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DIVISION OF FIRE, EMERGENCY AND BUILDING SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE STATE BUILDING INSPECTOR



MEMORANDUM

To: Local Building Officials and Interested Parties

FROM: Lisa R. Humble, AIA, NCARB, State Building Inspector

DATE: December 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Review of the 2005 State Building Code for Compliance with Public Act 07-242
Addressing Sustainable Design Energy Requirements

The Codes and Standards Codes Amendment Subcommittee and I are about to embark on the writing of a second 2009 Amendment to the 2005 State Building Code. This 2009 Amendment will only specifically address code language necessary to meet the requirements of Public Act 07-242.

The public act amends section 29-256a of the Connecticut General Statutes to provide that the code incorporate the requirement that projects above a certain value and constructed after certain dates "be constructed or renovated consistent with or exceeding the silver building rating of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's rating system for new commercial construction and major renovation projects, as established by the United States Green Building Council, or an equivalent standard, including, but not limited to, a two-globe rating in the Green Globes USA design program."

These changes will affect all parties involved in the construction community. If you have suggestions, proposed code language, information which needs to be changed for the better, deleted, or added which this Public Act entails; I invite you to bring it to my attention. I will convey the information given to me to the subcommittee. It is necessary that you submit actual code language in writing. Attached for your use is a "Connecticut Proposed Code Change [Form](#)."

At some point in the future when we have a draft of the proposed amendments, we'll distribute it to you, but that is at least several months away at this point. If any of you wish to see the process in action, the first meeting of the subcommittee is **Wednesday, January 14, 2009**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 348 at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters and is open to the public. Future meeting dates will be posted on the Codes Amendment Subcommittee's website (www.ct.gov/dps) and Joanne at my office will be able to supply them upon request. It is not necessary to appear before the subcommittee to submit a proposal. I encourage you to become a part of the process and contribute to the second 2009 Amendment addressing Public Act 07-242 requirements.

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