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## ICC-ES Provides Specialized Support to Accelerate Los Angeles' Rebuilding Efforts

Certification body is providing priority evaluations and on-demand engineering support during time of crisis

**Brea, Calif.** – In response to the devastating wildfires that have impacted Los Angeles County, ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is stepping up to support the community's rebuilding efforts with specialized certification programs and services. These initiatives aim to help manufacturers and city officials streamline approvals and meet critical rebuilding timelines. With decades of expertise in product certification and a long-standing relationship with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), ICC-ES is uniquely positioned to support the community in its recovery.

As a qualified certification body known for its rigorous evaluation process and commitment to safety, ICC-ES has a thorough understanding of Los Angeles' specific building code requirements and can help manufacturers navigate the approval process with the LADBS.

"As Los Angeles begins the process of recovery, ICC-ES remains committed to providing the resources needed to rebuild stronger, faster, and safer," said Vincent Chui, Vice President of Evaluation Services, ICC-ES. "Our services are designed to expedite product evaluation and approvals, ensuring that manufacturers, plan reviewers, and builders have the support they need during this critical time."

The following programs and initiatives are now available to assist rebuilding efforts:

### • Free LA City Supplement Report for the First Year

To support existing ICC-ES evaluation report holders, ICC-ES is offering free LA City supplement reports for one year. These supplements show compliance with the Los Angeles Building Code (LABC) and the Los Angeles Residential Code (LARC).

# Immediate Support from ICC-ES Engineering Experts ICC-ES engineers are readily available to assist plan reviewers, helping to reduce bottlenecks and keep your projects on track with minimal delays. For more information, contact Manuel Chan, ICC-ES Principal Structural Engineer, at mchan@icc-es.org.

### • Priority Evaluation for LARR Transfer Files

To meet the urgency of the rebuild, ICC-ES is prioritizing the evaluation of Los Angeles Research Reports (LARR) transfer files, ensuring that your projects can meet the urgent timelines of rebuilding.

New Building Department Services (BDS) Report Program
 For those involved in the rebuild, ICC-ES now offers the Building
 Department Services (BDS) report program, providing jobsite-specific
 evaluations for products seeking expedited code compliance verification.
 This is available to existing ICC-ES report holders with building products that have supporting data for evaluation of code compliance.

Whether working with existing report holders or new applicants, ICC-ES is ready to assist in navigating the rebuilding process by providing tailored services and expert evaluations.

For more information about ICC-ES services or to get started, visit <a href="www.icc-es.org">www.icc-es.org</a> or contact Will Utsey, Director of Engineering, at <a href="www.wutsey@icc-es.org">wutsey@icc-es.org</a>.

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#### **About ICC-ES**

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), a member of the ICC Family of Solutions, is a nonprofit, limited liability company that provides technical evaluations of building products, components, methods and materials. ICC-ES <u>evaluation reports</u>, <u>building product listings</u> and <u>plumbing</u>, <u>mechanical and fuel gas listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards.