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ICC-ES ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) has selected seven highly qualified members from many applications received to serve on the Environmental Committee that will support the expansion of ICC-ES Environmental Programs. “The applicants who applied for membership on the Environmental Committee were very impressive,” said Rob Brooks, ICC-ES Director of Environmental Programs. “The applicants’ experience included such topics as sustainable sites, building materials, indoor air quality, water efficiency, life cycle analysis as well as energy topics such as energy efficiency, lighting, mechanical systems, and commissioning. We were fortunate to get such a broad range of experience on the committee. It will be needed to show manufacturers how to comply with the newer green codes such as CALGreen, the *International Green Construction Code* (IgCC), and ASHRAE 189.1.”

About the Environmental Committee

The purpose of the Environmental Committee is to consider and approve criteria for products and systems under the *International Green Construction Code* (IgCC), the *International Energy Conservation Code* (IECC) and other green building rating systems/codes.

The ICC-ES Environmental Committee will also monitor the work of ICC-ES in issuing evaluation reports on “green” products; study and approve the Environmental Criteria (ECs) on which evaluation reports may be based; and sponsor related changes in the applicable codes.

The committee provides ICC-ES with access to outside expertise for help in developing requirements for products and systems that are not adequately covered or defined in the codes.

The Environmental Committee is constituted similarly to ICC code committees, in that a minimum of one-third of its members will be code officials. Seven committee members were selected; three code officials, one engineer, one architect, one standards developer and one from academia/research. The committee will meet a minimum of three times per year, and meetings that do not require public input will be held virtually.

The first [meeting](#) of the Environmental Committee will be held in Los Angeles, CA, on February 13 and 14, 2012. Committee action will be required on several new or revised criteria. Four new criteria are being introduced on the topics of recyclability, used material content, design life, and pervious and permeable paving materials. Seven existing criteria are also being [balloted](#) to the committee through the Alternative Criteria process.

Committee Composition:

The seven committee members selected are:

<i>Committee Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Category</i>
Chair	Dru Meadows	The Greenteam, Tulsa, OK	Standards
Member	Darren Molnar-Port	State of NJ, Dept. of Community Affairs	General
Member	Becky Baker	Jefferson County, CO	General
Member	Sharon Goei	City of Walnut Creek, CA	General
Member	Frances Yang	ASCE/SEI, SEAONC – San Francisco, CA	Engineer
Member	Brad Oberg	IBACOS, Pittsburg, PA	Research
Member	Cynthia Phakos	Koffka Phakos Design, Los Angeles, CA	Architect

Dru Meadows is the Chair of the ASTM E60 Sustainability Committee, and a past member of the USGBC Board of Directors, the LEED Steering Committee, and the GBI/ANSI standards committee.

Darren Molnar-Port is a member of the IGCC General Committee and the NAHB/ICC-700 NGBS 2012 Update Consensus Committee. Mr. Molnar-Port will provide an important historical perspective on code development for the IgCC and ICC-700.

Becky Baker has been a code official since 1984 and was a Chairperson of the IgCC General Committee. Ms. Baker is an Honorary Member of the International Code Council (ICC) and a past president of the Colorado Chapter of the ICC, and currently serves on several state and national committees.

Sharon Goei has experience applying and enforcing the California Energy Code and CALGreen code as a Plan Check Engineer for the City of Walnut Creek, CA. Sharon is currently serving on the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee and will assist the other Environmental Committee members regarding the Criteria acceptance process.

Frances Yang is a member of the ASCE/SEI and SEAONC Sustainability Committees. She has 10 years of experience with structural engineering, and for three years has been involved in building sustainability, including life cycle assessment.

Brad Oberg works for IBACOS, an independent consulting firm that manages the Best Practices Research Alliance. The Alliance works together with builders and suppliers to develop the technical and business best practices that will allow high-quality, energy efficient homes to become part of mainstream America. Mr. Oberg has an architectural background, and research experience under the DOE Building America research program.

Cynthia Phakos is a residential architect and educator on green building. Ms. Phakos has focused on green building for the past twelve years and writes frequently for the Green Home Guide on topics related to green building materials.

About ICC-ES

A nonprofit, limited liability company, ICC-ES is the United States' leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. ICC-ES [Evaluation Reports](#) (ESRs) and [PMG Listings](#) provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. ICC-ES also issues environmental reports verifying that products meet specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES [environmental criteria](#). ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the [International Code Council](#)® (ICC®). For more information, please visit www.icc-es.org.

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