



**NOTE:** *This edition contains more information than is usually published on a weekly basis. Often, important information may be overlooked as a result of the daily bombardment of e-mails received. Please take a few minutes to read this edition in its entirety as it pertains to issues of local, state, and national importance.*



***The Work of Architects and Designers on Exhibit at BEYOND BRICKS 2010***

**HOT SUMMER EVENTS**

**June 29—July 8**  
***Beyond Bricks 2010***  
**Art Exhibition**  
 Living Arts of Tulsa  
 307 E. Brady

**Thursday, July 8**  
**2nd Thursday /**  
**Beyond Bricks**  
**Artists Reception**  
 Living Arts of Tulsa  
 307 E. Brady

For more details or to register, visit [www.AIAeok.org](http://www.AIAeok.org)

This year, thirty-five works of art created by architects, architectural interns, and designers were selected from over 100 submissions by a jury chaired William H. Ryan, AIA—a founding member of this chapter and a former art gallery owner. Art work on exhibit includes drawing, glassblowing, painting, photography, sculpture, and woodturning.

Beginning on Tuesday, June 29, the exhibit opens at Living Arts of Tulsa located at 307 E. Brady. Gallery hours are Tues, Wed, and Sat 1-5pm, Thurs and Fri 1-9 pm. The gallery will be closed Sun, July 4 and Mon, July 5. The exhibit closes on Thursday, July 8 with an Artists Reception.

For more information, visit [www.AIAeok.org](http://www.AIAeok.org) for details about the artists and the exhibit, and to register for the 2nd Thursday/Artists Reception.



## **July 1, 2010—NCARB's Six-Month Rule In Effect**

### **Six-Month Rule**

The Six-Month Rule requires interns to submit their training hours in reporting periods of no longer than six months and within two months of completion of each reporting period.

### **Implementation Timeline**

**1 July 2009** – The Six-Month Rule went into effect for interns who began an NCARB Record on or after this date.

**1 July 2010** – The Six-Month Rule goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time for all interns on this date.

Although six months is the maximum amount of time allowed, interns may—and are encouraged to—report more frequently. Extensions are also available for the birth or adoption of a child, serious medical conditions, and active military service.

Once interns have submitted their training hours by entering them into their Record online, those hours are protected from the Six-Month Rule reporting requirements while any loose ends are tied up. Interns will not be affected by any delay caused by their supervisor or NCARB. However, submitted training hours can be lost if they are deemed invalid by their supervisor, or if they are not earned in accordance with the rules of the IDP.

**The Six-Month Rule only applies to interns.** It does not apply to registered architects who must document past experience for NCARB certification.

**Please note:** NCARB anticipates heavy volumes of experience submissions and related requests for Record evaluation throughout the coming months. If you are documenting the completion of IDP between now and 1 July 2010, this increase will most likely translate into extended service processing times. Please submit your experience through the e-EVR system at your earliest opportunity to avoid extended processing delays.

Visit [www.AIAeok.org](http://www.AIAeok.org) for links to the FAQ's  
and for more information about the Rule

**Questions? Contact Oklahoma IDP State Coordinator**

Jennifer Gann, Assoc. AIA at 405.840.2931 or [jgann06@hotmail.com](mailto:jgann06@hotmail.com)

**DO NOT DELAY AS THE RULE GOES INTO EFFECT AT 12:01 AM  
EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON JULY 1, 2010!**



## **Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC) CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS-Residential Technical Committee**

**From Grant Easterling, AIA, FCSI  
and member of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code (OUBCC) Commission**

The Code Commission has established the first Technical Code Review Committee, Residential 1&2 Family Dwellings—RTC for short. The Code Commission decided to do each of the code reviews using the ICC 2009 editions and NEC 2008 as the model code base set to work from. At this time we do not anticipate "writing an Oklahoma code" vs. primarily utilizing a model code, such as ICC's family of codes. However, there may be numerous deletions or additions to the model.

The task of this committee will be to review and recommend possible residential code requirements for the State of Oklahoma. Complete details concerning the Call for Volunteers to serve on the Residential Technical Committee may be found at the Commission's website at <http://www.OUBCC.ok.gov/> The attachments explain the expertise that is necessary for such a task and include the forms that must be completed and submitted to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission for those interested in participating in this historic effort.

Click on **A Call for Volunteers Form** on the Commission's website or **print the four pages included in this edition** of *UNDER CONSTRUCTION*. Interested individuals must complete and submit the "Interest Form & Bio" form to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission, c/o Mitchell Hort, Vice-Chairman, ATT: Technical Committee Application, P.O. Box 60410, Oklahoma City, OK 73146. The deadline for the form to be completed and returned to the OUBCC is **Friday, July 16, 2010**.

## **2010 Oklahoma Legislative Session Ends**

**From Alan L. Hewitt, AIA  
and co-chair of AIA Oklahoma Government Affairs Committee**

The end of May brought about a close to the Oklahoma Legislature's 2010 session. This year there were several issues dealing with architecture, construction, or business. A brief listing of that activity is summarized in the **attached report** from Clayton Taylor, AIA Oklahoma lobbyist. For more information on any of this items, contact Michael Jordan at [michael.jordan@cyntergyaec.com](mailto:michael.jordan@cyntergyaec.com), Daryl Bray at [daryl@scottgoble.com](mailto:daryl@scottgoble.com) or Alan Hewitt at [cfh@cfharchitects.com](mailto:cfh@cfharchitects.com).

For information about AIA Oklahoma, visit [www.AIAok.org](http://www.AIAok.org)

For your convenience, the OUBCC forms and the 2010 Legislative Report will be posted at [www.AIAeok.org](http://www.AIAeok.org) until Friday, July 16, 2010.



David Timberlake, P.E.  
Chairman

## Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission

Brad Henry  
Governor

# OPEN LETTER

Date: June 18, 2010  
To: All Interested Persons in the Oklahoma Construction Industry  
From: Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC)  
Subject: Call for Volunteers --- Residential Code Technical Committee

In May, 2009, the State of Oklahoma Legislature created the OUBCC with the subsequent approval by the Governor. The major task that was directed for the OUBCC was to develop construction codes for use throughout the whole building industry in our state. During the past year, the OUBCC has been establishing administrative processes, rules, and protocol to use in that task assignment.

To this end, the first technical code committee is now being formed. The OUBCC is distributing a "CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS" for individuals who would like to participate in this initial effort in code development. Your help is needed to recommend individuals who are code knowledgeable, technically astute, and desire to serve the whole state.

This technical code committee will have the task to review the ICC's Residential Building Code, edition 2009, and recommend approval, modifications, or additions to become the Oklahoma Residential Building Code. The next page will better explain the committee members and the technical expertise we need to be a part of this initial effort.

Please extend this opportunity to anyone that you believe would meet the qualifications described herein. Interested individuals need to complete a short professional biography with a statement of interest. That form is attached. The deadline for those to be completed and returned to the OUBCC is **July 16, 2010**.

If you have any questions, please call the OUBCC at **405-271-1595** and we will get you the answer as quickly as possible. Our website is under construction at <http://www.oubcc.ok.gov> but does have related items that we hope will be of assistance.

Thank you ahead of time for passing along this "CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS." It is such grassroots involvement that will make the code development process in our State truly a universal code endeavor for the benefit of all our citizens.

From David Timberlake, Chairman, Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission

# BACKGROUND

The residential technical committee (RTC) will consist of the following nine (9) voting members with various construction knowledge and background to encourage a wide spectrum of representation of the residential construction industry in the State of Oklahoma. There will be three (3) professional segments recognized for membership: Construction, Design, and Regulatory. Also, there will be selected one alternate from each segment; total of three (3). Alternates will attend technical committee meetings but will not have a vote or hold a leadership position unless they replace one of the three initially appointed voting members from their specific professional segment.

These RTC members shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission, but typically their terms as members shall end upon the final actions of the Commission related to the members' final recommendations, unless otherwise extended by the Commission. This is the first such technical committee, so it is expected that the committee will commence their assigned tasks as early as August 2010 and would actively work until at least January 2011 or to perhaps sometime during the spring or early summer 2011. The schedule will be developed by the RTC for review and approval by the Code Commission.

## **Construction**

Commission Liaison --- Curtis McCarty, Residential Contractor  
Construction Contractor, Production Residential 1&2 Family Dwellings or Townhouses  
Construction Contractor, Custom Residential 1&2 Family Dwellings or Townhouses  
and,  
Alternate, TBD

## **Design**

Licensed Architect, Practice Focus Primarily Single Family Dwellings/Townhouses  
Building Designer, Practice Focus Primarily Single Family Dwellings/Townhouses  
Professional Engineer, Practice Focus Primarily on Structural Design of Buildings  
and,  
Alternate, TBD

## **Regulatory**

Building Code Official --- large jurisdiction (>30,000 population, 2000 census)  
Building Code Official --- medium/small jurisdiction (<30,000 population, 2000 census)  
Fire Inspector --- local jurisdiction; primary job focus relate to Fire Marshal activities  
and,  
Alternate, TBD

**Primary Task Assignment:** The RTC will review and recommend approval, modification, or addition to the ICC's International Residential Code, edition 2009, concerning the building and structures elements of that code. If possible, the electrical, mechanical, and plumbing elements of that model residential code will soon follow with those respective individual reviews.



David Timberlake, P.E.  
Chairman

## Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission

Brad Henry  
Governor

# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission – Return Completed Form by July 16, 2010

### GENERAL

**Discipline:** Residential 1 and 2 Family Dwellings and Townhouses

**Service:** Approximately one (1) year, beginning mid-August 2010. Significant time commitment expected.

**Goal:** Recommend Minimum Construction Code/Standards for State Adoption

**Objective:** Present OUBCC a Final Draft Code on or before December 1, 2010.

**Task:** Assess *International Residential Code*, Edition 2009; including but not limited to Chapters 1-11

**Reimbursements:** Per mile travel expense; other as approved by OUBCC

### INTEREST FORM

1. Complete a short professional bio on page two of this form.
2. In 100 words or less in the space provided below, explain why you wish to serve on this technical committee as described above.
3. In 100 words or less in the space provided below, state your opinion as to what is the most important criteria that should determine what "minimum code/standards" are to be measured.
4. List other comments or questions you have, related to this statement of interest.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL BIO**

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Information:  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Employment History: List the three (3) most recent positions during the past ten (10) years  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

4. List code certifications and/or professional licenses held and dates first obtained.

5. List construction industry related organizations that you are or have been a member.

6. Name code development committee(s) on which you have served, such as with ICC or a legacy model code-- BOCA, SBCC, or UBC.

7. List any ICC code development hearing or legacy model code hearings that you have attended.

8. Provide any other information that may be pertinent to your selection to serve on a technical committee.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2010 Legislative Priorities for AIA Oklahoma

1. **State Budget and Appropriations** - Cuts and revenue raising measures were the basis for next year's FY'11 State budget.
2. **General Business issues**

### **Workers Compensation Reform** - - major provisions as contained in **SB 1973, HB 1611, HB 2650 and HB 2652** include:

- Require Senate confirmation on any Worker's Compensation judge;
- Reduce the number of Worker's Compensation Court judges from ten to eight;
- Require five judges to be permanently assigned to Oklahoma City and three to Tulsa;
- Tighten up definitions of "major cause" and "objective medical evidence";
- Cap the Partial Payment Disability (PPD) rate at \$323/week for five years;
- Limit Permanent Total Disability to 100 percent Social Security retirement age or 15 years, whichever is longer;
- Increase the power of the Physician Advisory Council and require the court to follow its recommendations unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary;
- Allow the Supreme Court review work comp claims just like any other civil case;
- Require that the claimant shall be in attendance unless all parties agree, and all parties shall be represented during the entire mediation by a person with full settlement authority to settle any issue of the claim;
- Require all claims adjusters to have six hours of continuing education on Oklahoma's workers' compensation act as part of the required twenty-four hours of continuing education;
- Clarify light-duty work and the employee's refusal to participate;
- Set up a task force to look at vocational rehabilitation for injured workers;
- Unless recommended by the treating doctor at the time claimant reaches maximum medical improvement, Continuing Maintenance Medical shall not be

awarded by the Worker's Compensation Court unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary; and

- Tighten up benefits for soft tissue injuries

### **Intangible Property Tax**

SJR 61 By Pro-Temp Glenn Coffee, R- Oklahoma City and Speaker Chris Benge, R - Tulsa - - Response to Supreme court ruling to allow counties to collect intangible personal property tax. "Intangibles" could have included taxing the value of contracts, software, patents, trademarks, licenses, agreements, franchises, customer lists, etc. SJR 61 provides a 2-year "band aid" / "in lieu of tax" to prevent counties from pursuing collection. SJR 61 creates a large task force to deal with the issue and make a recommendation by January 1, 2012. This action headed off what was potentially the largest tax increase ever imposed on Oklahoma businesses - - estimates totaling \$ 1 billion or more.

### **Tax Credits**

SB 1590 by Sen. Johnson and Rep. Miller suspended the two largest business tax credits until their sunset date December 31, 2011:

- a. Rural Small Business Capital Credit
- b. Small Business Capital Credit

SB 1267 by Sen. Mazzei and Rep. Hickman suspended 30 tax credits including Historic Restoration Tax Credits until their sunset date July 1, 2012.

HB 3024 by Rep. Hickman and Sen. Mazzei provides that three of the previously suspended tax credits will "accrue" during the time that the credit is suspended ( July 1, 2010 – July 1, 2012.)

- a. Historic Restoration
- b. Investment / New Jobs
- c. Wind

### **3. AIA Issues**

HB 2284 by Rep. J. Wright and Sen. Aldridge  
Extend the Sunset on the Board of Architecture to July 1, 2014  
Signed by the Governor

HB 2600 by Rep. Morrisette and Sen. Corn  
Best Value / Union Initiate  
Died

SB 1012 by Sen. Coates and Rep. Sullivan  
ASC / AGC Issue – requiring payment terms be included on cover page  
Signed by the Governor

SB 1686 by Sen. Coates and Rep. Sullivan  
Lien Laws – Pre-lien notice to be sent within 75 day of last work  
Vetoed by the Governor

SB 1948 by Sen. Coates and Rep. Scott Martin  
Fair Pay for Construction  
Died

SB 1606 by Sen. Coates and Rep. McNeil  
Public Project Bond Increase from current \$50,000 to \$100,000  
Died

SB 1937 by Sen. Coates and Rep. Proctor  
Redefines Independent Contractors  
Died

SB1900 by Sen. Coates and Rep. Jett  
Out of State Contractors  
Signed by the Governor

Fire Marshall Plan Approval – no final action