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1 Eagan: My name is Jeff Eagan. I'm the Building Program
2 Manager for the Idaho Division of Occupational and
3 Professional licenses, formerly known as DBS. I'm
4 going to talk to you folks very briefly about the
5 building program, um, and before I get too far, I want
6 to see some raised -- some hands here. Who all are
7 electricians? Wait a minute, that was a maybe.

8 Male: Kind of.

9 Male: Yeah, but we agree with that maybe.

10 Male: You're a maybe.

11 Eagan: Are you licensed or not?

12 Male: I'm licensed.

13 Eagan: Okay. Building officials?

14 Male: Ex.

15 Eagan: Ex? You were --

16 Male: Licensed or not?

17 Eagan: Uh, plumbing, HVAC? Uh, all right. I've got a few
18 folks here that haven't raised a hand. Educators?
19 There's one, two -- who else? Uh, the three gentlemen
20 right there looking very suspicious.

21 Male: I'm a business agent for the teamsters and the
22 president of the building trades.

23 Eagan: Okay.

24 Male: Business manager of Laborer's Local 155.

25 Eagan: And?

1 Male: Organizer/PA for Local 155 also.

2 Eagan: Excellent. All right. Um, you may have if you were
3 in the first group, uh, been introduced to Michelle
4 and Tim. Uh, they are our administrators for the
5 Division of Building.

6 Male: Oh, I said it.

7 Eagan: (Inaudible - 00:03:09) occupational and professional
8 licenses. Um, and, uh, I know some of you probably
9 did not sit in on the first session. Maybe you -- you
10 did. Good. So you kind of got an introduction.

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12 What we're going to be all about for the near future
13 is reducing our regulations, making them much easier
14 to use. Um, getting rid of words that we don't need.
15 Uh, making websites easier to use and follow,
16 licensing easier. Uh, communication better. Uh, I
17 have a little slideshow presentation that I was going
18 to go through, but that would just put you to sleep
19 anyhow.

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21 But what I do want to point out a couple and that is
22 that this is a very static process. No, it's not.
23 This is very dynamic, and we've seen it -- even this
24 legislative session to be very dynamic. The
25 legislature passed a new statute, which incorporated,



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well, it, uh, uh, let me read it to you because it was one like we haven't really seen before. House Bill 143 was introduced into the session, and it became law. Uh, and it reads, "Mass timber construction. By January 1st, 2022, the Idaho Building Code Board shall amend the current Idaho Building Code to include the provisions of the 2021 International Building Code relating to mass timber construction. This must include permitting the three new mass timber construction types along with corresponding maximum heights and fire safety features."

So as part of the building program, we have a board, and that board was directed to make rule that incorporated all of the mass timber portions. And, so, uh, meetings were held. Everybody in the public was invited. Um, some participated and a new rule was created and became effective on July 1 of this year. So the Building Code Board is a -- is a really active thing, and, um, highly dynamic and those who were here for the electricians know that the only way things happen is by participating and not just in electrical, maybe, but building, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, all areas of construction. And, so, with that, I want to invite your participation today to, uh, give us your



1 input on what we can do to make things better for you,
2 better for the state, better for the citizens and, uh,
3 so I'm going to open this up for comment. Does
4 anybody have any questions at this point? Okay.

5 Male: I guess I do. Is there any move towards, uh, more of
6 a competency or anything regarding, uh, general
7 contractor licensing?

8 Eagan: Not that I'm aware of. Uh, and I think in this, uh,
9 realm, we're trying to, uh, either reduce requirements
10 for licensing so that we have more availability, for
11 one thing, uh, but no, not for general contractors we
12 haven't had that conversation.

13 Male: I sit on the board for the voluntary licensing. I
14 believe what Idaho Falls and Pocatello has, but it was
15 statewide, and that's being disbanded and, uh, so only
16 two cities for licensing requirements for, um, will be
17 Idaho Falls and the City of Pocatello.

18 Eagan: Yes, sir. Could you state your name, maybe?

19 Male: Yeah, sure, I'm Mike Stillman with NEMA (ph). And,
20 uh, uh, regarding the energy code, does, uh, does
21 Idaho have plans for their next energy code adoption?
22 And I was involved in the 2021 IECC development, and
23 it's about between 8.5 and 9% more energy efficient
24 than the 2018 was, and I'm just wondering how Idaho's,
25 uh, looking at the energy code adoption?



1 Eagan: We just adopted the 2018.

2 Stillman: Okay.

3 Eagan: Um, and are getting used to using it. I was talking
4 to Richard this morning, and he's just now -- I mean,
5 his city requiring JDNS, uh, for manual JDNS, so
6 that's sizing of your mechanical equipment. Has to do
7 with efficiencies of the structure, um, and, um, I --
8 the plans for the future are unknown. Um, we
9 currently have a very good and robust energy program
10 in the state.

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12 Um, we built in some more efficiencies and some more
13 flexibility just recently with the Building Code Board
14 and the HVAC Board by, uh, changing some of the rule
15 when it comes to duct work, um, because flex duct is
16 becoming very hard to come by for contractors. And
17 industry came to us and said, "What can we do?" Um,
18 and so we -- we are looking at ways to be more
19 flexible, more in tune with what's going on out in the
20 industry right at the moment. Uh, I think that's what
21 we'll be looking at. Uh, like I pointed out, this is
22 a very dynamic, moving thing. So we're going to hold
23 on to 2018 and see how that works. Uh, the cycle for,
24 um, reviewing codes, I think -- I don't know when the
25 energy code will come up again. Uh, perhaps Tim can

1 mention that, but, uh, you know, uh, we just got the
2 2018, so '21 we haven't entertained at all other than
3 mass timber, which portions of mass timber come from
4 the 2021 code.

5 Male: Thank you.

6 Eagan: Yeah. Well, like I said, we're looking for comments,
7 so come on up, and, uh, please let us hear what you
8 folks feel could make our program better. Nothing?
9 Somebody -- yeah.

10 Lamp: I'm, uh, Kelly Lamp with the National Electrical
11 Contractors Association. I was part of the first
12 group here and -- and in reviewing some of the
13 building code issues there, and with the adoption of
14 the heavy timber coming out of the 2021, uh, building
15 code, I just have a concern because when we look at --
16 at code adoption, obviously if -- if the industry had
17 moved forward with adopting the 2021, uh, building
18 code, then it would've naturally had that heavy timber
19 provision in there.

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21 And, unfortunately, in the State of Idaho, we're still
22 on the 2017 electrical code, which typically would not
23 permit, uh, uh, certain types of wiring in that heavy
24 timber, uh, construction style, uh, predominately,
25 Romax (ph). I'm sure we'll all familiar with Romax.

1 Whereas, in the 2020 National Electrical Code, since
2 it recognizes heavy timber construction, it would've
3 permitted that type of wiring being done in heavy
4 timber. So now I think what we're seeing here is
5 we're referencing newer editions of building codes and
6 electrical codes, but only the sections that we like.
7 And so I think we're doing to run into a problem
8 where, uh, typically the codes try to cycle, uh, in
9 process, and if we just take out the parts we like, we
10 could end up seeing that in -- in 2030, we're still on
11 the 2018 building code, and we've -- instead of just
12 seeing where you see where we delete various sections
13 we don't like but adopt the code as a whole, if we
14 start adopting the things we like out of the new code,
15 then somebody's going to come by and say, "Hey, let's
16 just stay in the 2018 code for the next two decades,
17 and we'll just adopt by reference the things we like
18 coming out of the new building codes." And I think
19 that's kind of slippery slope to go down is adopting
20 the things we like in new code without just adopting
21 the code. And as you currently do, you see where in
22 the building code you delete things that necessarily
23 aren't right in the State of Idaho, and I think that
24 you can continue to do that. And that's what we're
25 trying to do with the electrical code is go in there

1 and exclude certain items that don't seem right within
2 the State of Idaho for all the shareholders.

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4 So just a recommendation is -- is try to prohibit as
5 much adoption of newer building codes into the 2018
6 code without going through a full review process
7 adopting the code. Get the things you like and
8 potentially exclude the things you don't. And I think
9 the review process of the ZBR will kind of help public
10 input on say, "You know what, this provision in
11 building codes that's been around, excluded for 20
12 years, isn't necessarily legitimate anymore, so we can
13 go ahead and eliminate that."

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15 So just want to kind of give a heads up on kind of the
16 differences and how all the codes interrelates with
17 each other, and some of the problems we end up with
18 because now we have a heavy timber adopted in building
19 code, but in the State of Idaho, electrical code will
20 still not permit certain wiring methods to be used in
21 heavy timber even though we've adopted them from a
22 building perspective. Thank you.

23 Eagan: Do you have any concerns about (inaudible - 00:15:50)?
24 Richard?

25 Bigelow: You don't want me up here again. Richard Bigelow,

1 Building Official, City of Pocatello. One thing that
2 we would like to see addressed is in the building code
3 -- is, uh, a state statute on fire sprinkler
4 exemptions, so there's a loophole in it. And, uh,
5 Pocatello is kind of the leader in the loophole. Is,
6 um, so the state statute says that fire suppression is
7 exempt for one and two family dwellings." So that
8 they're doing is they're building duplexes, and
9 they're building them out of the IBC. And so you can
10 take a building and have 20 units in it and not fire
11 suppress it because it's separated by a two-hour
12 firewall, and therefore, it makes them separate
13 buildings so they're stacked duplexes.

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15 So it'd be nice -- and I know it's a legislation
16 thing, but it's kind of a big problem in our area, and
17 also different building officials, we view things
18 differently, and some of that is also because of our
19 employers and how we view it. But, um, anyway, so
20 that's what we're doing in Pocatello. Um, and I know
21 it's a legislature thing, but it'd be nice to maybe
22 look at that and get a review and -- and I don't know
23 how we break that down, but maybe some future support
24 on that would be -- would be beneficial.

25 Male: When you mention a reduction in licensing, is that a

1 reduction in -- in the requirements to be licensed or
2 just doing away with a general contractor's license?
3 Eagan: General contractors are required to be registered, not
4 licensed. Um, for public works contracting work,
5 you're required to have a public works contractor's
6 license. That's separate. Um, that currently is not
7 being looked at, so I think -- I think the goal here
8 is to look at licensing, all rules, all statutes and
9 requirements and say, um, "Do we have to have this?
10 Why do we have this?" Um, "what does it protect?
11 What is it for?" Um, and, you know, defend or have
12 good reasons for why we do it the way we do. Um, this
13 past, uh, few months we took quite a bit out of our
14 rules for the building code, and we also moved some of
15 the rules to building to factory built structures.
16 They had no use being in building. They needed to be
17 in a different place, but over time, it just got left
18 where they were.

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20 Finally, we had the ability to -- and the incentive to
21 put things where they should be, take words that
22 wasn't supposed to be there, and that's going to be an
23 ongoing process that we continually do. Uh, so that's
24 -- that's kind of the Zero Based Regulation is let's
25 clean things up and really have statutes and rules



1 that protect people and are necessary and get rid of
2 the stuff that we don't need anymore. And don't
3 introduce new stuff unless we really need it. Yes?

4 Stoddard: I've got a couple things. Um, we as a jurisdiction --
5 City of Rexburg, Brett Stoddard. Um, what -- what we
6 would like to see is -- is a little bit of help from
7 the state in this just because it -- and it gets
8 political locally as well as -- as statewide, we
9 realize that. But we have air B&Bs that we -- we kind
10 of got a handle on it now, but I'm not going to tell
11 you it wasn't painless getting there, you know,
12 getting to where we're at now. Air B&Bs, tiny homes,
13 I mean, we -- we -- we understand the definitions.

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15 I wish there was a little bit better, maybe some more
16 clarification on that. We felt that -- as a city, we
17 felt like when the state adopted through statute of
18 allowing air B&Bs, we felt like, "Okay. We have to
19 allow them. Where do we go with this?" And -- and we
20 kind of felt a little bit like the state said, "Yep,
21 we're going to allow them, good luck," you know? And
22 -- and so I guess if we could get a little bit more
23 clarification on that because sometimes some of that
24 falls into a planning and zoning realm, which whenever
25 it jumps into planning and zoning, we all know it's

1 very subjective. Um, so we -- we would appreciate any
2 help we can get from the state level regarding -- and
3 I would even say tiny homes and air B&Bs may be in the
4 same -- maybe even in the same boat.

5 Eagan: So when you say direction, what -- what are you
6 looking for specifically?

7 Stoddard: So I would say direction like this is what would be --
8 so -- so, for example, you take a single family home,
9 and we run into this and we've -- like I said, in
10 Rexburg, we really don't have the issue now because
11 we've put a lot of things in place to make it happen,
12 but I will tell you it's taken a lot of time to get
13 where we're at. The direction we would hope is to
14 maybe say, "If you're going to convert this, this is
15 what needs to happen," or "if you're going to use it
16 as an air B&B, here's what has to happen." And I'm
17 not saying additional rules, I'm saying more
18 additional clarification of how -- because here's
19 what's happening.

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21 You've got a single family dwelling. You've got --
22 let's say it's a three-bedroom home. Single family,
23 it's in a single-family neighborhood. We realize, you
24 know, planning and zoning can take some of that out or
25 whatever, but all that aside, we have three bedroom

1 homes that have storage closets, if you will, or hobby
2 rooms or whatever you want to call them that end up
3 being rented as a dwelling or a -- in an air B&B, it's
4 -- that's what I mean, it's not defined very well, of
5 what that is. So they end up renting a storage or a
6 den or a non-life safety compliant bedroom or sleeping
7 area, if you will, and then that ends up being an
8 issue, because we've run into that.

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10 So it's a three-bedroom home and all of a sudden it
11 has five units in it that can be rented as sleeping
12 areas. And we're going, "Okay. That's great until a
13 fire happens." And then when a fire happens you can't
14 get firefighters in, you can't get people out of that
15 sleeping area. And I know sometimes this all results
16 in more regulation based on body count, I get it. But
17 if we could have some clarification on some of that,
18 that would be awesome.

19 Eagan: Okay. Duly noted.

20 Stoddard: And I know there's a lot there.

21 Eagan: Yeah. I think one thing from the state level that we
22 have seen is that every city has their own needs and
23 their own, uh, unique features.

24 Stoddard: Sure.

25 Eagan: If you go to Lava Hot Springs, I don't think there's

1 hardly any structure there that isn't rented out
2 anymore.

3 Stoddard: Right. I agree with you.

4 Eagan: Uh, if you go to Ketchum -- if you go to Lake Coeur
5 d'Alene area, um, and so -- and each of those are in a
6 unique climate area, unique everything area.

7 Stoddard: Yeah.

8 Eagan: So I think the state was maybe prudent in not being
9 too, uh, specific and saying, "Pocatello you do what
10 you want. Rexburg you can do with your unique
11 situation." I imagine students probably live in some
12 of those. I -- I don't know, but --

13 Stoddard: Yeah, definitely, both college towns.

14 Eagan: Yeah, and so, um, I think that's one way that it gives
15 control to the locals without the heavy hand of the
16 state saying, "Here's what you're going to do."

17 Stoddard: Right. And I guess I was -- and -- and that's kind of
18 what I was saying is I don't -- I don't necessarily
19 want the state to come down and say, "Here, here's
20 more rules or mores regs."

21 Eagan: Right.

22 Stoddard: Just some clarification of, um, air B&Bs is just not
23 that addressed. I feel like it's been -- it's a weird
24 thing for an enforcement community. I'll just throw
25 it out there. For us to say, "You have a single

1 family home, and you've got five different -- not
2 families, but they're clearly not related, in one
3 single family home," right? And that -- that's "Where
4 do we go with this? How do we deal with this?" So,
5 like I said, we've kind of got ours figured out now,
6 but it's pretty painful getting -- getting to that
7 point, so. Anyways, any -- anything there -- and if I
8 could ask one more thing?

9 Eagan: Sure.

10 Stoddard: Regarding the, uh, IDOPL and the, um, Department of
11 Insurance, the DOI, do you guys, um, interact very
12 closely if as far as, like with Canoot (ph) and
13 yourself or with IDOPL regarding some of the fire
14 codes because obviously the fire codes in the IBC, you
15 know, the IFC and IBC are very much similar. Do you
16 guys compare notes often and make sure things don't
17 conflict?

18 Eagan: We do. In fact, they do all our plan reviews.
19 They're included in the plan reviews for new projects
20 --

21 Stoddard: Okay.

22 Eagan: -- and remodels. Um, and, you know, we have a open
23 phone line to Canoot.

24 Stoddard: Yeah.

25 Eagan: Um, sometimes he doesn't answer --

1 Stoddard: Right.

2 Eagan: -- because, you know, he's heard from us five times
3 already the -- the morning. But, yeah, we --

4 Stoddard: Okay.

5 Eagan: -- do communicate heavily, and I think they would
6 welcome anybody to communicate with them. As far as
7 on an agency level, I guess I would have to refer to
8 those two sitting there whether the Department of
9 Insurance and DOPL communicate at -- at that level.

10 Stoddard: Okay.

11 Eagan: But on, uh, on a project-by-project level, certainly
12 we do.

13 Stoddard: All right.

14 Eagan: And I guess that was the issue that Richard brought up
15 was one that --

16 Stoddard: Yeah.

17 Eagan: -- we communicated on heavily.

18 Male: Okay. And -- and that was where I was kind of going
19 with it is, sometimes and -- and to some points that
20 have already been made, we -- we -- we as a state, all
21 of us included, we look at the code, we look at
22 adopting it. We have, you know, people that are for
23 it and against it and the whole nine yards, right?
24 But what happens is, is we've found as we've dug
25 through some of the things that we've written out in

1 the past, like, what we're talking about with
2 Richard's scenario on the double duplex or whatever
3 you want to call it. Uh, we still call it a four-
4 plex, but it is what it is. We start running into
5 challenges where the IBC and the IFC they have, you
6 know, correlating committees and things like that that
7 are writing these codes. Um, and I'm not saying, you
8 know, more or less restrictive.

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10 There again, I'm just simply saying clarification is
11 very nice for us to where we can say, "Okay. We wrote
12 out single-family and two-family dwellings or as it
13 pertains to the IFC, but now we have two duplexes
14 stacked together that are clearly -- they're just
15 wanting to basically eliminate the requirement of a
16 sprinkler, which, I mean, is that really the purpose
17 we had in mind when we said, "Let's don't put
18 sprinklers in a double duplex, four-plex, whatever you
19 want to call that," right? That -- that's where I was
20 asking as I was hoping to maybe get to that where, um,
21 because -- because I was worried about that. One's
22 going to conflict with the other one.

23 Stoddard: And the problem with that statute was is the way the
24 statute was written, and I apologize because I don't
25 know it 100%, but it specifically states that it

1 exempts all the requirements in the IRC, the IBC and
2 IFC, so that's where we lose our fight because in the
3 IBC, it says R2s are going to be sprinklers. But when
4 it waives that exemption by the statute, then we're
5 just left to the IRC, and Idaho exempted the
6 requirements on the IRC for sprinkler, so that's how
7 they're able to sneak it in.

8 Eagan: Well, they're not sneaking it in. It's deliberately,
9 uh, okay to do it, so that's --

10 Stoddard: It -- it made it through the legal process --

11 Eagan: Right.

12 Stoddard: -- through the legislature --

13 Eagan: So --

14 Stoddard: -- without the unknown effects of the wording is how I
15 would put it.

16 Eagan: Well, and that's where the dynamic part comes in,
17 where you all, uh, participate. When we have board
18 meetings, get in there and -- and participate. Talk
19 to your legislative representatives.

20 Stoddard: But, I mean the legislature is the final say, and as
21 the gentleman earlier stated that he sat on the Energy
22 Board, I mean, we -- we barely got the energy coded
23 adopted last year -- two years ago, you know, to -- to
24 go in -- our current -- current energy code. There
25 was a lot of the legislature that was against the

1 adoption of the energy code. It was a -- it was a
2 fight, so --

3 Eagan: So for the union representatives, um, you have any
4 input for the state. How can we do things better?

5 Male: I'm not familiar enough on the building side of it.

6 Male: Yeah.

7 Male: I'm more -- more on the (inaudible - 00:30:40).

8 Eagan: Okay. Nothing? Good. Well, the educators are going
9 to get some new buildings pretty soon on campus to
10 plan review pretty quick. We've had several meetings,
11 and it looks pretty nice. Hope you're offices will be
12 in there. Yes, sir?

13 Male: (Inaudible - 00:31:19). On -- with the coronavirus
14 and all that stuff, there's a ton of federal money out
15 there for air purification, circulation and all that
16 stuff. Is there something that the building side of
17 it is doing on that? I know it's kind of a -- jumps
18 to both sides of the fence on that, so it's building
19 and it's HVAC.

20 Eagan: Right, and -- and I'm not aware of that -- those --
21 those items. I don't know if anybody else --

22 Male: Because I know, like, (inaudible - 00:31:44).

23 Eagan: Yeah, and I do know we have had several state projects
24 come up because of that with veterans' homes
25 specifically. Uh, some schools are looking at those

1 items and addressing the air-handling situation, but,
2 uh, as far as funding goes, I am not aware of where
3 that is.

4 Male: (Inaudible - 00:32:11) because there's -- there is
5 federal money (inaudible - 00:32:15).

6 Eagan: Not that I'm aware of. Tim, maybe you -- in the loop
7 on any of that? Okay.

8 Frost: I'm not aware of anything that DFM has appropriated or
9 made a recommendation. Every year the legislature --
10 the governor will do his recommendations on, um, how
11 to appropriate the budget to the legislature, and then
12 they'll agree or disagree and then go through the
13 finance and appropriations committee. So to the
14 extent that you were looking at if it came to that, I
15 would focus your time on those particular legislators
16 to discuss the needs and how much money (inaudible -
17 00:32:55).

18 Male: Okay.

19 Eagan: Well, I don't know how long I can drag this out. Um,
20 are there other things I should address, Tim?

21 Male: So I have a question.

22 Eagan: Sure.

23 Male: So at the beginning, you, uh, you mentioned that you
24 wanted to improve communication and --

25 Eagan: Yes.

1 Male: -- so can you address how you're going to do that.

2 Eagan: Uh, improve communication? Well, we started by -- we
3 have a new website, a DOPL website, and I can assure
4 you that gets updated very quickly, um, and, uh --

5 Frost: How would you like to be communicated to? I guess how
6 it's been in the past, has it worked well? Has it not
7 worked well? You know, what does that look like to
8 you, and what would you like to see? I mean
9 that -- I think the goal here is hearing from you all
10 on what would you like to be different, what's worked
11 well?

12 Male: I -- I think the biggest thing that we've heard from
13 mainly contractors, homeowners, have been trying to
14 navigate through the -- the state website to find
15 certain things. So I don't know if that has changed
16 very much at all. Um, but, uh, not -- not knowing,
17 for example, what -- what the permit number is, but
18 the homeowner wants to know, "Hey, did my electrical
19 inspection pass?" And they're not able to find that
20 information, so, just trying to make it easier for
21 people to know kind of whether it's been looked at or
22 not.

23 Eagan: That's good feedback, thank you.

24 Male: Yeah.

25 Eagan: Thanks. Any -- so it -- is it -- it's not necessarily

1 communication with the inspector or the, uh, building
2 official or anything like that. It's more just from
3 your point, what you're hearing, is simple things,
4 like, "Did my inspection get done?"

5 Male: Yeah, mainly from -- from homeowner and even
6 contractors that need to know what their plumbing
7 subcontractor's permit number is on it.

8 Eagan: Right. Okay.

9 Male: They're not sure whether they can go forward or not.

10 Female: If -- if I can, I -- I appreciate any other feedback,
11 like other items that you'd like (inaudible -
12 00:35:31).

13 Male: Okay.

14 Female: We -- we're definitely addressing that with the new
15 licensing system. Um, we brought, um, people from all
16 over the different agencies, but, um, quite honestly
17 DBS' licensing system is, um, needs to be replaced.
18 And so we are working as quickly as we can to get a
19 new licensing system for all of us. But part of what
20 we're looking at it is having the permits online and
21 having easy access for the, um, permit holders and the
22 contractors.

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24 And, um, the demos that I've seen of the systems are
25 so user-friendly, which is one of the beauties of us



1 all being together and being able to afford a great
2 licensing system. But, um, you know, tracking from
3 when it was purchased, when it was completed, you
4 know, the whole thing is just really transparent,
5 creating some transparency there. So if you have any
6 other thoughts on that, I'd - I'd love to hear it.
7 We're - we're still at the giving feedback process of
8 what we want in that system.

9 Male: Okay.

10 Male: Will that be strictly homeowner and contractor? Will
11 that be -- will that be let out to building officials,
12 building inspectors because when they go in and do
13 finals or rough-ins, that's part of their inspection
14 to collect that information to verify that it's been
15 completed. And sometimes there's no tags on the -- on
16 the equipment stating it's been done, so we end up
17 having to chase down whoever it -- it was that did the
18 -- did the inspection, and we don't know who it is
19 half the time. Just simplify it there.

20 Female: I don't know. I -- but thank you for the comment.

21 Male: So how would you propose finding out that information?
22 The street address? Uh, knowing the owner's name?

23 Stoddard: It would be nice if the inspector could send an email
24 to the jurisdiction the same time they send the email
25 to the homeowner.

1 Male: I think that would be great because I think everybody
2 -- every jurisdiction may know it's either based off a
3 name, it'd be based off the contract -- you know, the
4 homeowner, the contractor, the address, permit number.
5 You know, there's so many varieties of things in
6 there. If there was something simple like that,
7 that'd be really nice. So, there's a lot of unknown
8 going on out there, and I'm sorry to say it, but the
9 state seems to forget the rest of us.

10 Eagan: We don't want to do that, no. Okay.

11 Male: So I have one, uh, additional question.

12 Eagan:: Good.

13 Male: So, I think, something that's been kind of addressed
14 here today is education. I think, um, it would be a
15 great thing for us to have, at the state level, some
16 education on our codes, like, for state
17 representatives, local representatives, you know,
18 homeowners, everyone so that everyone understands why
19 we do what we do. So --

20 Eagan: That's -- that's a good comment.

21 Male: Is there any -- kind of along the lines with, uh, with
22 Cody, is there anything that we've -- maybe we've
23 talked about, and maybe I've just been out of the loop
24 and I apologize if I have, um, regarding continuing ed
25 requirements or anything like that? Maybe not even a

1 requirement, but maybe it's even more of a proactive
2 approach of having, um, the state put on, you know, in
3 the three regions or something, um, you know, some
4 continuing ed or some education regarding, um,
5 information that might be pertinent to a general
6 contractor or -- or anything that way?

7 Frost: It's -- yeah, I don't know -- building officials puts
8 on trainings. Uh --

9 Male: (Inaudible - 00:39:46).

10 Frost: -- yeah, often. Um, with COVID, some of that had to
11 go online.

12 Male: Right.

13 Frost: Um, so those trainings are continuing. Um, as far as
14 DOPL goes, we have provided trainings often up until
15 COVID. Um, uh, and I know the AIA also has -- has
16 trainings, um, but I think you're kind of looking for
17 something that's open to more general populous, say
18 like an introduction 101 course on building. And this
19 is the codes, and this is why we have them and, uh,
20 here's what we do with them, that kind of thing.

21 Male: Probably very similar because something that got
22 brought up by this gentleman right back here is
23 adopting more current codes. And I think I mentioned
24 that, you know, I -- I was on a conference call with
25 some of the state representatives on that energy code,

1 and it did not go very well because a lack of
2 education, I think, is what it came down to.

3 Eagan: I know -- I know the Association of Cities also is
4 having some legislative training coming up, um, where
5 they're going to be sitting down with -- every
6 legislator, I think, is getting invited, and they're
7 going to do some training and, uh, get feedback on
8 specifically the energy codes.

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10 I feel like I should introduce some of the other staff
11 in the room. I don't know how many of you folks know,
12 uh, I'll start with Jeff Geiser (ph). He's a Building
13 Inspector for the State of Idaho and, uh, does some
14 plan review for residential. Jim Lynch (ph) is a
15 Regional Manager person. He oversees our, uh, Idaho
16 projects including, uh, we have contracts with the
17 cities of Ketchum, Haley, Bellevue, Fairfield, uh,
18 (Inaudible - 00:42:43), up and down the valley here,
19 um, and he does inspections and helps with those
20 cities. Uh, Kelly Streeper (ph) actually manages the
21 contracts with those cities. Um, and, uh, other staff
22 -- I don't see anybody else in here. Our former
23 Administrator and all around good guy in the back of
24 the room there is Chris Jensen (ph), who collects a
25 handsome fee for all the consulting work he does for

1 us, uh, whenever I pick the phone and call him.

2 Male: I was looking for donuts, but I discovered you didn't
3 have any donuts.

4 Eagan: Yeah. All the cutbacks. Um, so all these folks are
5 at your disposal, and, um, they work for the state and
6 they're dedicated to making your lives easier. Um, I
7 don't really know what else we can talk about. No
8 other building concerns. Should we move on to the
9 next thing? Good. John?

10 Male: Yes.

11 Eagan:: Um --

12 Male: I know Mike's got he's going to try and figure out to
13 get his Power Point working --

14 Eagan: Okay.

15 Male: -- if possible, so --

16 Eagan: Yeah, his Power Point's much better than mine. All
17 right. I think we're going to hand it over to
18 Michael.

19 Male: Okay.

20 Eagan: Um --

21 Frost: Mike's is not for a few minutes, so, nobody has other
22 comments related to building code or energy code?
23 Just want to thank you all for coming out. Appreciate
24 your feedback on all of this, and, um, we're open to
25 any phone calls, emails, written comments of things

1 that -- ideas that you come up with. Any -- any will
2 be considered.

3 Male: Any?

4 Frost: We appreciate you guys coming out, though, and
5 appreciate you (inaudible - 00:44:55).

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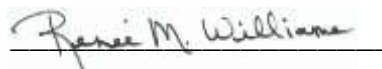
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