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To: Stakeholders & Interested Parties

Call for Stakeholder Re: Oregon Reach Code Adoption Process

The Building Codes Division is convening a committee and various sub-committees to develop the first Oregon Reach Code. The division's goal is to develop in a single document a comprehensive "reach" or "aspirational" code. The code will be a set of statewide optional energy construction standards going beyond the requirements of the state's mandatory codes. The Reach Code will provide jurisdictions with a baseline for evaluating methods of constructing buildings that go beyond current code requirements, and provide builders with an optional "green" code. Discussions around the Reach Code will cover a variety of topics and may include: mechanical systems, lighting designs, overall building design (both residential and commercial), plumbing practices and products, and tactics for aligning the code with the various financial incentives that are available.

If you or someone from your organization is interested in participating on this reach code committee, the division is seeking the names of 1 to 2 people who can represent your organization as members. The overall committee size will be 11 to 12 members. The division is also anticipating convening a number of smaller sub-committees to advise the general code committee on particular subjects. Code committee meetings are expected to begin in late March or early April 2010. The committee will work with the division to develop a proposal for consideration by the appropriate advisory boards.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please provide the interested parties' name, industry representation, and contact information to Dana Fischer, Building Code Para Technical Specialist at dana.c.fischer@state.or.us or 503-373-0226 before 5:00 PM, February 19, 2010. Once we receive input from our stakeholders and interested parties we will contact you regarding committee membership and meeting dates.

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