PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide notice to product manufacturers, design professionals and DSA staff clarifying Division of the State Architect (DSA) acceptance of International Code Council-Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), LLC California Building Code® (CBC) Supplements to evaluation reports that are specific to DSA-adopted regulations in the CBC.

1. BACKGROUND: ICC-ES has begun a service to evaluate products to the California Building Code (CBC), Title 24, California Code of Regulations. In addition, ICC-ES will specifically evaluate CBC sections and amendments adopted by DSA and provide the results in a supplement to the product evaluation report.

2. IMPLEMENTATION: DSA Interpretation of Regulations (IR) A-5: Acceptance of Products, Materials, and Evaluation Reports describes DSA acceptance of structural products and third-party evaluation reports. DSA acknowledges that evaluation reports which assess a product for CBC compliance may streamline DSA acceptance of the product for a specified use on a given project. However, DSA does not take any part in evaluation and preparation of evaluation reports or supplements from product evaluation service providers. Therefore, DSA cannot endorse evaluation reports or the ICC-ES supplements, nor offer that these supplements will ensure a product’s acceptance for a specified use on a given project. DSA assesses every submittal for its applicability to the specified use; and as stated in Section 4.4 of IR A-5, for certain types of products, the evaluation report may not be the sole basis for acceptance.

3. CONTACT INFORMATION: For questions regarding valid evaluation reports in accordance with DSA IR A-5, contact the applicable DSA regional office.