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ICC-ES Earns Prestigious WSSPC Award in Excellence

Award recognizes ICC-ES Evaluation Reports for identifying safe, effective materials and designs that provide public safety to combat seismic activity

The <u>Western States Seismic Policy Council</u> (WSSPC) Board of Directors has honored ICC Evaluation Service, LLC, Evaluation Report Program as a recipient of the <u>2014 Non-Profit Agency</u> Efforts Award in Excellence.

"We are pleased to receive such a prestigious award, which is a testament to ICC-ES' outstanding technical expertise and rigorous evaluation program," said ICC-ES President, <u>Shahin Moinian</u>. "This award recognizes the dedication of ICC-ES staff to maintain the highest level of integrity and service to clients."

"The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) <u>Evaluation Reports Program</u> is a valuable tool for those involved in the development process to find safe and effective seismic materials and designs to help assure the safety of the inhabitants of modern buildings and the continuity of our communities," according to WSSPC. "Maintaining a committee of volunteer experts can be challenging for any organization, but because of the strength of the ICC membership, ICC-ES manages to attract a variety of experts in the built environment on regular basis in order to assure the approved Acceptance Criteria remain at the highest quality."

Also receiving recognition from WSSPC is **Ron Lynn**, a Past President of the International Code Council. Lynn, Director/Building Official for the Clark County (Nev.) Department of Development Services, is a <u>WSSPC 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award in Earthquake Risk Reduction award recipient.</u> He was one of the first local government representatives to join WSSPC as an affiliate member.

"We are very proud and honored by the recognition from the Western States Seismic Policy Council of the accomplishments of the ICC Evaluation Service, past ICC Board President Ron Lynn, and the work the Code Council does to mitigate seismic events in the built environment," said ICC CEO Dominic Sims, CBO. "This award reinforces the work that ICC members and building professionals throughout the world do to improve public safety."

"The awards highlight the integrity and technical expertise of ICC, its members, and the ICC-ES evaluation report program and staff," said Stephen Jones, CBO, President of the ICC Board of Directors. "The future of code enforcement is bright with code officials using ICC-ES reports to help lead the way to a safer and more resilient built environment."

The WSSPC *Awards in Excellence* program was started in 1996 to recognize achievement in different areas of earthquake mitigation, preparedness and response. The Awards will be presented at the 2014 Western States Seismic Policy Council Annual Meeting held at BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 21, 2014. Summaries of the 2014 winning programs and projects are posted on the Western States Seismic Policy Council's website at *www.wsspc.org*.

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>.

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