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### **ICC-ES and NCSEA Agreement Marks a New Milestone for Building Safety**

ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES) and the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) have signed an agreement that will provide active NCSEA participation and support for the ICC-ES Evaluation Program. Both parties recognized the benefits that this collaboration provides to manufacturers, code officials, and the design community. The agreement includes procedures for review, by structural engineers, of selected proposed acceptance criteria involving complex structural products and systems, ensuring feedback from the structural engineering community when ICC-ES is considering new and innovative products or systems.

ICC-ES is the United States' leader in evaluating building products for compliance with building codes. NCSEA is the primary organization representing practicing professional structural engineers in the United States and promotes improved structural engineering practices to enhance access to safe and serviceable structures.

“Due to the complexity of innovation taking place with structural related products, systems and methods of construction, ICC-ES saw the benefits of expanding its relationship with NCSEA and the structural engineering community,” said ICC-ES President Mark Johnson. “This expanded relationship with NCSEA addresses an industry need to formulate consensus and provide solutions on complex structural issues.”

Under this agreement, NCSEA will establish a panel of experts to review the proposed acceptance criteria for complex structural products and systems. After such review, a report is provided to ICC-ES staff and the Evaluation Committee. The input from NCSEA will assist in identifying and providing solutions for complex technical issues. Evaluation reports based on acceptance criteria developed

through this process will continue to ensure report users that a balanced and thorough approach has been applied when considering alternative structural products and systems.

“NCSEA is pleased to have the opportunity to cooperate with ICC-ES, in enhancing the value of ICC-ES for structural engineers. We look forward to more opportunities to work with ICC and ICC-ES in the future,” said Jeanne M. Vogelzang, J.D., CAE, NCSEA Executive Director.

Also under the agreement, there will be joint efforts to educate users of evaluation reports on the proper use and application of acceptance criteria and evaluation reports. Look for more information, as it becomes available, on the ICC-ES website.

### **About ICC Evaluation Service®**

A nonprofit, public-benefit corporation, ICC-ES® is the United States’ leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. The ICC-ES® Evaluation Reports® and PMG™ Listing Program provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements in codes and standards.

The ICC-ES® SAVE™ Program provides verification that products have been independently verified as having the sustainable attributes claimed by the manufacturer to develop and advance sustainable design and construction. ICC-ES® is a subsidiary of the International Code Council®. For more information about ICC-ES®, visit [www.icc-es.org](http://www.icc-es.org).

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