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Acknowledging the pioneering work of David Eisenberg and the Development Center for Appropriate Technology (DCAT) in promoting sustainability in building and building codes, the International Code Council (ICC) named DCAT their 2007 Affiliate of the Year. The award was presented at the ICC Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada on October 3rd. The ICC Affiliate Award is given in recognition of an individual or organization that consistently demonstrates integrity, professionalism and dedication to building code development, public safety, and public service.

"David's decades of work in green building education and code development for alternative building materials has helped make sustainability a common concept," said International Code Council Immediate Past President Wally Bailey. "As a regular contributor to ICC's magazine, Building Safety Journal, David explains how building codes can support the responsible use of resources to create safe and sustainable communities. As the Code Council continues to define its role in green building, we have David to thank for educating us on how to include sustainability into the codes and protect our world for generations to come."

The ICC Awards video shown at the opening plenary session of the conference noted: "Currently Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council's Code Committee, David played a key role in the agreement between the USGBC and the ICC to promote a joint effort to educate building officials about green building and include green building practices in the I-Codes." The first results of that agreement were the half-day and full-day green building education classes that David, the USGBC Code Committee, ICC staff, and others developed and taught at the conference in Reno. In addition, we're helping develop a guide to sustainability and green building is in development that will be jointly published by ICC and USGBC.

DCAT's ten-year-old program, Building Sustainability into the Codes, has included a wide variety of activities and efforts to educate the building codes community about the full range of consequences, risks and responsibilities involved in safeguarding public health, safety and welfare in relation to the built environment. The collaborative approach and quality of relationships DCAT developed resulted in the opportunity to help create six feature issues and dozens of articles on topics related to sustainability and green building in the magazines of ICC and the legacy code groups. Additionally, DCAT was given a regular column called "Building Codes for a Small Planet" in Building Standards magazine and later in ICC's Building Safety Journal. DCAT also produced an educational video with the same name for building officials. That video is currently available from DCAT on DVD.

DCAT is a Tucson, Arizona-based nonprofit organization celebrating its 15th year. DCAT works to enhance the health of the planet and our communities by promoting a shift to sustainable construction and development through leadership, strategic relationships, and education. The International Code Council is a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention. ICC develops the International Codes, an integrated set of building codes that are the most widely accepted building codes in the U.S.

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