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**IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service
Hires Michael W. Merrigan as Senior Engineer**

Ontario, Calif. (August 16, 2013) — The IAPMO Group is pleased to announce Michael W. Merrigan, PE, Esq., has joined the Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) staff as senior engineer.

Merrigan brings 31 years of experience in the fields of civil/structural engineering, and building product development. He spent the past five years with ICC Evaluation Service, serving most recently as staff engineer responsible for masonry, veneer and building envelopes. Prior to that, Merrigan was a product evaluation engineer for ICBO, and worked as a consulting engineer. Merrigan spent five years as an engineer with the Masonry Institute of America.

"Uniform ES is the fastest growing evaluation agency in the United States; we are extremely pleased to add someone with such-experience to our growing staff," said Uniform ES Director Richard Beck. "Our clients will benefit greatly from Michael's three decades of construction and code experience."

A civil engineering graduate of the Oregon Institute of Technology, with a juris doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law, Merrigan began his career with the Department of Defense, then moved into construction activities.

"The addition of Michael confirms the Uniform ES commitment to excellence and to becoming the best and most widely accepted evaluation agency in the United States. Michael's presence will allow Uniform ES to service a wider range of clients who are seeking detailed, professional evaluation reports", said Ohannes Dembekjian, Senior Director.

Merrigan is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Masonry Society and the State Bar of California.

"I am looking forward to continuing my relationship with the many building product manufacturers I have dealt with over the years and will continue to work with them to assure architects, engineers, and building officials that their products are safe and fully code compliant," Merrigan said. "I am happy to be working with Brian Gerber, Richard Beck and all the other Uniform ES staff members. Together we will provide the expertise and knowledge the industry needs to help manufacturers bring their products to market in a timely manner".

ABOUT UNIFORM EVALUATION SERVICES

Since 1936, IAPMO has determined whether products comply with the various standards utilized by the gatekeepers of health and safety in every community. When presented with a Uniform ES evaluation report, these gatekeepers have every confidence that building products meet the required standards. Day in and day out, jurisdictions across the country recognize the IAPMO marks of conformity among the most trusted marks in the industry. This includes Uniform ES evaluation reports. Uniform ES is an approved agency in compliance with Section 1703 of the International Building Code (IBC) and is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under ISO/IEC Guide 65.

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