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## **ICC-ES, Beijing Building Materials Testing Academy to Expand Services to Chinese Building Materials Manufacturers**

ICC Evaluation Service ([ICC-ES](http://www.icc-es.org)) and Beijing Building Materials Testing Academy ([BMT](http://www.bmt.com.cn)) have signed an Agreement of Strategic Alliance to encourage evaluation of Chinese manufacturers' building, plumbing, mechanical and fuel-gas (PMG) products to the International Codes and related standards. Chinese manufacturers that work through BMT and obtain ICC-ES evaluation reports or listings will benefit from the long established reputation of ICC-ES standing behind their products, that will help them gain entry in the U.S. construction sector.

BMT is a leading commercial third-party testing laboratory equipped with modern testing equipment and scientific testing methods for more than 100 categories and thousands of products, including building products, PMG, sanitary and hardware products, on a global scale. BMT testing programs are accredited by the China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment ([CNAS](http://www.cnas.com.cn)).

BMT will test products to the requirements of ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria and national standards for code compliance and provide a submittal package to ICC-ES on behalf of their clients for an ICC-ES evaluation report or listing. Once a listing or evaluation report is issued, it will help manufacturers quickly and accurately obtain the proper credentials to market their products in the U.S. ICC-ES and BMT will mutually assist each other with the interpretation of technical data. With this cooperation, code officials can be assured of a product's compliance to applicable codes and standards when approving these products for installation.

Under the agreement, both ICC-ES and BMT agree to a guaranteed delivery time through a single point of contact from both parties and shared files, allowing for a more efficient processing of the workflow. Customers can expect BMT to complete all documentation required by ICC-ES for an evaluation report or listing, within 30 days following completion of all pertinent test procedures. ICC-ES will complete the initial review of data within 30 days following receipt of a complete submittal package.

ICC-ES is an active member of the World Federation of Technical Assessment Organizations (WFTAO). WFTAO is an independent worldwide organization comprising organizations from many nations dedicated to facilitating the transfer of innovative building products to the global marketplace. ICC-ES, a subsidiary of the International Code Council ([ICC](http://www.iccc.org)), has more than 80 years of experience and with 1,400-plus active evaluation reports, is the industry leader in technical evaluations.

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## **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](#)<sup>®</sup> (ICC<sup>®</sup>). For more information, please visit [www.icc-es.org](http://www.icc-es.org).

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