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IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service Included in LADBS Pilot Program to Satisfy Seismic Requirements in Los Angeles and California

Ontario, Calif. (May 10, 2017) — **IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service's (UES) product evaluation program** is going to start a pilot program with the Los Angeles Department of Building Safety (LADBS) in order to enhance customer service and facilitate seismic-related product approvals for the city of Los Angeles and state of California building codes. This program, when successfully completed, will add recognition for **UES evaluation reports' seismic provisions to those already accepted by LADBS**. Completion of the pilot program is anticipated on Jan. 1, 2018.

LADBS has been issuing Los Angeles Research Reports (LARR) based on a UES evaluation report since 2009 and the validity of UES reports has been confirmed repeatedly throughout the jurisdiction ever since.

UES evaluates and then documents findings in evaluation reports that summarize results and supporting **documentation necessary to document code compliance and develop criteria only where necessary**. UES' unique combination of customer service, technical expertise, and quick turnaround are just some of the reasons it is the fastest growing evaluation program in America.

As part of The IAPMO Group, the model code developer of the *Uniform Codes*, UES posts its evaluation reports and evaluation criteria on its website for use by anyone seeking information. This information is available instantly by download and without charge as a service to code officials, design professionals, manufacturers, and consumers. No log in or password is necessary. Criteria are developed with significant input from industry groups and individuals outside the model code organization. The expertise that is donated by the participants goes a long way in making sure criteria are technically accurate, establishing a level playing field.

"The IAPMO Group appreciates the expanded vote of confidence given by the city of Los Angeles Department of Building Safety to **IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Service's program**," said **GP Russ Chaney, CEO of The IAPMO Group**. "Los Angeles has recognized the validity of UES' reports for years and it is now additionally gratifying to see that acceptance growing to include seismic and wind resisting products, as well, for those products subject to review and compliance under the Los Angeles Building Code."

ABOUT IAPMO'S UNIFORM ES

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) coordinates the development and adoption of plumbing, mechanical, swimming pool, and solar energy codes to meet the specific needs of individual jurisdictions both in the United States and abroad. IAPMO Uniform ES (UES) is one of the most prominent evaluation service providers in the country (as noted by SEAOC, see Uniform-ES.org for details). UES reports provide evidence that products and systems satisfy code requirements within the scope and conditions of use as noted in each report.

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