment. The presentation also included a brief review of GOEs, policy outcomes, and legislative wins in SY24-25.
8. Subcommittee Reports and MBO Status Reports (See Attachment)
 - a. Executive Subcommittee – Hayter gave updates from the Executive Subcommittee.
 - i. MBO Update – Hayter reported that MBO #8 was complete, and that one of the recommendations is being operationalized in agenda item #8-ii-2 below.
 - ii. Manual of Procedures (MOP) Revisions
 1. Motion regarding Changes to Membership on Subcommittees – Global Affairs and Nominating (see Attachment)
 2. Motion adding time zone direction to the MOP for inclusivity purposes (see Attachment)
 - iii. Resource Manual Revisions
 1. Requiring a Virtual Option be provided at Winter and Annual Conferences (see Attachment)

In the interest of time, Sheila Hayter recommended that three motions above be considered en-bloc.

MOTION: To approve the recommended revisions to the MOP and Resource Manual as written. Motion made by Megan Tosh. (The motion did not need to be seconded the recommended changes were approved by a subcommittee.)

MOTION PASSED: Approved By Voice Vote (CNV). No Objections. One Abstention.¹
 - iv. Proposed Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) for SY2025-2026 (See Attachment) – Hayter briefly reviewed the PPPs for SY2025-2026 and explained that these were updated during the GAC Planning Meeting in May. The key updates from the SY24-25 PPPs are:
 1. Priorities are re-ordered such that Building Decarbonization appears on the second page, and Workforce appears on the first page;

¹ Andy Persily

2. Some cybersecurity references were added;
3. Grid-interactive and smart building tools were added;
4. This sentence was added: “To ensure buildings and their systems are designed properly, ASHRAE supports professional engineering licensure with realistic requirements.”
5. In addition, during the June 20 meeting of the GAC Executive Subcommittee, two additional changes were made in response to comments from ExCom, which:
 - Revised the first PPP to reflect the global nature of ASHRAE; and
 - Revised the second PPP to use “comprehensive thermal comfort” rather than just “temperature and humidity.”

MOTION: To approve the recommended PPPs as presented. Motion made by Geoff Jenks. The motion did not need to be seconded as it had already passed a subcommittee.

MOTION PASSED: Approved By Voice Vote (CNV). No Objections. Two Abstentions.²

- b. Policy and Programs Subcommittee – Andy Persily gave updates from the Policy and Programs Subcommittee.
 - i. MBO Update – Persily summarized the status of the MBOs assigned to his subcommittee, noting that all the Subcommittee’s MBOs were complete except for #3 on the SMEs for GOEs Pilot Program, which will continue through the next Society Year.
 - ii. Public Policy Issue Briefs (PPIBs)
 1. Process Clarification: revisions to MOP and Resource Manual (See Attachment). –Persily summarized the recommended changes to the MOP regarding the timeline for PPIB approval and the Resource Manual regarding PPIB review and approval. Andy Persily then moved to approve the recommended changes.

MOTION: To approve the recommended revisions to the MOP and Resource Manual as written. Motion made by Persily. The motion did not need to be seconded as it passed a subcommittee.

MOTION PASSED: Approved By Voice Vote (CNV). No Objections. No abstentions.
 2. Revisions on PPIBs in response to Tech Council comments (See Attachment) –Persily summarized the revisions, saying they were not substantive and would be updated online by July 1.

² Andy Persily, Meghan McNulty

3. New PPIB: Mitigating Risk from Infectious Aerosols (See Attachment) – Persily referenced the new proposed PPIB on infectious aerosols, saying it was not ready yet for a vote.
- iii. Update on SME Program for GOEs (See Attachment) –Persily explained that three sets of SMEs have been selected, and most regions had representation from at least one SME.
- c. Member Mobilization Subcommittee – Ahmed Bolbol gave updates from the Member Mobilization Subcommittee.
 - i. MBO Update – Bolbol provided updates on the MBOs assigned to his subcommittee, stating that #7 was complete, and that #1 and #2 were mostly completed, and that #1 should be continued into the next society year.
 - ii. GOEs –Bolbol briefly spoke regarding GOEs from the past Society Year.
 1. Goals and Status Update (see Attachment) –Bolbol presented data on GOE goals and results, saying that GOEs conducted are 53% greater than the goal, and noted that the number would increase once all GOE data is reported by the end of the society year, potentially showing a 75% increase from the goal of 100.
 2. Year in Review Video – The video on GOEs from this year was shown, which can be found at: <https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs/grassroots-advocacy/government-outreach-events>
- d. Global Affairs Subcommittee – Eleazar Rivera gave updates from the Global Affairs Subcommittee.
 - i. MBO Update – Rivera stated that MBO #6 on document translation was complete and that MBO #5 on avoiding duplication of efforts with Global Technical Interaction Committee (GTIC) was mostly completed.
 - ii. Africa/Middle East Policy Updates and Website – Sonya Pouncy stated that the Africa/Middle East Policy Updates would be presented later in the meeting as part of her Communications Coordinator report.
- e. Nominating – Meghan McNulty said that the nominating subcommittee has completed its work for the year.
9. Reports from Regional Vice Chairs (See Attachments) – Written reports and slides were provided by all RVCs except Will Fisher (Region I). Adam Doubblestien was absent and did not present, although he had submitted his reports and slides ahead of the meeting. Reports and presentations can be found in the attachments.
 - a. Region II – Adrienne Mitani
 - b. Region IV – Weston Hockaday
 - c. Region III – Patrick Villaume
 - d. RAL – Ahmed Bolbol
 - e. Region IX – Peter Koneck-Wilwerding
 - f. Region XIII – Abdul Razaak Syed Mubarak
 - g. Region XII – Luis Alvarado
 - h. Region XIV – Ioan Dobosi
 - i. Region VIII – Eleazar Rivera
 - j. Region X – Tracey Jumper

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| k. Region VI – Victor Nino | n. Region I – Will Fisher |
| l. Region XI – Geoff Jenks | o. Region V – Adam Doubblestein |
| m. Region XV – Dr. Varun Jain | p. Region VII – Douglas Cage |

10. Presentation of Dave Palty Outstanding GAC Service Award –Hayter and McNulty highlighted the memory and contributions of the late Dave Palty and presented the Dave Palty Award Outstanding GAC Service Award to **Peter Koneck-Wilwerding** (see attached description of the award and plaque presented).

11. Reports

- a. ExO Report –Bryan Holcomb presented the Leadership Report (See Attachment), highlighting key news including the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, new directors and regional chairs, fundraising for RP and the ASHRAE foundation, new publications (including those from the CEBD), upcoming conferences, and proposed changes to the membership model and a recommended timeline for implementation.
- b. Communications Coordinator Report –Sonya Pouncy presented a report (See Attachment), highlighting initiatives on improving access to local and regional GAC leadership and increasing information on activities to international chapters (particularly in Africa and the Middle East).
- c. Technology Council Representative Report – Heather Schopplein gave a brief report from Technology Council (her updates are provided in the attachment).
- d. Members Council Representative Report – Keith Reihl gave a brief oral report from Members Council, highlighting the proposed changes to the Membership Model that was included in the ExO report.
- e. Pub-Ed Council Representative Report – Megan Tosh gave a brief report from Pub-Ed Council (her updates are provided in the attachment).

12. Reports from Other Committees

- a. Environmental Health Committee and SSPC 241– Dr. Bill Bahnfleth, Presidential Member, Chair of SSPC 241 and Member of the EHC (and past EHC Chair) gave a brief oral report from the Environmental Health Committee and SSPC 241, mentioning that there has been a shift to focus on indoor air quality (IAQ) since the COVID-19 pandemic and that there is a need to create more operational definitions and universal metrics on harm and discomfort, as they pertain to IAQ. He emphasized that adding more operational definitions and universal metrics would further raise awareness of IAQ issues, improving indoor health.

13. Guest Reports

- a. Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) - Brittany Swan, Regulatory Affairs Analyst gave an oral report on AMCA's work on key issues including how state and local regulations will play a larger role in the coming years.

- b. Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) – Martin Luymes, Vice President, Government and Stakeholder Relations gave a brief oral report on key Canadian HVAC issues including tariffs and mentioned possible outreach to the new federal government in Ottawa soon.
 - c. SMART, the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – Chris Ruch, Codes & Standards Representative gave a brief oral report on SMART and highlighted the work they have done in Region X, including working with the Los Angeles Unified School District, increasing awareness of key standards such as 62.1.
14. Other Business – no other business was brought before the committee.
 15. Review of New Action Items added at this meeting – Yates stated that no new action items were assigned at this meeting.
 16. Recognition of Outgoing GAC Members –Hayter gave grateful remarks regarding the outgoing members, in addition to presenting each outgoing member a certificate of appreciation.
 17. Remarks from Outgoing Chair –Hayter expressed gratitude to the committee and staff during her time as Chair. Staff presented Hayter with a framed certificate of appreciation (attached) and a card signed by the GAC members and staff.
 18. Remarks from Incoming Chair- Meghan McNulty gave remarks as the incoming Chair.
 - a. SY25-26 Subcommittee Assignments - McNulty showed the SY25-26 Subcommittee Assignments to the GAC (See Attachment).
 - b. MBOs for SY2025-2026 – McNulty briefly reviewed the 10 MBOs for SY2025-2026 (See Attachment).
 - c. Mentor-Mentee Assignments for SY25-26 – McNulty showed Mentor-Mentee assignments (See Attachment).
 19. Next Committee Conference Call – McNulty stated that the next GAC meeting would be sometime in the fall.
 20. Adjourn – Sonya Pouncy moved to adjourn the meeting; it was adjourned at 4:50 PM MST.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Alice Yates, Staff Liaison with support from Chris Miller.




**ACTION ITEMS
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SY 2025-2026**

Last Updated: Oct. 7, 2025


#	Action	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	C/O
<i>Continued from SY2024-25</i>					
1	Create video to show how to fill out and submit a GOE form. This video will be imbedded in the CRC GAC Training as well as the GOE training.	Staff (Karson)	Summer 2025	Karson drafted the script, and is working with the Marketing Department to film the video; will likely be completed by Oct. 31.	O
<i>Added at Oct. 23, 2025 Fall Meeting</i>					
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MBOs for the GAC SY2025- 2026

Last Updated: 10-19-2025

#	MBO	Subcommittee Assigned	Metric(s)	Status Update
1	MBO #1: Incentivize members to follow up with government officials after GOEs Completion date: 6/30/2026	Member Mobilization	 Recommend additional PAOE points for following up with government officials after a GOE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop process for follow-up actions from GOEs and incorporate into GOE training. • Develop at least one recommendation that would encourage follow-up with government officials. 	Completion %: 33% Subcommittee members had multiple suggestions for improving the PAOE categories during the MMSC meeting on August 26. Those suggestions were shared at the PAOE meeting on Monday, Sept. 29 and incorporated into GAC's draft PAOE submission to be sent to Members Council. Metric #1 is complete. The other metrics for this MBO will continue to be discussed at the next MMSC meeting (date TBD later this fall.)
2	MBO #2: Improve forms for GOE reporting and GAA nominations to increase submissions. Completion date for GAA activities: 09/15/2025 Completion date for GOE activities: 1/31/2026	Member Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ways to make GOE reporting form and Award nomination process simpler, shorter, or easier to complete, and revise for use this SY. • Create short video showing how to fill out the revised GOE reporting form. • Create video showing how to prepare a nomination for the Government Affairs Award. 	Completion %: 25% GA Award deadline has been changed and nominations are being received. The videos on the Award and the GOE forms will be completed by staff. This MBO will continue to be discussed at the next MMSC meeting (date TBD later this fall.)

#	MBO	Subcommittee Assigned	Metric(s)	Status Update
3	MBO #3: Implement and improve SMEs for GOEs pilot program. Completion date: 6/30/2026	Policy & Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine SME application process. • Review PPIBs, PPPs, and GOEs, and PPPs to identify expertise needs • Schedule 3 government engagements employing ASHRAE SMEs. • Develop evaluation approach to assess effectiveness of initial engagements and prepare summary report. • If continuation or modification of the program is advised, recommend updates to GAC guiding documents to support continuation or modification of the SME program. 	Completion %: 25% The SMEs for GOEs task team met in October to approve five new subject matter experts, discuss how better to promote the program at the region and chapter levels, and clarify how to get feedback from SMEs and chapters after a GOE. Open action items for the team include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a more refined one pager/dashboard that clearly displays an SMEs attributes • Create a plan and template for getting feedback after a GOE.
4	MBO #4: Consider ways to better inform ASHRAE's technical committees of relevant public policy actions, and to solicit updates from TCs and PCs. Completion date: 6/30/26	Policy & Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop at least two recommendations for improving connections between ASHRAE technical committees and public policy actions, such as informing Standards Committees of adoptions and references, and developing a process for getting updates on significant PC and TC actions, as well as model code proposals. 	Completion %: 25% This topic was discussed during the fall PPSC and Executive Subcommittee meetings. In addition to early-stage strategies that have not yet been enacted, Progress thus far includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying tech council entities with policy/advocacy-related groups to ensure communication and coordination • Tasking the GAC Tech Council Representative to work with the Tech Council's Ops SC to consider how best to coordinate • Adding more information about Position Document deadlines to the PPIB progress table

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5	MBO #5: Work with Global Technical Interaction Committee (GTIC) to facilitate sharing of information to avoid duplication of efforts, including through improved understanding of market needs and the tracking and adoption of ASHRAE standards and guidelines around the world. Completion date: 6/30/2026	Global Affairs	 Nominate a liaison from GASC to GTIC and send recommendation to GAC Chair at earliest possible opportunity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each member of GASC to provide a list of ASHRAE standards that have been adopted by various jurisdictions in their regions. Informed by the data above, identify opportunities for ASHRAE Standards adoption, including through scheduling meetings, sharing information about standards, and/or writing advocacy letters for standards adoption. 	Completion %: 20% Eleazar nominated as staff liaison from GAC/GASC to GTIC. Initial discussion of how to research and report ASRHAE standard adoption has been held, and a goal on reporting for the SY have been set.
6	MBO #6: Provide recommendations to the full committee on priorities for document translation. Completion date: 6/30/2026	Global Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop guidelines for identifying which languages and documents should be prioritized for translation. Recommend which languages and documents should be prioritized for translation in SY25-26. Review previously translated documents for necessary updates. Form work groups to translate priority documents into priority languages. 	Completion %: 20% French, Portuguese established as high priority languages for translation. Documents related to IAQ, wildfires, and legionella determined to be the highest priority, with PPIBs a high priority more broadly. ASHRAE standard translation into French is outside our scope, but was cited as a high priority as well. Spanish language translation group agreed to run updates on translated PPIBs on an ongoing basis.

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7	MBO #7: Improve methods for seeking input from ASHRAE members and the Executive Committee on issues to be addressed in the society's public policy priorities. Completion date: 3/31/2026	Executive Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop 1-2 new outreach tools for seeking input from members and the Executive Committee. Make sure this outreach is done no later than third quarter of the society year so that it can be considered for revising the PPPs for SY26-27. 	Completion %: 25% Subcommittee discussing how to amplify existing tool (Take Action form https://forms.ashrae.org/forms/GA_TakeAction) to be more effective for soliciting input from ASHRAE members.
8	MBO #8: Coordinate with Environmental Health Committee (EHC) on emerging IEQ topics, in alignment with SY25-26 Presidential Theme Completion date: 6/30/2026	Executive Subcommittee	 Hold quarterly meetings with EHC Policy Subcommittee Chair and GAC Chair, VC, and PPSC Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop 1-2 recommendations to improve GAC-EHC collaboration and responsiveness to emerging IEQ issues. 	Completion %: 20% First quarterly meeting held Sept 10, 2025; next scheduled for Dec 12, 2025.
9	MBO #9: Evaluate feasibility of establishing a "scholarship" fund for public sector workers' conference attendance through ASHRAE Foundation funding. Completion date: 4/30/2026	Executive Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine feasibility, limitations, and costs of a "scholarship" fund to help fund public sector workers' attendance at ASHRAE conferences. If feasible, complete an ASHRAE Foundation Board of Trustees funding request form to establish program. 	Completion %: 10% Subcommittee members are investigating limitations.
10	MBO #10: Recommend changes to PAOE for next SY. Completion date: 9/30/2025	All SCs	 Each SC to develop at least one recommendation to the PAOE.	Completion %: 100% Recommendations from subcommittees have been submitted; this MBO is complete.

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<p>Notes on ASHRAE 2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN:</p> <p>Strategic Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position ASHRAE as the global leader in advanced solutions to improve indoor environmental quality (IEQ) and address climate change. 2. Pursue impact-focused engagement by targeting stakeholders to support a strong workforce and maximize utilization, adherence, and trust of ASHRAE’s global expert resources. 3. Increase the accessibility of ASHRAE content, resources, and member opportunities. <p>Strategic Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy, Sustainable and Resilient Communities • Empowered Workforce • Organizational Agility • Emerging Technologies 				

Society Year 2025-26 PPIB Review Process: Updated 10.14.25

Existing PPIBs				
Topic	Expires	Status	Reviewers	Comments
Building Electrification	February 2026	Under PPSC Review	PJ Johnston	
Building Decarbonization	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Doug Cage PJ Johnston	
Building Energy Benchmarking	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Jessica Renner Varun Jain	
Climate Change and the Built Environment	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Doug Cage Alex Armstrong PJ Johnston	NOTE: Climate Change Position Document expires 6/28/26
Consensus Standards-Expert Solutions to Meet Global Needs	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Doug Cage	From 2025 Tech Council Review: "statement needs to be a lot more concise"
Environmental Tobacco Smoke And Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Adrianne Mitani	From 2025 Tech Council Review: "There ought to be a concise statement of the issue. That - vaping is on the rise and laws and policies governing it do not exist." Add a line on VOC/ozone chemistry.
Indoor Air Quality	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Doug Cage Geoff Jenks	From 2025 Tech Council Review: "Codes do not adopt the O&M requirements of standards. There should be a "view" about the need for standards and regulations that apply to operation." Note: IAQ Position Document expires 6/28/26
Refrigerants and Their Responsible Use	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	PJ Johnston	NOTE: Refrigerants Position Document expires 6/28/26
Resiliency in the Built Environment	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Jessica Renner	From 2025 Tech Council: Consider "Resilience" rather than "resiliency" Do more to clarify what kinds of events require resilience i.e. "IAQ emergencies like wildfire smoke events or airborne disease outbreaks." "Clarify that resilience considerations apply to IEQ environment."
STEM Education & Workforce	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Adrianne Mitani	

Indoor Carbon Dioxide	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Geoff Jenks	
Wildfires and Indoor Environmental Health	June 2026	Under PPSC Review	Alex Armstrong Geoff Jenks	
Potential New PPIBs				
Embodied Carbon				Last reviewed by Beth Tomlinson during SY23-24
Electricity Generation				Patrick Villaume worked on this over SY24-25 and had an action item on 6/20/25 to schedule time with the PPSC to discuss it further
Environmental Justice in Building Design				Discussed at the 6/20/25 PPSC meeting with the conclusion that it should remain on the list for consideration
Infectious Disease		Draft shared with PPSC for review and consideration		Draft developed by chair of infectious disease PD. This PPIB was approved by the PPSC in SY24-25 but was not voted on by the GAC. The draft was shared with PPSC members following the 9/5/25 meeting.

TRACKING GOVERNMENT
OUTREACH EVENTS SY 2025-
2026

PROGRESS CHART:
Government Outreach Events

Note: Delta assumes that **ALL**
planned and scheduled events
are held (negative indicates
that we are behind the goal).

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	Target	Held	Scheduled	Planned	Delta	Reporting Forms	Recurring Meetings	# of Government Attendees
City/Local		4	0	0	4	3	0	4
State		9	0	4	13	6	2	19
Federal		1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Global		3	0	5	8	2	0	3
In-Person		11						
Virtual		6						
Total	100	17	0	9	-74	12	2	27

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

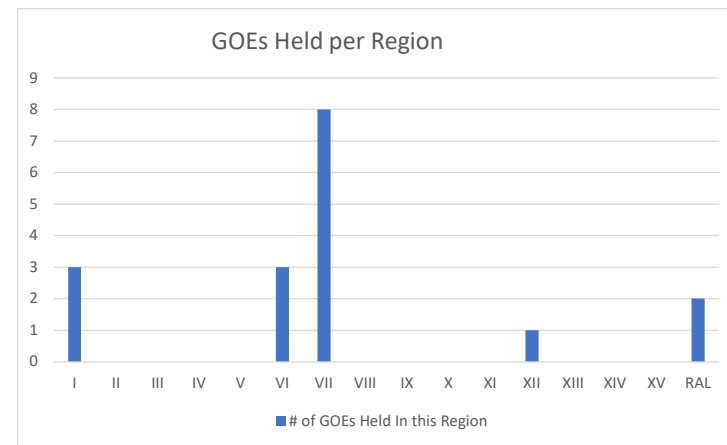
	Number of Attendees (ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings	Number of in-person Meetings	Number of virtual meetings
SY25-26 SUMMARY TOTALS (to date):				
Local	5	4	4	0
State	52	9	5	4
Federal	1	1	1	0
Global	9	3	1	2
TOTAL:	67	17	11	6

In Comparison

SY24-25 SUMMARY TOTALS:	Number of Attendees		Number of in-person Meetings	Number of virtual meetings
	(ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings		
State	233	43	31	12
Federal	16	338	329	9
Local	135	15	13	2
Global	231	65	61	4
TOTAL:	615	461	434	27

SY 24-25 Regional Comparisons

Region (arabic numeral)	Region	# of GOEs Held In this Region
1	I	3
2	II	0
3	III	0
4	IV	0
5	V	0
6	VI	3
7	VII	8
8	VIII	0
9	IX	0
10	X	0
11	XI	0
12	XII	1
13	XIII	0
14	XIV	0
15	XV	0
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Flexible Building Codes Assessment Tool

ASHRAE Center of Excellence for Building Decarbonization

Clay Nesler, The Nesler Group, LLC

30 September 2025 - Version 4

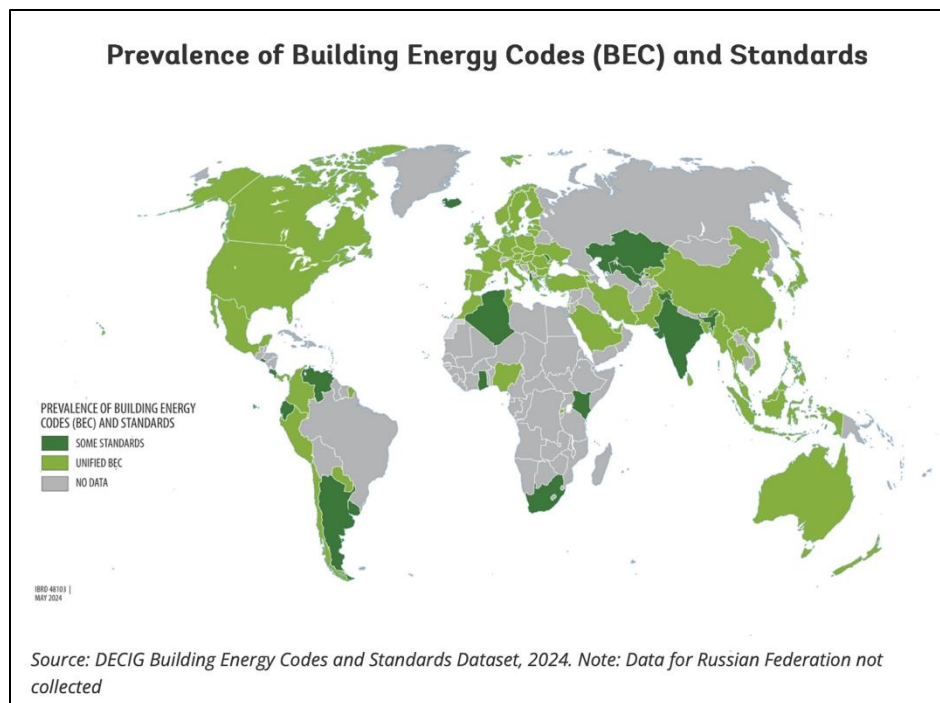
Introduction

- The Flexible Building Codes Assessment Tool was developed by the ASHRAE Center of Excellence for Building Decarbonization as part of the Flexible Building Codes Framework project.
- The tool is designed to support collaborative, multi-stakeholder needs and capabilities assessment workshops as an initial step in developing and implementing new or enhanced building energy codes and policies aligned with achieving long-term building sector decarbonization.
- While the tool was primarily developed for use in emerging economies without mandatory building energy codes, it is flexible enough be used in all national and local jurisdictions to help update existing building codes and improve code development and implementation practices.

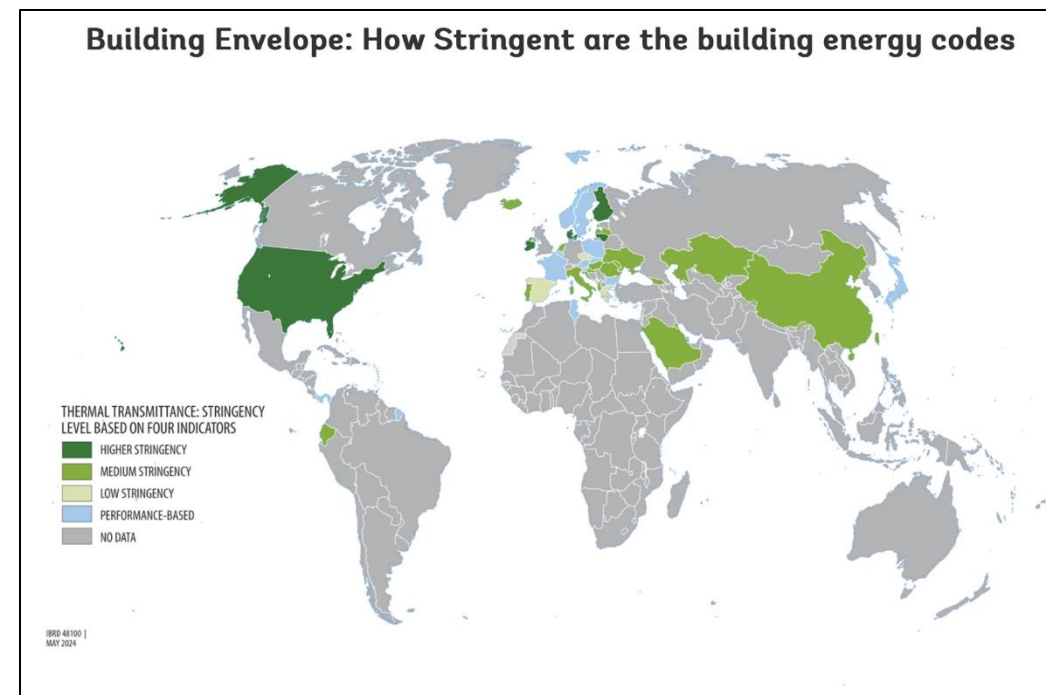
The Challenge

- According to the IEA Net Zero Scenario, **all countries will have to implement national building codes**, along with enabling policies and programs, that rapidly shift the market towards deep energy efficiency, zero carbon emission targets, electrification of heating, renewables integration and demand flexibility.
- Only 26 percent of countries have adopted mandatory energy codes at the national level for all building types and **2.4 billion m²** (25.8 billion ft²) of floor space were built last year without meeting any energy-related performance requirements.
- **82 percent** of the population growth is expected through 2030 in countries without mandatory building energy codes.

Prevalence and Stringency of Energy Codes



88 countries have a mandatory building code in at least one city, and 54 countries have some standards, however, 55% have not been updated since 2015



70 countries have requirements for the building envelope, 54 with requirements for HVAC, and 60 for water heating and lighting

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/developmenttalk/how-do-building-energy-codes-and-standards-measure-up--unveiling>

The Opportunity

- There has been an increase of 30% in the number of countries with building energy codes since the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- Efficiency improvements and energy codes in buildings are the second most frequently cited strategy in country NDCs.
- There is strong building sector momentum coming out of COP28, including the Buildings Breakthrough with deliverables planned for COP30.



The Buildings Breakthrough announcement at COP28 in Dubai, UAE

Buildings Breakthrough Priority International Actions



Building Capacity for Sustainable and Resilient Buildings

An International Commitment in Support of the Buildings Breakthrough



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ASHRAE Commitment to International Building Codes

“We are retooling the focus of our existing energy standards to address embodied and operational carbon in addition to energy efficiency...

...ASHRAE is building on Standard 90.1 to create a streamlined, flexible building standard framework to help countries in the Global South develop their own consensus-based building codes, with the target of achieving zero-carbon ready emissions in new buildings by 2030.”



Ginger Scoggins, ASHRAE Presidential Member Speaking at COP28 in Dubai, UAE

ASHRAE International Stakeholder Feedback

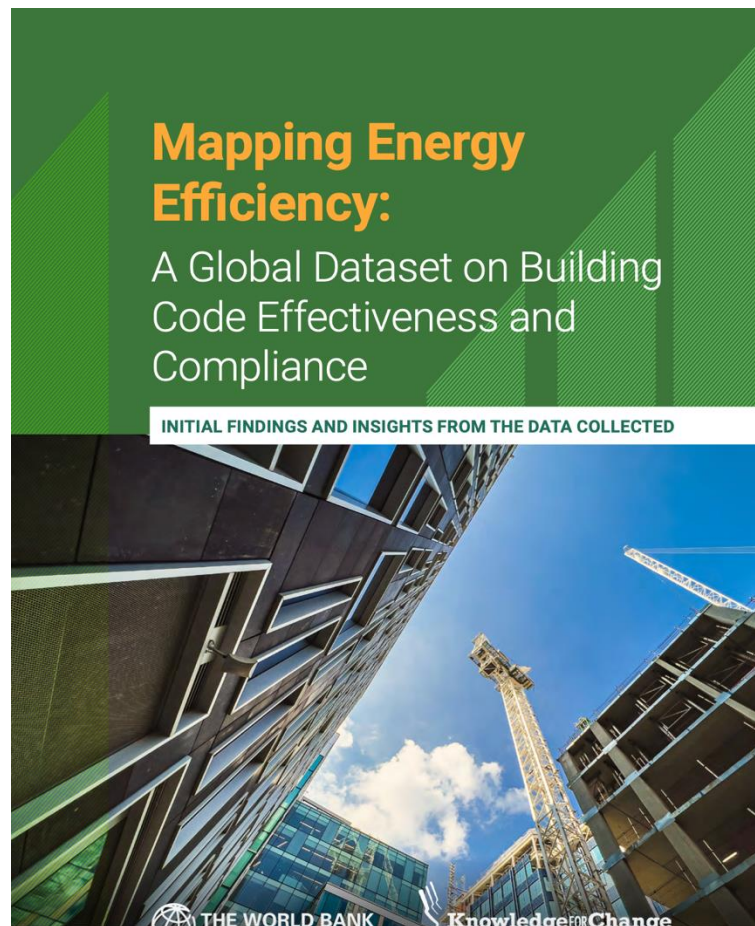
- **Don't just translate** ASHRAE 90.1 into a local language and assume you're done
- Don't assume that an old version of another code is sufficient, we want to **leap ahead of previous codes** ➡
- Don't just provide code language, **we need help implementing the codes and assuring compliance**
- Don't develop a code **for** developing countries, develop a building code **with** developing countries
- **Don't start from scratch**, there are lots of best practices
- Develop codes for **local context and capabilities**
- Make sure to get the **right people in the room**



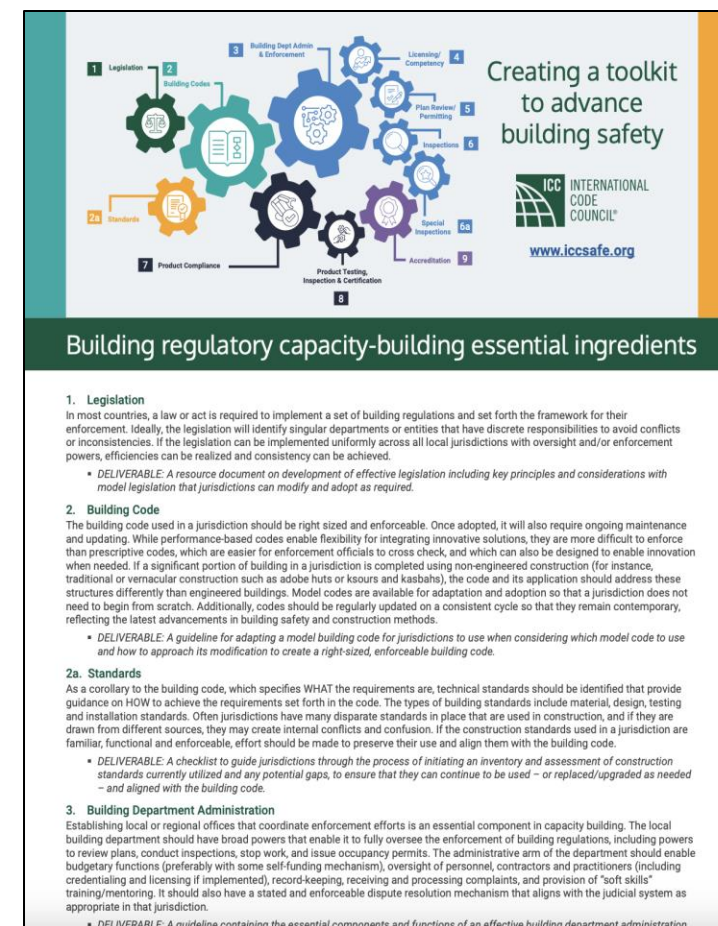
International Building Code Development References



[Building Code Checklist for Green Buildings](#)



[Building Code Effectiveness and Compliance](#)



[Building Code Capacity Building](#)

Thanks for your participation...



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