

How ICC Is Tied To Congress Through NIBS

The Story Of NIBS

We were created by act of Congress in 1974 to be the nation's authoritative source of findings and recommendations that impact and improve the built environment for the American people. At the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), we connect research, policy, and practical application to advance innovation in the built environment. Our mission is to create a safer, more resilient, and technologically advanced infrastructure that serves American communities and strengthens our nation's future.

From shaping industry standards to guiding digital transformation, we empower building professionals, policymakers, and owners to make informed decisions that enhance sustainability, efficiency, and resilience. We convene experts across sectors to develop solutions that ensure construction, infrastructure, and disaster preparedness keep pace with evolving challenges. Through initiatives such as the Digital Technology Council (DTC) and the Facility Management & Operations Council (FMOC), NIBS is at the forefront of advancing best practices. We help develop and refine standards, including NBIMS, NCS, and ANSI/ASHRAE/NIBS SPC 224, to support industry-wide adoption of data-centric approaches and emerging technologies. We are stewards of the Whole Building Design Guide and the SF Tool, and we keep these comprehensive resources, which guide public buildings and infrastructure, freely available to the public.

Building American Innovation isn't just our tagline—it's our commitment. We foster collaboration between government, industry, and academia to drive forward-thinking strategies for resilient communities. Because at NIBS, we don't just build structures, we build solutions.

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Board of Directors

The National Institute of Building Sciences Board of Directors is comprised of up to 21 members. The President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints six members to represent the public interest. The remaining 15 members are elected from the nation's building community and include both public interest representatives and industry voices. A majority of Board members are required by the authorizing legislation to be in the public interest category.

Individuals With Ties To Both ICC And NIBS

Dominic Sims: Previous ICC CEO Is On The Board Of NIBS

John (JC) Hudgison: Senior F Board Member Of ICC and a Board Member of NIBS

[Ryan Colker](#) : Vice President, Innovation with the International Code Council, where he leads the Energy, Resilience and Innovation Center of Focus. He also serves as Executive Director of the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR), a national coalition working to provide communities with the tools necessary to holistically assess and improve their resilience. Prior to joining ICC, Colker served as Vice President with the **National Institute of Building Sciences**, where he directed the Consultative Council and served as staff director of the Council on Finance, Insurance and Real Estate; the **National Council on Building Codes and Standards**; the **Off-Site Construction Council** and **NIBS' STEM Education Program**.

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