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ASSE International Approved as Recognized Listing Agency by the City of Los Angeles

Mokena, Ill. (Oct. 28, 2014) — ASSE International, an ANSI-accredited standards developer and product certification body, has been approved by the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) as a Recognized Listing Agency for plumbing products listed to ASSE International product performance standards.

ASSE International's approval is granted under the provisions for Section 98.0503 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and is predicated by accreditation under ISO/IEC Guide 65, *General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems*. ASSE International's Product Listing Program has been continuously accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) since 2004.

The LADBS-issued Certificate of Approval and acceptance of ASSE's Product Listing Program means immediate recognition of the ASSE Seal on all products tested to ANSI-approved ASSE International product performance standards and installed in compliance with the LAMC. To simplify product certification for all users and to alleviate confusion, manufacturers of plumbing products can now choose ASSE International as their listing agency for products manufactured to ASSE standards. Through inclusion of the ASSE Seal, certification is easily verifiable and literally spelled out for code officials, inspectors and installers.

"The Los Angeles acceptance of ASSE's Seal is significant for listees who list to ASSE standards through ASSE's Product Certification Program," said Executive Director Scott Hamilton. "This acceptance allows our listees to sell and install their products in Los Angeles.

"This acceptance is also monumental for ASSE-listed backflow prevention products," Hamilton added. "Now that ASSE-listed backflow prevention products are accepted in the largest city of California, it will allow the marketplace to determine which products are installed, and allow backflow manufacturers the freedom to choose the best-suited program for their needs."

Established in 1964, the ASSE Product Listing Program has more than 3,000 products and models listed. Only those products that have been tested by an independent ASSE-accredited testing laboratory, have been reviewed by the ASSE Seal Control Board, and have been found to be in compliance with the appropriate ASSE standard can display the ASSE Seal. ASSE's directory of listed products is available free of charge and updated daily at www.asse-plumbing.org/listings.html.

For more information about ASSE International's Product Listing Program or questions about having products listed by ASSE, visit www.asse-plumbing.org/listings.html or contact Stan Nickell, technical services coordinator, via email at stan.nickell@asse-plumbing.org or via telephone at (708) 995-3012.

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ASSE International is an ANSI-accredited standards developer and product certification body comprised of members representing all disciplines of the plumbing and mechanical industries. ASSE's product performance standards, professional qualifications standards, professional certification and product listing programs aim to improve the performance and safety of plumbing and mechanical systems. Learn more about ASSE International at <http://www.asse-plumbing.org>.