

# Plan to Streamline the ICC Code Development Process

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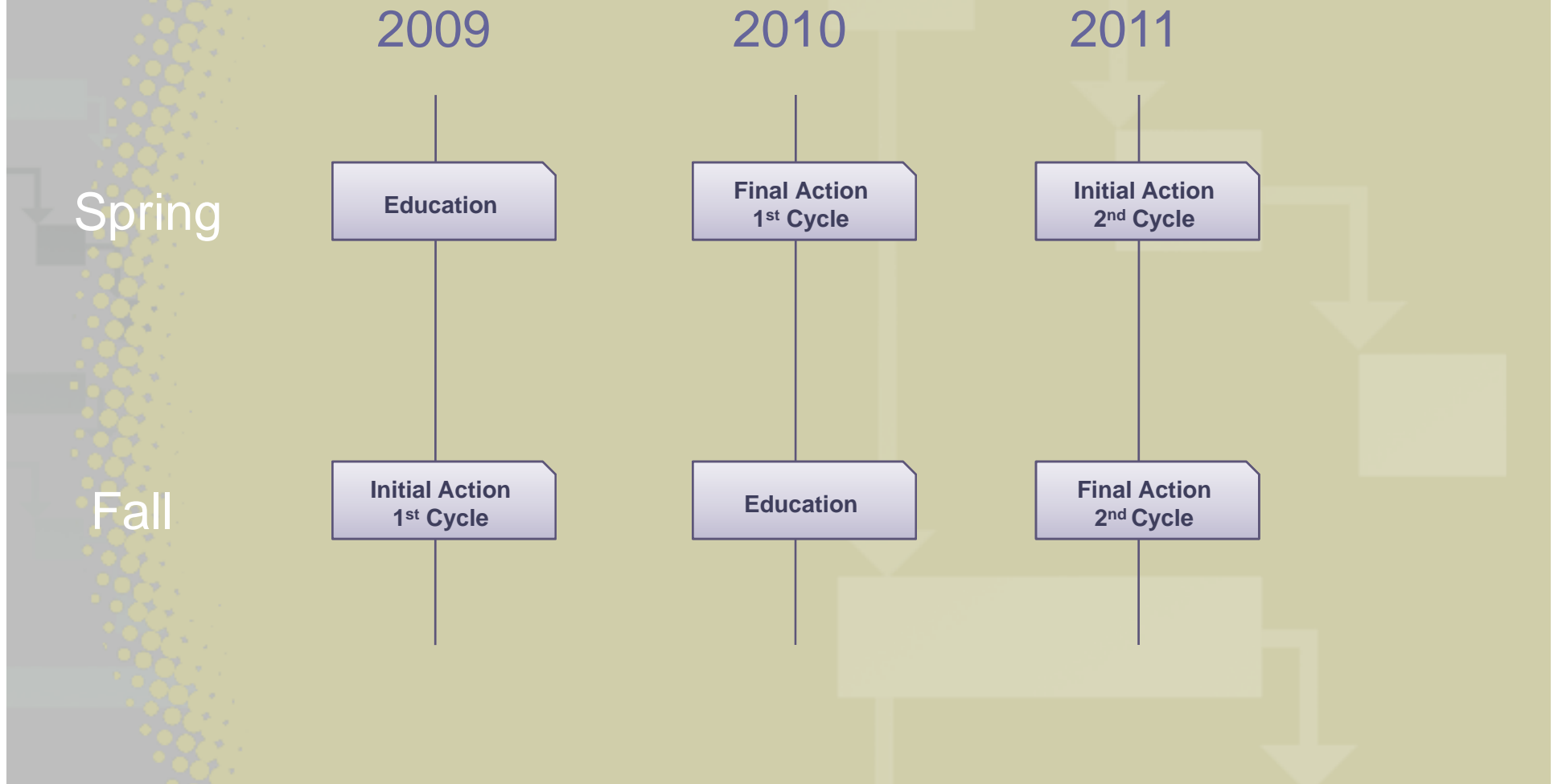
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# Criteria Provided by Board of Directors

- Reduce the length of the Code Development Hearings (CDH) and Final Action Hearings (FAH), both number of days and hours
- Maintain the ICC Governmental Consensus Process
- Reduce costs, both to the organization and the members
- Increase electronic processing
- Schedule all FAH at the Annual Business Meeting, which rotates location
- Schedule CDH at one central re-occurring location
- Increase participation
- Maintain the importance of in-person attendance at the CDH and FAH
- Increase importance of successful Assembly Action
- Maintain (or increase) education offerings
- Maintain the 3-year publication cycle
- Schedule CDH and FAH at about the same time every year

# Current Snapshot of 2012 Edition Code Development



# New Recommended Code Development Plan

2012

Initial Action  
Group A

Final Action  
Group A

2013

Initial Action  
Group B

Final Action  
Group B

2014

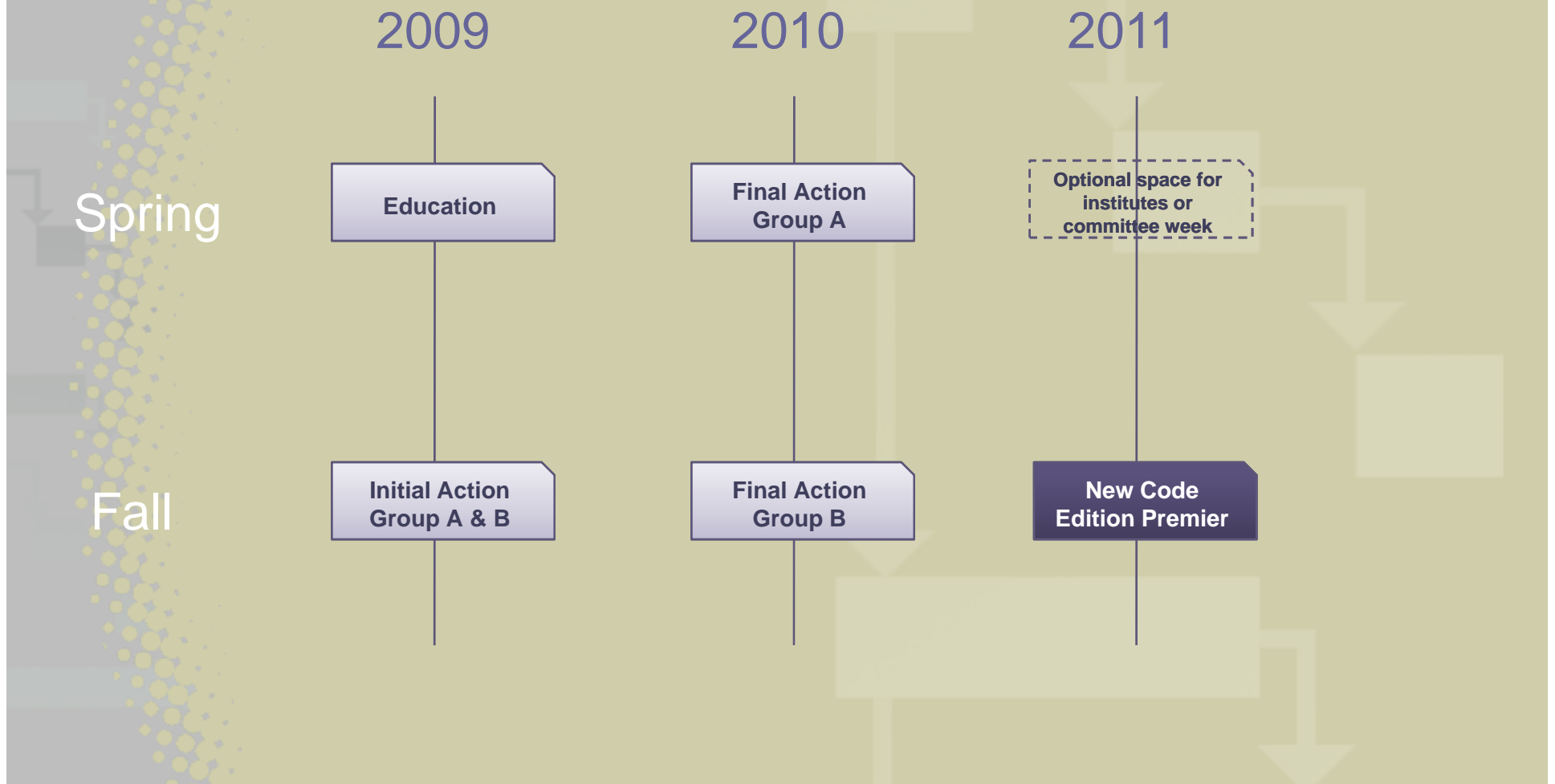
Optional space for  
institutes or  
committee week

New Code  
Edition Premier

Spring

Fall

# Code Development Transition Plan



# Supporting Information

## Fundamentals

- I-Codes retain 3-year publication schedule; eliminates need for Supplements
- Transitions the code update process to a maintenance process after 10 years of initial drafting and development
- I-Codes retain 3-year publication schedule
- First two years: two 12-month cycles; with separate code groupings in each cycle
- Third year: I-Codes published in the spring; followed by support documents such as commentary
- Code Edition Premier training sessions held at the third year Annual Conference
- Governmental consensus process maintained

# Supporting Information

## Logistics

- Code edition available 9 months prior to code change deadline
- Code change deadline: First working day in January for the code group under consideration
- Code Development Hearing
  - Two tracks
  - Length reduced to 9 days (Weekend – Weekdays - Weekend)
  - Daily hearing schedule reduced to manageable number of hours per day
  - Modifications permitted: technical and editorial
  - Successful assembly action at the Code Development Hearing becomes the initial motion to be considered at the Final Action Hearing
  - Held at reoccurring location in the April/May time-frame
- Final Action Hearing
  - One track
  - Length reduced to 6 days; follows Annual Conference
  - Daily hearing schedule reduced to manageable number of hours per day
  - Held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in the October/November time-frame
- Use of website for posting code development documents; followed by complimentary CD mailing
- Proposed code groupings:
  - Group A: IBC – Egress; IBC – Fire Safety; IBC – General  
IBC – Structural, IFGC, IMC, IPC, IPSDC
  - Group B: IECC; IRC Building/Energy  
Administration (Ch. 1); IEBC; IFC; IPPerformance; IPMC; IRC Mechanical/Plumbing;  
IWUIC; IZC

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## Scoping

In the ICC Code Development Process, scoping is the determination of which code committee considers specific code changes. The I-Codes note this with brackets [ ] next to the code section and a description is provided in the preface to the code.

This schedule notes the importance of code groupings versus code committee scoping considerations. For example, a change to the means of egress provisions in the IBC, which are duplicated in the IFC, requires the change to be submitted with the IBC grouping (Group A). A code change submitted to change the means of egress provisions in the IFC (Group B) in the following year would not be processed until the following cycle.