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Strong Turnout for Commercial Building Code Webinars

Wisconsin DSPS continues to engage the building industry ahead of changes to code

Madison, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) wrapped up the second of two webinars Thursday about updates to the state Commercial Building Code (CBC).

On September 1, Wisconsin is adopting the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) standards with some Wisconsin-specific amendments, known in the industry as Wisconsinisms.

“We’re always ready to collaborate with Wisconsin industries on ways to improve safety for Wisconsin communities and families,” said DSPS Secretary Dan Hereth. “We first engaged the building industry about this commercial code update in 2021 and spent years gathering input to shape the final version. These webinars are just the latest steps to help everyone understand the changes and help make it an easier transition.”

Wisconsin DSPS offered two webinars about the CBC changes and Wisconsinisms and invited licensed professionals impacted by this change. DSPS has also made the [recording available](#). In total, more than 1,100 people attended one of the two events.

The new CBC will take effect on September 1, when the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau publishes the new code.

DSPS will accept plans submitted under the current (2015) code through the month of September. Starting October 1, all commercial building plans submitted to DSPS for approval must meet the standards set in the upgraded code.

The CBC establishes standards for commercial buildings in the state, including multi-family residential buildings.

About DSPS

DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.