MEMORANDUM

DATE:        April 15, 2011

TO:          Industrialized/Modular Building Manufacturers
             Maryland Approved Testing Facilities
             Local Building Officials And
             All Other Interested Parties

FROM:        Ed Landon, Director, Maryland Codes Administration

RE:          Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS) and Model
             Performance Code (MPC); 2012 International Building Code, 2012
             International Residential Code, and 2012 International Energy
             Conservation Code

As required by the Maryland Public Safety Article, 12-503, the Department shall adopt
International Energy conservation Code. As in the last code cycle, in order to incorporate
a minimum number of modifications to these codes, the Department is considering a
proposal incorporating only those modifications which are required by the State
mandated statutes like Maryland Accessibility Code, Maryland Energy Code, State
Safety Glazing requirements, State Mechanical and Plumbing Code, and State Elevator
Code etc.

In accordance with 2011 House Bill 972, the Department is considering adoption of the
International Green Construction Code providing for a delayed effective date thirty days
after it is published by the International Code Council around March of 2012.

The Department is also considering adoption of the Silver rating of the International
Code Council’s ICC – 700, National Green Building Standards and/ or the Silver rating
of the U. S. Green Building Council’s LEED for Home rating system to encourage the
construction of new residential structures that will be considered high-performance
homes under 2011 House Bill 630. You are requested to send your preliminary
comments on this proposal on or before August 31, 2011, to:
Upon receipt of the preliminary comments, the Department will review all the comments and will consider proposed modifications. Following our review, the Department will be conducting a public hearing to discuss any of the Department’s proposed changes to the MBPS or MPC sometime after August 31, 2011.