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ICC-ES, CSSA Offer Product Certification Supplements for Steel Stud and Track Manufacturers

ICC Evaluation Service ([ICC-ES](http://www.icc-es.org)) and the Certified Steel Stud Association ([CSSA](http://www.cssa.org)) have developed a steel stud code compliance certification program that provides code compliance certification through the use of evaluation report supplements and inspections to CSSA member companies. CSSA members will benefit from this new program by ICC-ES' certification verifying their compliance to the most current applicable codes. CSSA's three founding members are California Expanded Metal Products Company (CEMCO), Ware Industries, Inc. and Telling Industries, LLC, who hold ICC-ES [ESR-3016](#) and [ESR-2620](#). All CSSA members are required to certify through ICC-ES any similar stud and track products.

"This cooperative effort is beneficial to the industry as well as code officials and specifiers who look to our evaluation reports to ensure code compliance," said ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian. "ICC-ES is honored and pleased to be the certification agency of choice for CSSA."

Membership with CSSA is open to all manufacturers who have produced stud and track for at least one year. Steel stud and track manufacturers who [apply](#) for CSSA membership can either supply their own ICC-ES evaluation report or access those provided by CSSA once it is determined they meet the requirements of the ICC-ES program and approved as a member.

ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the International Code Council ([ICC](http://www.icc.org)), which develops the *International Building Code*[®] (IBC), and will play an integral role in the program to include inspections to verify a manufacturer's compliance to current codes.

"CSSA's simple approach to code compliance will ensure members' products will always be tested to the most current standards," said Chip Gardner, CSSA Chairman. "This is because we have partnered with ICC-ES, a subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC), which develops the *International Building Code*[®] (IBC). In our opinion, any program that cannot pass muster with ICC-ES falls short of the true intent of the IBC."

ICC-ES evaluates building products for code compliance. Code officials, building inspectors, architects, distributors and contractors recognize the ICC-ES name as the leader in building product evaluations. ICC-ES is an ANSI accredited listing agency fully complying with section 1703 of the IBC.

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), [Building Product Listings](#) and [PMG Listings](#) 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 [environmental criteria](#). The Environmental Programs now offer Environmental Product Declarations ([EPDs](#)), 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 [International Code Council](#)[®] (ICC[®]). For more information, please visit www.icc-es.org.

About the CSSA

The Certified Steel Stud Association (CSSA) founded by CEMCO, Marino\WARE and Telling is an organization dedicated to certification for code compliance for steel stud manufacturers. Our approach ensures that building owners, contractors and distributors receive metal framing products that they are certain to meet the most recent building code. The ICC Evaluation service and the CSSA have developed a code compliance certification program for our members. CSSA is proud to partner with ICC-ES for a 3rd party certification program. For more information please visit www.certifiedsteelstud.com

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