



# ENERGY CODES

## HELP STIMULATE THE ECONOMY & CREATE JOBS

Consumers can bolster the local economy with money saved from reduced energy bills. Businesses can transfer savings to production and investment. State and local governments can promote job growth through development of effective building energy code programs. Effective compliance and enforcement programs require a significant investment of time, resources, and labor power, while the market for energy audits, retrofits, and weatherization continues to grow. In short, investing in energy efficiency creates green jobs and supports economic development.

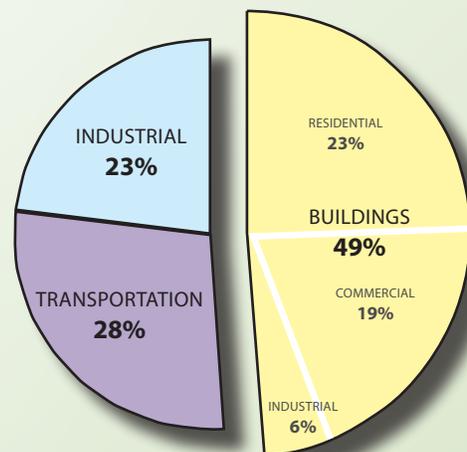
## ENSURE HEALTH & SAFETY

Buildings that meet or exceed national standards are more energy-efficient and durable. Energy-efficient buildings reduce heating and cooling costs, which in turn help protect millions of low-income Americans who can now afford to stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Energy codes also ensure better indoor air quality and fewer drafts, which keep consumers healthier.

## IMPROVE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Buildings leave a mark. They use almost one half of our energy, three-fourths of our electricity, and one-eighth of our water. As we continue to raise the worldwide standard of living, we must account for the environmental impacts of our global society. Energy efficiency—through the adoption, enforcement, and compliance of strong building energy codes—is the quickest, cheapest and cleanest way to reduce energy consumption and achieve a sustainable and prosperous future.

## AMOUNT OF ENERGY CONSUMED BY MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY



Buildings account for 49 percent of the total energy use in the United States

Source: Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Review 2011.



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