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## **New Evaluation Program Verifies Product Sustainability**

*ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) introduces **SAVE** – the Sustainable **Attributes Verification and Evaluation** program*

Manufacturers are introducing products every day that they say are green or sustainable. Now, with a **SAVE** evaluation from ICC-ES, they can prove their claims are verified. The **Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation** program provides independent confirmation that evaluated building products are sustainable and may qualify for points under major green rating systems.

A **SAVE** evaluation involves both inspection of the manufacturer's production process and reviews of independent product testing, where required. Manufacturers that successfully complete the evaluation process receive a **Verification of Attributes Report (VAR)** in one or more of nine key categories: recycled content (postconsumer/preconsumer), regional materials, bio-based materials, certified wood products, solar reflectance index and thermal emittance of roofing materials, volatile organic compound content and emissions (adhesives and sealants), volatile organic compound content and emissions (paints and coatings), urea formaldehyde resin content in composite wood products and volatile organic compound content and emissions of floor coverings.

“**SAVE** brings great benefit to manufacturers, specifiers, designers and code officials because it's designed to be useable under the three major green rating systems: the new National Green Building Standard, LEED and Green Globes,” said Steve Thorsell, ICC-ES Director of Special Projects. “A **VAR** (Verification of Attributes Report) from ICC-ES gives manufacturers proof they can show their customers that the sustainability of their product is indeed verified, a significant advantage in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Code officials, designers and specifiers know to look for products evaluated under **SAVE**.”

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Manufacturers who want their construction products or systems evaluated under the **SAVE** program can view the Application Details at [saveprogram.icc-es.org/details](http://saveprogram.icc-es.org/details). ICC-ES maintains a list of products successfully evaluated under the **SAVE** program in a Directory of Reports available at [saveprogram.icc-es.org/reports](http://saveprogram.icc-es.org/reports).

ICC-ES is a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation that conducts technical evaluations of building products, components, methods and materials. ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the International Code Council.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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