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15-Day National Engagement Period: Mass Care, Public Works, and Geospatial Information System Resource Typing Definitions and Job Title/Position Qualifications

COMMENTS OF:

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The International Code Council (ICC) offers the following comments on Job Title / Position Description: Structure Condition Evaluator (SCE) , published by FEMA on June 17, 2013.

#### Background

The International Code Council (ICC) is a membership association dedicated to building safety, fire prevention, and energy efficiency. The International Codes, or I-Codes, published by ICC, provide minimum safeguards for people at home, at school and in the workplace. Building codes benefit public safety and support the industry's need for one set of codes without regional limitations. Fifty states and the District of Columbia have adopted the I-Codes at the state or jurisdictional level. Federal agencies including the Architect of the Capitol, General Services Administration, National Park Service, Department of State, U.S. Forest Service and the Veterans Administration also use the I-Codes for the facilities that they own or manage. The Department of Defense references the International Building Code for constructing military facilities, including those that house U.S. troops, domestically and abroad. Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands enforce one or more of the I-Codes.

The International Code Council (ICC) was established in 1994 as a non-profit organization dedicated to developing a single set of comprehensive and coordinated national model construction codes. The

code development was effective and responsive to our country's needs, the time came for a single set of codes. The nation's three model code groups responded by creating the International Code Council (ICC) and by developing codes without regional limitations; the International Codes.

ICC's members are the code officials who adopt and enforce building, fire and energy codes, and the architects, engineers, builders and contractors who build and maintain structures in the built environment. Over 40,000 code officials are active members of the ICC. [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

## Summary

FEMA released 17 resource typing definitions and job title/position qualifications for a 15-day period to allow for national engagement, review and feedback. These definitions address Mass Care, Public

We also support inclusion of the ICC Disaster Response Inspector Program in the training requirement for all levels of the SCE title/description.

Information concerning all of the training and certifications offered by ICC, including both online and in-person training and testing, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Edu-Cert/Pages/default.aspx>

We do have some suggestions for the Type 2 description, to make the document consistent internally, as well as to reflect the current reality of building code professionals in the United States.

Our suggestions, and the reason for the suggested modification, are as follows:

~~TYPE2, TRAINING Same as Type3, Plus:2. Building Safety Assessment Engineer Professional~~

~~REASON: This recommendation is offered since not all licensed or certified code inspection and enforcement professionals are engineers~~

~~TYPE2, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS Same as Type2, Plus: Currently licensed or certified code inspection and enforcement professional and must be currently certified in American Heart Association (or equivalent) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)~~

~~REASON: This recommendation is offered to make sure that licensed or certified code inspection and enforcement professionals are identified as a requirement for Type2~~

~~TYPE2, DESCRIPTION: Assisting Type1 and 2 US&R Response Engineers and Type1 Structure Condition Evaluators Disaster Response Engineers as required from the 'Cold' zone of a~~