

## CODE UPDATE

**KENTUCKY** - EFFECTIVE THIS month, the Commonwealth had adopted the most recent editions of *NFPA No.1: Uniform Fire Code* and *NFPA No. 101: Life Safety Code*. This in addition of the Kentucky-version of the *International Building Code*. This process could develop some interpretation and enforcement problems along the way. Definitions are different as are the options and trade-offs between the *NFPA* and *I-Codes*. I thought the idea of adopting model codes was to reduce confusion, not create it.

**CALIFORNIA** - Since the August 2006 edition of *CODES & STANDARDS* we found out that California will be adopting the *I-Codes* and *IAPMO Plumbing and Mechanical Codes* effective January 1, 2008.



**IAPMO** - The organization just released the *2006 Uniform Solar Energy Code*. Their claim is that it will be the definitive guide to safe solar energy system requirements. No word yet on who has adopting this new code.

**HAWAII** - COUNTY OFFICIALS are offering an amnesty to owners of homes and other structures that were built without proper permitting. No one knows how many illegal structures are in existence. Owners will still have to pay permit fees, but no penalties will be applied.



## GUESS & WIN

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: "What and where is the largest building in the World today?" I got all kinds of answers on this one - - Kuala Lumpur Towers, Sears Tower, The Pentagon. The correct answer: **The Boeing Plant** in Everett, WA at 472 million cubic feet and covers more than 98 acres. It's where they build the new Boeing 767-400ER jetliner.



**THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:** "Where and what was the first building in the U.S. to be protected by a fire sprinkler system?" Your prize: Lunch at Applebee's or TGIFriday's. You're choice! Send the correct answer with your name and mailing address to: [codexperts@aol.com](mailto:codexperts@aol.com).

## ONE OF OUR OWN



good choice.

CONGRATULATIONS TO John E. Spurgeon, Building Official of Rochelle, IL for being appointed to the *NFPA No. 40 (Storage & Handling of Cellulose Nitrate Film)*. They are a subscriber to *CODES & STANDARDS*. I have personally worked with John on some major projects and his committee appointment was a