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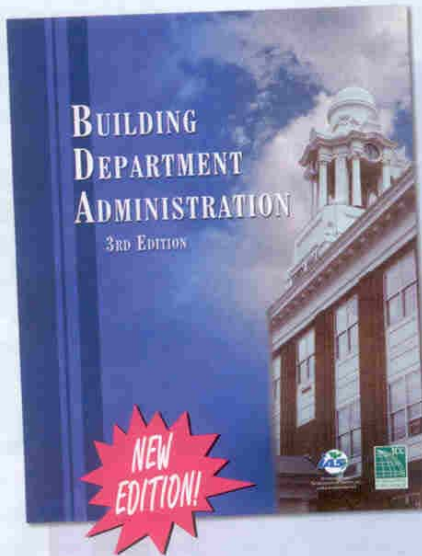
Prior to joining ICC, Von Kampen served as Psychometrician and Director of Test Development for Thomson Pro-metric (formerly Exuper Assessments). In this capacity, he was responsible for all construction-related examinations including National Certification Program for Construction Code Inspectors exams

and National Council of Architectural Registration Boards exams. He also has experience in the management of psychological and human resource assessments for corporate and governmental clients.

“As we move forward, you will see more similarities than differences in the test development and administration

processes across what were such separate programs as ‘contractor’ and ‘certification’ testing,” says Von Kampen. “Test development, when done properly, has a single and distinct flow irrespective of the content of the exams.”

“As we evolve further into a truly international organization, we must provide objective evidence that we are doing what we say we are doing in developing valid and reliable exams,” he adds. “This will include accreditation of our department by internationally recognized third-parties such as ISO and ANSI. Such objective accreditation provides documented evidence throughout the world that we are doing what we say we are doing: ensuring that our test development and administration processes are fair, valid and reliable.” ♦



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MCP Spotlight: Lonnie Haughton

Throughout his career, one of Lonnie Haughton's major goals has been to gain an exhaustive understanding of building codes and standards. To this end, he has spent the past seven years



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compiling a hard-copy library of historic codes and a digital library of more than 15,000 documents including building envelope standards, evaluation reports and related reference materials, which he frequently relies upon in his current capacity as Construction Codes and Standards Consultant—a senior managerial position specially created by forensic architectural consulting firm Richard Avelar & Associates to reflect his Master Code Professional (MCP) certification.

Haughton's clients are typically attorneys, insurance agents, claimants, plaintiffs, or defendants in a claims or litigation process, and achieving and maintaining MCP certification have been critical in gaining an expert level of understanding of the intent and limita-

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tions of the various codes he is able to reference.

In addition to his MCP standing, Haughton is also a U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional and a certified evaluator with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Program—which provides volunteer architects, engineers and ICC-certified building inspectors to local jurisdictions to help evaluate damaged buildings following natural disasters. He is also a regular columnist for *Mold & Moisture Management Magazine* and regularly authors articles about construction and waterproofing codes and standards for other industry publications.

"The best advice that I can offer those seeking MCP certification is that studying and testing for a residential certification greatly prepares you for the commercial exam," says Haughton, "and both of these exams are a great way

to prepare for the plans examiner exam."

"Maintain a steady momentum," he adds. "Even if you've done well on one

or two exams, don't decide to take a long break before beginning to study for another." ♦

CHAPTER CHANNEL

Miller Receives Service Award

The 2006 St. Louis Professional Chapter of ICC Service Award went to Charles E. Miller in recognition of his 46 years of commitment to code development and enforcement.

Miller served as Fire Marshal and then Fire Chief for the City of Clayton, Missouri, and was an active member of Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA). He also served six years on BOCA's Board of Directors and played a major role in developing its *National Fire Prevention Code*. Miller later joined the St. Louis County Department of Public Works and was instrumental in helping the St. Louis Professional Chapter realize its goal of



ICC Board member Ed Berkel (left) and St. Louis Professional Chapter of ICC President Bill Stewart (right) present the chapter's 2006 Service Award to Charles E. Miller.

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