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## ICC-ES Evaluation Reports Accepted by city of LA Department of Building Safety without Requiring City's Research Reports

The city of Los Angeles Department of Building Safety now accepts <u>ICC-ES</u> Evaluation Reports for many product categories without requiring the city's own Research Reports. Included in the list are nonstructural or fire-life safety alternate building materials and products listed with acceptable current evaluation reports. That includes exterior wall coatings, interior finishes, fire assemblies, insulation and roofing materials. For a complete list, please view section B.2 of Information Bulletin (IB) P/BC-2011-119 posted on the Los Angeles Department of Building Safety <u>website</u>.

"The city of Los Angeles' decision to accept ICC-ES Evaluation Reports broadens our already widely accepted reputation as the leading evaluation service within the building industry," said ICC-ES President, <u>Shahin Moinian</u>. "As ICC-ES continues to work hard to meet the needs of our customers, we will continue to provide the city with evaluation reports that are rigorously reviewed by our expert technical staff."

In addition to evaluations to consensus standards, ICC-ES has created a unique and 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). <u>ACs</u> establish a baseline to objectively measure innovative products and provide technical guidance when innovative products are evaluated for recognition in ICC-ES Evaluation Reports.

Together with its parent organization, the International Code Council, ICC-ES develops and fosters safe and sustainable design and construction. ICC-ES has 80-plus years of experience and more than 1,400 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) and <u>PMG Listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet the 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<sup>®</sup></u> (ICC<sup>®</sup>). For more information, please visit <u>www.icc-es.org</u>.