

## What We Do

The mission of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is to build strong, vibrant communities. Using state and federal resources, DCA promotes and implements community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing across the state.



## Coming Up!

### July

11 | Regional Workshop **NEW!**

13 | ARC Workshop

### August

8 | Codes IBAC Meeting

15 | 2015 IECC Task Force Meeting #8

16-17 | DCA Board Meeting

18 | Lender Advisory Meeting

### September

19 | GICH Retreat

21 | 2015 IECC Task Force Meeting #9

TBD | Census LUCA Workshops



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## DCA May/June Newsletter

### DCA gets sneak preview of Falcons' future home

Earlier this year, Commissioner Camila Knowles joined DCA staff from the Office of Construction Codes on an extensive tour of Mercedes-Benz Stadium, future home of the Atlanta Falcons. The tour was led by Jim Scerenscko, the lead electrical quality control manager for the project and a member of both the State Codes Advisory Committee and the 2017 National Electrical Code Task Force. His expertise has been an asset to the stadium construction as well as the State of Georgia in its adoption of construction codes. The group was able to view the impressive size and scale of stadium's mechanical and plumbing systems as well as its complex electrical design. .... [read more here](#)

### HB73 Update: Next Steps for the RURAL bill

On May 8, Governor Nathan Deal signed the RURAL (Revitalizing Underdeveloped Rural Areas Legislation) bill, HB 73, into law. The bill, which goes into effect on July 1, 2017, is a comprehensive incentive package that integrates multiple resources to help build new opportunities for rural economic development. The legislation offers incentives for job creation, commercial investment, and business activity in rural downtown areas through a series of tax credits: a job tax credit, an investment credit and a rehabilitation credit. .... [read more here](#)

### 2020 Census: Initial prep work underway

It's that time again! While the 2020 Census is still nearly three years away, preparation has started and pre-2020 Census operations are ramping up. One of the first steps is the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation, or LUCA. This is the one and only opportunity for local governments to review and correct the Census address list, which is the foundation of an accurate count in 2020..... [read more here](#)

### DCA Division Highlight: Energy Code Updates & IBAC News

In January, the National Electrical Code (NEC) Task Force had their final meeting to review the 2017 National Electrical Code. The Task Force approved the proposed 2017 NEC code, which will replace the 2014 version as the State Minimum Standard Electrical Code, and presented its final report to the State Codes Advisory Committee on June 22, 2017. .... [read more here](#)

### Georgia hosts National Housing Credit Connect Conference

Beginning June 20, DCA hosted the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) annual Housing Credit Connect Conference in Atlanta. Each year, this conference brings together Housing Finance Agency members from all 50 states and their industry partners. DCA Commissioner Camila Knowles welcomed more than 1,100 conference attendees with a spotlight on the success stories achieved by the housing tax credit in Atlanta. .... [read more here](#)

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