

Relentless, innovative, dedicated, and passionate: Shaunna Mozingo of Colorado Code Consulting exemplifies our industry's hard work on energy codes and energy efficiency in the built environment. We could easily fill all 1,000 words of her nomination with nothing but glowing adjectives of Shaunna and the wide-reaching impacts from her work. The Colorado Energy Code Compliance Collaborative is honored to nominate her for the Jeffrey A. Johnson Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Energy Codes, just as we are honored to have her leadership and dedication in our everyday work.

Known, admired, and respected by most every building official in the southwest, her impact is widespread and indisputable. She has traversed every corner of Colorado and the surrounding states, meeting with many hundreds of building officials and staff, learning their concerns and challenges and offering them unique and tailored ideas and solutions to boost energy code compliance and support local adoptions. She uses the results of these meetings and relationships and her deep knowledge of the energy code (seriously, she knows every word of every edition) to develop resources, design tools, conduct analyses, hold trainings and workshops, and cultivate new ideas that are then adapted across the country—while continually evolving her work and strategies to meet current needs.

Not afraid to ask the questions, not afraid to bring up hard topics, not afraid to tackle issues head-on with new approaches that haven't been tried elsewhere, never intimidated by complex or entrenched positions, and always seeking out people on all sides of an issue, Shaunna has single-handedly moved the needle on energy code advancement on all fronts—compliance, adoption, and development. She ceaselessly provides training resources to building officials, builders, architects, engineering firms, and efficiency professionals to boost compliance rates and “buy-in;” she is regularly invited by local jurisdictions to facilitate and advise local code adoption processes; and she is active in code development hearings including bringing multi-perspective stakeholders together to discuss and agree on proposals.

We cannot possibly list all of Shaunna's accomplishments, impacts, or projects, so we'll highlight a few recent ones that exemplify her vision, knowledge, and innovation.

- One recent project she spearheaded was designing and developing a commercial compliance study for Colorado, the first of its kind in the nation. It quickly expanded to include not just an evaluation of current commercial compliance but a living guide and multi-year strategy for boosting compliance in the code elements that have the biggest impact on energy savings. After effortlessly rounding up 44 commercial buildings across multiple market sectors and jurisdictions and evaluating their compliance (using an “energy left on the table” approach), Shaunna's study evaluated the top 10 energy uses by market sector, mapped those elements to code provisions, developed plan reviewer and inspector checklists for addressing those items, and used the findings to inform future trainings and outreach.
- She is undertaking local jurisdiction “compliance snapshots,” working one-on-one with building departments to walk through their processes and procedures, advise on their challenges, and recommend areas that could be improved, simplified, or made more efficient.

- Shaunna was chosen by the State of Colorado to lead the state’s energy code education, in-person trainings, local adoption technical support, architect and engineering firm outreach, and more. She was also chosen by Xcel Energy (Colorado’s largest utility) to lead its energy code outreach work including one-on-one jurisdiction compliance advising, educational materials to the building industry, and even energy code training for university students studying architecture, engineering, or sustainability. Well-known even beyond her home state’s 333 jurisdictions, she has current projects in various other western states as well as a contract with the national ICC to lead trainings across the nation.
- Shaunna runs the Wednesday Webinar Series, a weekly in-depth exploration of energy code topics such as compliance paths, thermal envelopes, lighting and controls, multifamily, plan review/inspection best practices, and many, many more. The webinars are attended by hundreds of plans examiners, inspectors, building professionals, and students from across the country—many of whom participate week-after-week.
- Shaunna has a personal goal of making the code more clear and easily-understandable so that it garners increased compliance, easier adoptions, and more champions. Many of her code proposals are aimed at code simplification and usability. She is always looking for ways for the code to become more effective.
- Building departments are now more willing to adopt newer and more stringent codes knowing that they can rely upon Shaunna for technical questions and perspectives. In 2016 Shaunna finished a multi-month-long process of facilitating Denver’s adoption of the 2015 IECC and now is helping several mountain towns, suburban communities, and rural areas. In doing so, her enthusiasm and commitment spreads to the building department staffs and building code committees.
- She excels at making connections. For instance, if a particular jurisdiction is on the fence about adoption, she’ll make connections with neighboring jurisdictions that can explain the benefits peer-to-peer, she’ll demonstrate that because of “spillover” many of the jurisdictions’ buildings are already built to the higher standards, and she’ll look for supportive industry professionals to be messengers.
- Shaunna integrates collaboration into every task and goal. In advance of code hearings, for example, she’ll convene groups of stakeholders from all perspectives to discuss, deliberate, vet, and improve potential code proposals and approaches. “The more people are engaged in the process—even if they come from different sides or end up on the other side of the table—the more vested they will be in helping the energy code succeed,” she explained.

For how much she accomplishes, we secretly suspect she might have a clone or two. Shaunna Mozingo lives and breathes energy codes and we are all fortunate that she dedicates her talents, time, energy, commitment, knowledge, and passion to them. She is highly deserving of the Jeffrey A. Johnson award.