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L.A. Broadens Acceptance of ICC-ES Product Evaluations that Do Not Require City's Research Reports

ICC-ES Evaluation Reports Covering New Product Categories Now Accepted

The city of Los Angeles Department of Building Safety (LADBS) has expanded its acceptance of ICC-ES evaluation reports to include two new categories of building products without requiring the city's own Research Reports (LARR). The two product categories are Non-Structural Fire Life Safety; and Structural Non-Seismic, or Non-Wind. Manufacturers may submit current ICC-ES evaluation reports to LADBS for consideration. For more details and a table with examples of the new products that will be accepted, please view Information Bulletin (IB) P/BC-2011-119 – Alternate Building Materials/Products Approval Requirements – posted on the LADBS website.

"The city of Los Angeles' decision to expand their acceptance of ICC-ES evaluation reports further increases our already widely accepted reputation as the leading evaluation service within the building industry," said ICC-ES President, Shahin Moinian. "Adding these categories will enhance the efficiency by which more manufacturers are able to enter this market. We will continue to provide the city with evaluation reports for these new categories that are rigorously reviewed by our expert technical staff."

In addition to evaluations to consensus standards, ICC-ES has a trusted review process for innovative products. Section 104.11 of the *International Building Code*® allows ICC-ES to facilitate acceptance of new technologies in the marketplace through the development of ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria (AC). ACs establish a baseline that objectively measures innovative products and provides technical guidance.

Together with its parent organization, the <u>International Code Council</u>, ICC-ES develops and fosters safe and sustainable design and construction. ICC-ES has 80-plus years of experience and nearly 1,600 active evaluation reports.

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 <u>Evaluation Reports</u> (ESRs), <u>Building Product Listings</u> and <u>PMG Listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. The ICC-ES Environmental Programs issue VAR environmental reports that verify a product meets specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES <u>environmental criteria</u>. The Environmental Programs now offer Environmental Product Declarations (<u>EPDs</u>), to meet global market demand for science-based, transparent, quality-assured information about a product's environmental performance. ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the <u>International Code Council</u>® (ICC®). For more information, please visit <u>www.icc-es.org</u>.