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Good News for Energy Efficient Homes!

There is good news for home builders of energy efficient homes. Last week, Congress passed legislation to extend federal tax credits for all new energy efficient homes through December 31, 2016. The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 established tax credits between \$1,000-\$2,000 depending on the home type and energy savings. The credit originally expired in 2014, but has been extended several times. Last week's extension retroactively renewed this credit to January 1, 2015 and extends throughout 2016. All qualified homes constructed and purchased in 2015 and 2016 are eligible.

To qualify for this credit, homes must:

- Be located in the United States
- Have substantially completed construction before 12/31/16
- Meet the energy saving requirements (reduce heating and cooling consumption by at least 50% compared to the 2006 IECC)
- Purchased after 12/31/13 and before 1/1/17

Both site-built homes and manufactured homes can qualify for this tax credit. For more

information and details on energy requirements and the credit amounts associated with them, [click here](#).

Additionally, legislation was also passed that extended tax credits for residential renewable technologies, including solar and other technologies. Credits for solar technologies were extended to December 31st, 2021 while all other technologies were extended through December 31st, 2016. More information on this tax credit extension is [available here](#).



Ever wonder why the ICC has such a strong influence on the building and energy code landscape? Interested in how these codes are developed, adopted, and the difference between how states implement them? Why are these codes not published for free for the general public?

This article by David Karmol, Vice President for Regulatory Activity at ICC, provides a good explanation to these questions and gives a nice overview the ICC's role and objectives in the arena of building and construction standards.

[Read the article here!](#)



We've Got the Answers!

Our Energy Code Coach has been very busy the past couple of month's answering questions from builders, code officials, architects, and even homeowners. If you have a question about the code, please give us a call! We are here to help you!

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