

CODE QUESTIONS ?

QUESTION: "Does complying with the *2003 International Building Code* meet the *FHA Accessibility* requirements?"

ANSWER: Yes, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has found that the I-Codes provide a "safe harbor" for compliance with the *FHA's accessibility* requirements.

CODE UPDATE

ICC and ASHRAE to Collaborate on Code Development



The International Code Council (ICC) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will seek ways to optimize development of codes and standards to improve public safety. The organizations will work together on industry advocacy and public policy and explore joint business opportunities.

CALIFORNIA - The Building Standards Commission is proposing the 2007 triennial edition for the *California Building Code* to include: *2006 International Building Code*, *2005 National Electrical Code*, *2006 Uniform Mechanical Code*, *2006 Uniform Plumbing Code* and the *2006 International Existing Building Code*. There will be state amendments to the model edition of the codes. Notice the influence of **IAPMO** on the plumbing and mechanical codes? No effective adoption date has been selected.

MORE PRIVATE HOSPITAL ROOMS

PRIVATE ROOMS WOULD become a standard in hospitals under the recommendation of the **AIA**. Individual rooms would reduce the potential for doctors to misidentify patients and greatly decrease the risk that sick patients will transmit diseases to other patient and staff members. Also, patients feel more willing to talk to the doctor if they don't have an audience. It is believed that these "private room" guidelines will improve patient satisfaction and potentially speed recovery and thus reduce hospitalization time.

GUESS & WIN !!!

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: "*Who invented the fire-alarm telegraph system in 1840?*"
The correct answer: **Dr. W. F. Channing** who also developed the telegraph with **Samuel F. B. Morse** ("Morse Code" fame). Legend has it that this venture later became **American District Telegraph...** you may know it today as **ADT**.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION: "*What and where is the largest building in the World today?*" YOUR PRIZE: It's a surprise, but I am sure you will find it useful. Send correct answer to: codexperts@aol.com. Include your name and mailing address.