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ICC Evaluation Service and CSI Agree to Reference GreenFormat™ in ICC-ES Environmental Reports

ICC Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES) and the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) today announced they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen the relationship between the [ICC-ES](http://www.icc-es.org) Environmental program and CSI's [GreenFormat™](http://www.csinet.org).

ICC-ES currently references CSI's MasterFormat® and other formats in all of its evaluation reports. The MOU will add GreenFormat references.

“This MOU recognizes the complementary nature of ICC-ES and CSI's GreenFormat in the sustainable building sector and demonstrates added value to environmental reports,” said Rob Brooks, Director of ICC-ES Environmental Programs. “While CSI provides a uniform structure for manufacturers to report the sustainable characteristics of their products through GreenFormat, ICC-ES provides evidence that products meet requirements of codes and green building standards.”

“CSI's GreenFormat identifies and organizes the sustainable attributes of building products,” said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter Marlowe, P.E., CSI, CAE. “By collaborating with ICC-ES, it will help increase awareness and use of GreenFormat, particularly with products compliant to the 2012 *International Green Construction Code* (IgCC), so that professionals who select building products can make informed choices.”

Among the agreements included in the MOU:

- ICC-ES will add GreenFormat's numbering scheme within new and existing ICC-ES Environmental Evaluation reports (Verification of Attributes Reports™ and Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Listings) for environmental attributes.
- ICC-ES and CSI will work together to maintain the relationship between GreenFormat categories and the questions in the ICC-ES Environmental Evaluation reports as both are updated and add references to new reports.
- CSI will present ICC-ES Criteria to the GreenFormat task team for consideration as appropriate product evaluation tests within GreenFormat.

In addition, ICC-ES and CSI intend to participate in each other's technical committees, where applicable.

GreenFormat provides a uniform structure for manufacturers to report the sustainable properties of their products. It helps industry professionals evaluate the green characteristics of building products they are considering for their projects.

The ICC-ES Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation™ (SAVE™) program provides manufacturers with independent verification that their products meet specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards and green rating systems. The ICC-ES SAVE™ and PMG Listing programs both evaluate the compliance of products to a subset of GreenFormat attributes.

To learn more about ICC-ES, visit <http://www.icc-es.org>; for more information on GreenFormat, visit <http://www.greenformat.com/>.

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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) and [PMG Listings](#) provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. ICC-ES also issues environmental reports verifying that products meet specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES [guidelines](#). ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the [International Code Council](#)® (ICC®). For more information, please visit www.icc-es.org.

About CSI

CSI (Construction Specifications Institute) is a national association dedicated to improving the documentation, management and communication of building information as used by the construction community. CSI accomplishes its mission through the development of construction standards and formats such as MasterFormat and UniFormat; the promulgation of those formats through master guide specifications and building information management (BIM) software; training and certification programs, including the Construction Documents Technology (CDT) and Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) exams; publication of Construction Specifier magazine; and an ever-expanding membership of decision-makers who identify and specify building product solutions. CSI members include a cross-section of specifiers, architects, contractors, suppliers and other construction project professionals who are touched by construction documentation. For more information, visit www.csinet.org, or call 800.689.2900.