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ICC-ES Includes Environmental Performance as an "Added Value"

Increasing demand for sustainable construction is leading more building product manufacturers to seek independent verification of the sustainable features of their products.

"Green building is shifting from voluntary standards to mandatory codes," ICC-ES Director of Environmental Programs Rob Brooks said. "Code officials rely on independent verification of product attributes to substantiate compliance to the code—whether it's structural, fire, mechanical, plumbing or environmental performance. We are seeing report holders add environmental performance to their existing reports as an added value feature."

The <u>ICC Evaluation Service</u> (ICC-ES) addresses this need by evaluating the sustainable attributes of building products to verify compliance eligibility based on the most widely accepted green building codes, standards, guidelines and green rating systems. During the product evaluation, ICC-ES reviews the production process to verify it meets specific sustainability targets. Where applicable, the report includes a matrix of the product's eligibility with green building codes, standards, guidelines and green rating systems.

ICC-ES recently issued reports to <u>Angelus Block Company</u> (<u>VAR-1018</u>), <u>Boise Cascade</u> (<u>VAR-1017</u>), <u>Onduline S.A.</u> (<u>VAR-1016</u>), <u>Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies</u> (<u>AERT</u>) (<u>VAR-1015</u>) and <u>Orco Block Company</u> (<u>VAR-1014</u>).

About ICC-ES, LLC

A nonprofit, limited liability company, ICC-ES is the United States' leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. The ICC-ES <u>Evaluation Reports</u> and <u>PMG Listing Program</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements in codes and standards. The <u>ICC-ES SAVE Program</u> provides manufacturers with verification that their products meet specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards and green rating systems. The program also takes into account codes such as the *International Green Construction Code*® (IgCC®) and the *California Green Building Standards Code* (CALGreen). ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the <u>International Code Council</u>.

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