

Welcome New Chapters

The following organizations were granted chapter status by the International Code Council's Board of Directors on September 29 in Reno, Nevada.

- The **Bend Chapter of the International Code Council**, a local chapter in Oregon, covers all areas east of the Cascade Mountains. A newly formed organization, the chapter encourages personal professional development and provides educational opportunities.
- **Gulf Coast Region IX** is the eighth group to be granted regional chapter status. It covers the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. Twenty-two of the 36 chapters in this region submitted resolutions pledging participation in the region. Chapter officers were installed by Code Council President Steve Shapiro during its meeting at the Council's Annual Conference in Reno.
- The **Hawaii Association of County Building Officials** was granted state chapter status and is the first Code Council chapter in the state of Hawaii. Chapter officers traveled to Reno to attend the Council's Annual Conference. [Hawaii recently adopted the *International Codes*.](#)
- The **Northwest Georgia Inspectors Association** is affiliated with the [Building Officials Association of Georgia](#) and covers nine counties in the area just outside Atlanta. Granted local chapter status, the group held its first meeting in May 2007 and voted to become an official organization.