

## Advisory Committee Focuses on Uniformity, Consistency

Mark Crawford, Evaluation Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) Chair reports continued progress by the committee. The ICC-ES Board of Directors recently approved the Advisory Committee Procedures of operation and also approved a technical appeals process for technical decisions made by ICC-ES on acceptance criteria.

Mr. Crawford also reported that four task groups are currently working on various subjects. With the overall focus on addressing uniformity and consistency issues both from applicants and within ICC-ES, the four task groups have been assigned the following topics:

- **Acceptance criteria public comment process:** ESAC is evaluating ways to improve the process prior to and during the public hearings.
- **Development of a checklist for submittal of draft acceptance criteria:** ESAC is working on a checklist to encourage more complete submittals of draft acceptance criteria by applicants to reduce time spent by staff on incomplete submittals.
- **Evaluation of ways to help improve evaluation reports that are based on the same acceptance criteria:** These discussions are aimed at making it easier for code officials to use the evaluation reports and to make sure requirements are uniformly applied to each evaluation report.
- **Evaluation of how to ensure consistency in the application of technical requirements of codes and standards to all similar evaluation reports and products.**

The next ESAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third week in January in Aurora, Colorado. As they become available, [more details](#) on the meeting will be available on the [ICC-ES website](#).

### **New Rules of Procedure for Appeals of Evaluation Committee Technical Decisions**

The ICC-ES Board of Directors has approved new [Rules of Procedure for Appeals of Evaluation Committee Technical Decisions](#). The rules were initiated by the ICC-ES Advisory Committee who worked with ICC-ES staff in preparing the procedures. The appeals process is intended to provide fair and objective consideration of technical matters that any appellant may regard as not having been fully deliberated by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee.