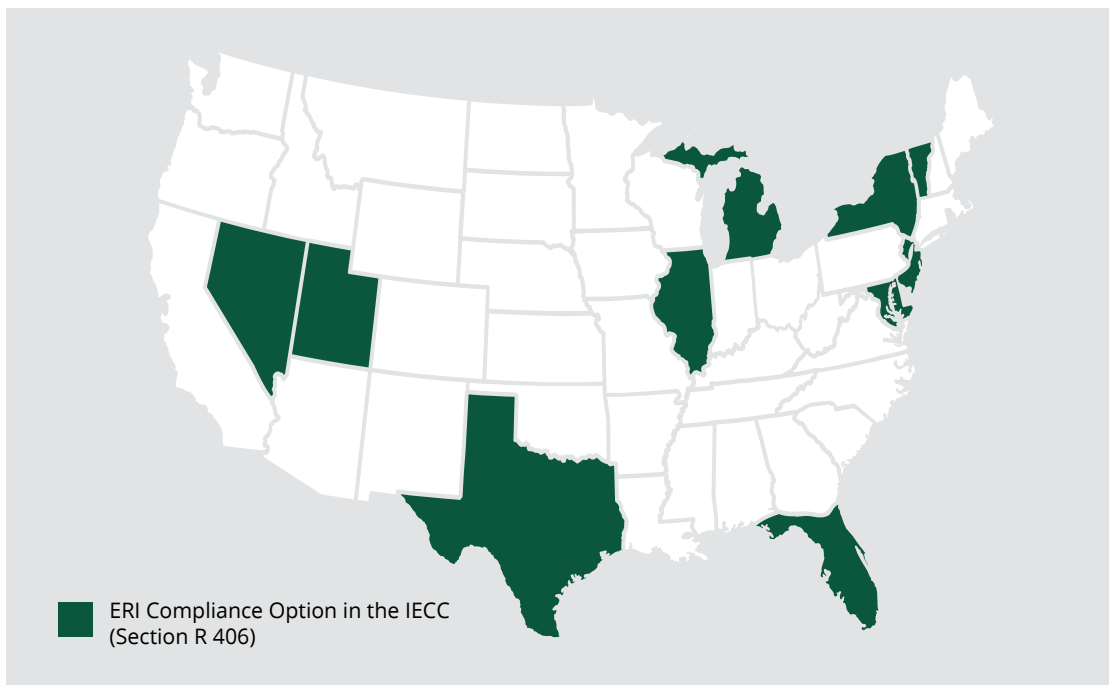


CALL TO ACTION

The Rating and Building Industry Needs to Have Its Voice Heard on the development of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The Energy Rating Index (ERI) performance path gives builders yet another option for complying with the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In addition to the prescriptive and performance paths of previous versions of the IECC, builders now have the option of meeting a target ERI score through a wide range of performance options to demonstrate compliance. The ERI performance path also requires builders to meet the mandatory code requirements of the IECC, including water heating piping provisions, and comply with the minimum insulation and window envelope prescriptive requirements of the 2009.

States That Have Adopted the ERI to Date



States that Allow the ERI Compliance Option in the International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC®)

At the 2018 IECC

Committee Hearings in April RESNET and its strategic partners played a key role in defeating efforts to remove the ERI option from the 2018 IECC during the code hearings in Louisville, Kentucky. Similar efforts to change how the ERI is calculated were also defeated.

RESNET Proposals for the Final Hearing of the 2018 IECC

The final 2018 hearings will be in Kansas City on October 27 -28, 2016.

RESNET has three proposals of critical interest to the industry.

Basing 2018 IECC Energy Rating Index (ERI) Option on Technically Sound ANSI American Consensus Standards

The International Code Council and RESNET has developed an ANSI national consensus standard to define how the ERI is calculated.

- ▶ **RE166-16** – will would incorporate ANSI/RESNET/ICC Standard 301 into the 2018 IECC

Basing the 2018 IECC Required Envelope Air Leakage and Duct Leakage Testing on Technically Sound ANSI National Consensus Standards

The International Code Council and RESNET has developed an ANSI national consensus standard to define how to conduct air and duct leakage testing.

Currently the 2015 IECC does not provide direction for meeting duct and air leakage testing requirements, which can lead to inconsistent results that are difficult to replicate. The methodology outlined in Standard 380 builds on the methodology already employed throughout the industry and provides the necessary guidance to meet the duct leakage testing requirements of the IECC in a clear and consistent manner.

There are two proposals for the 2018 IECC that would incorporate ANSI/RESNET/ICC Standard 380 into the IECC:

- ▶ **RE83-16** – ANSI/RESNET/International Code Council Standard 380 defines how to conduct envelope leakage testing required in the IECC
- ▶ **RE104-16** – ANSI/RESNET/International Code Council Standard 380 defines how to conduct duct leakage testing required in the IECC

Positive Change Requires Positive Action

These actions will be reconsidered at the 2018 IECC final hearings in Kansas City in October. The industry's voice must be heard to preserve the progress achieved in Louisville.

Contact your code official and state energy office and urge them to support the three RESNET proposals.

Plan to come to Kansas City and testify at the final hearings.

