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A BCD field office, the Tri-County Service Center administers the minor label program and coordinates forms, processes, and application of code for building programs in Clackamas, Multnomah, & Washington counties.

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Commercial structural code forum scheduled September 19

A free forum on commercial structural code issues takes place 4-7 p.m., Thursday, September 19, at the Home Builders Conference Center, 15555 SW Bangy Road, Lake Oswego.

AIA members may earn three hours HSW credit for attending, and qualified participants may earn three hours of code-related continuing-education credit from BCD. The purpose of the forum is to discuss regional code applications and to reach consensus on acceptable standards for the tri-county region. The code panel provides code

clarifications and determines common areas of code application.

All questions requiring code interpretation are forwarded to the appropriate statewide committees through the Building Codes Division. Area building departments in the tri-county region have committed to following the guidance of the code panels to forward the consistent application of code in the region. Please e-mail your code-application questions to Joanie.M.Stevens-Schwenger@state.or.us, or call (503) 872-6731.

Code updates

Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code

October 1 is the effective date for adoption of the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, which combines the International Mechanical Code and the International Fuel Gas Code of 2000. The new OMSC affects all commercial applications. BCD's Web site, www.oregonbcd.org, lists bookstores that sell the new code books on its "Ordering Codebooks" link on the home page.

Review of the IBC and NFPA 5000

Last year, BCD and the Office of State Fire Marshal charged the Code Review Committee with reviewing the International Fire Code, the International Building Code, and the National Fire Protection Association 5000 Code and making recommendations to the state fire marshal and the BCD administrator. The committee completed its review of the IFC and the IBC and expects to complete a review of the NFPA 5000

by late December and make its recommendations in January.

The committee will determine which code is best for Oregon by evaluating each code's uniformity and consistency, technical superiority, effect on the state, adoptability, and application for Oregon use.

The Code Review Committee consists of code experts from around the state: Kermit Robinson, City of Portland; Allan Clair, Clair and Associates Consulting Engineers; Mike Fegels, City of Corvallis; Larry Westling, OMOA; Pat Bridges, OBIA; Daniel Purgiel, LRS Architects; Marilyn Reeves, BCD Structures Board; Martin Brown, City of Wilsonville; Ray Miller, Miller and Associates; Paul Nees, Office of State Fire Marshal, Jeff Grunewald, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue fire marshal; and Jay Tappan, Columbia River Fire and Rescue (St. Helens) fire marshal.

Gypsum drywall training offered

The Portland Chapter of the Northwest Wall and Ceiling Bureau is bringing Michael Gardner, technical director for the Gypsum Association in Washington, D.C., to Portland on Thursday, September 12, to present *Gypsum Drywall Issues*. The seminar will be at the Portland Convention Center (not the Oregon Convention Center), 300 NE Multnomah Avenue. It covers fire design;

proper finish levels for drywall installations; area separation, wall design, and installation; and the various code standards for proper installation of gypsum board.

Cost (\$30 per person) includes handouts and continental breakfast (7-8 a.m.). Call Stan Scotten to register, (503) 823-7599.



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New rules in electrical continuing-education take effect this year.

Find out how changes in the laws could affect you and the electricians with whom you work.

Go to www.oregonbcd.org/pub/602_0702.pdf to download a recent update to the electrical continuing-education calendar, or call (503) 373-1268.

New guide for reducing construction waste

Metro has a new guide designed to help architects, property owners, developers, construction engineers, contract specifiers, and contractors design and build projects that will send less waste to landfills. It's the latest in a multi-phase program by Metro to reduce construction and demolition waste. The guide offers strategies for increasing salvage, recycling, and other sustainable building and design practices

"We're working directly with the construction industry because they have the single largest impact on the region's landfills," said Bryce Jacobson, a planner and project manager in Metro's Regional Environmental Management Section.

"Our research shows that more than 26 percent of the waste going to landfills in our region comes

from construction and demolition. Of that, 50 percent could be recycled, salvaged, reused, or otherwise kept out of the landfills."

The guide offers specific recommendations for incorporating sustainable recycling and salvage efforts into construction projects. Along with tips for setting up more "recycling friendly" job sites, there is sample contract language for including deconstruction techniques into a commercial tenant-improvement or remodeling project.

Copies of this guide and the revised Construction Site Recycling Toolkit are free from Metro. Many of the forms in the new publication are downloadable from Metro's Web site. For more information, contact Metro, (503) 234-3000, or visit the Web site, www.metro-region.org/csrg/.

More training offered for Tri-County builders

- **SMACNA Guidelines**

Oregon City, September 17. Call (503) 872-6731 for pre-registration.

- **T-Bar Ceilings**

Hillsboro, September 26. Call Bob Brown at the Tri-County Service Center, (503) 872-6731, for pre-registration.

A note from the editor

Due to the cancellation of the June 20 code forum, the Q-and-A section does not appear in this issue. The Q-and-A section reports the code panel's responses to queries made at the forums. Look for this feature in the December issue.

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