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### IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service Enters Cooperative Agreement with Southwest Research Institute

Ontario, Calif. (Aug. 8, 2013) — IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) has entered into a cooperative agreement with Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) for the development and maintenance of evaluation reports, with SwRI performing the corresponding audits/inspections. As a result of the agreement, SwRI clients may choose to have their products recognized in the form of a Uniform Evaluation Report.

"This agreement provides clients the opportunity to have their products recognized in an evaluation report while still maintaining existing inspection and testing relationships," said Dr. Matthew Blais, director of SwRI's Fire Technology Department.

SwRI is ISO 17020 accredited to perform in-plant inspections on fire door assemblies, fire windows and fire door frames, foam plastic insulation products, prefabricated structural and non-structural panels, classified roof coverings and assemblies, interior finish materials, fire-resistive-rated walls, floors, and floor-ceiling and roof assemblies, and other products manufactured in these fields. Headquartered in San Antonio, SwRI is one of the oldest and largest independent, nonprofit, applied research and development organizations in the United States. Founded in 1947, SwRI provides contract research and development services to industrial and government clients in the United States and abroad.

"This agreement is a win for manufacturers, allowing them to leverage the specific capabilities of both organizations," said Ohannes Dembekjian, senior director of Continuous Compliance for IAPMO R&T.

Products recognized under UES have successfully undergone evaluation based on applicable requirements within the International Family of Codes, as well as codes published by other entities. UES staff thoroughly examines a product's information, test reports, calculations, quality assurance, quality control methods, Production Processes/procedures and other factors to ensure the product is code compliant.

The UES program is built upon IAPMO's more than 70 years of experience in evaluating products for code compliance. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the program operates under ISO/IEC Guide 65, "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems."

IAPMO's UES offers a full range of recognition opportunities, including recognition for the applicable national model codes, as well as Florida, California and various other state codes. The UES program increases the value to code officials of these reports by combining all of these recognitions in one concise report prepared by an internationally recognized product certification body.

For more information on IAPMO's Uniform ES, direct your Web browser to [www.Uniform-ES.org](http://www.Uniform-ES.org) or contact Karen Snowden at (909) 472-4105 or [karen.snowden@iapmoes.org](mailto:karen.snowden@iapmoes.org).

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