

What are the differences between APA and ICC-ES certification?

When discussing engineered wood specifically, both ICC-ES and APA play distinct roles in evaluating and promoting the use of these products:

1. ICC-ES (International Code Council Evaluation Service):

- ICC-ES evaluates and certifies a variety of building products, including engineered wood products, to ensure their compliance with applicable building codes and standards.
- ICC-ES provides technical evaluations of engineered wood products based on their performance, structural integrity, fire resistance, and other relevant factors.
- The ICC-ES evaluation reports provide information to code officials, architects, and builders, confirming that the engineered wood products meet specific code requirements and can be safely used in construction projects.

2. APA (The Engineered Wood Association):

- APA is a trade association that represents manufacturers of engineered wood products and provides support for their promotion and use.
- APA develops standards and guidelines for the manufacturing, performance, and installation of engineered wood products.
- APA conducts research, testing, and technical analysis to ensure the quality, durability, and safety of engineered wood products.
- APA offers educational resources, training, and technical support to professionals in the construction industry regarding the use and application of engineered wood products.



In summary, ICC-ES primarily focuses on evaluating and certifying engineered wood products for compliance with building codes, ensuring they meet specific requirements for use in construction. On the other hand, APA serves as a trade association that develops standards, conducts research, and provides support and educational resources to promote the proper manufacturing, performance, and installation of engineered wood products.

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