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**IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Reports are Accepted by the City of Los Angeles  
Department of Building Safety without Requiring City's Research Reports**

**Ontario, Calif. (April 15, 2013)** — The city of Los Angeles Department of Building Safety (LADBS) has expanded its acceptance of Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) evaluation reports to include Non-Structural Fire Life Safety and Non-Seismic & Non-Wind Structural reports without requiring separate development of the city's own research reports (LARR). This is noted in the city's Information Bulletin P/BC 2011-119 revised March 3, 2013, and posted on the LADBS [website](#).

"We are honored by this expansion of the absolute trust the city of L.A. has placed in us, said UES Director Richard Beck, PE, CBO, MCP. "Trust is not something given lightly by L.A., nor by any jurisdiction; in fact, it must be earned day in and day out. UES understands the obligation that comes with this trust. We remain committed to satisfy the letter and spirit of the city of L.A.'s requirement for model code agency-issued evaluation reports.

"Another component of that responsibility is providing the most qualified and experienced staff. We recently greatly enhanced our in-house expertise with the addition of Mr. Brian Gerber, PE, SE, as technical director. Brian played a critical role as principal structural engineer for almost 30 years with ICBO and its subsequent organizations. Brian and I together bring more than 55 years of model code-related experience to the table for UES. We continue to look for the best and brightest."

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 a business unit subsidiary 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.

IAPMO's UES reports continue to be invaluable for report holders in obtaining approvals in many jurisdictions, including the city of Los Angeles.

"Working with the LARR really brought home to us the immense value of the Uniform Evaluation Report," said Jon Jungers, managing partner of AQC. "We relied heavily on our UES ER-0261 covering AKDUCT® and AKDUCT® Premier. Submitting ER-0261 to LARR staff provided detailed information, directly from a highly trusted independent organization with a 75-year relationship serving jurisdictions, an ER concisely summarizing information necessary to allow the city staff to make a decision in favor of approval. We are very pleased with the effectiveness of our UES report and honored to have our products recognized by UES."

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