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### **Don Allen appointed to ICC-ES committee**

Washington, D.C., May 11, 2006—The Steel Framing Alliance announces the appointment of Don Allen to the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) Industry Advisory Committee (ESAC).

Allen is director of engineering for SFA and technical director for the Steel Stud Manufacturers Association. He is one of 20 selected by the ICC-ES Board of Directors to serve on the committee, which is comprised of key figures from a broad range of companies and industries. The ESAC is charged with advising the ICC-ES Board of Directors on matters affecting working relationships and cooperative efforts between report holders and users. It will also recommend ways ICC-ES can improve communications and customer service.

“The ICC-ES process is very important to the acceptance of new products in the marketplace,” said Allen. “With the incredible amount of innovation going on in construction, especially in steel framing, it is essential that the ICC ES and the steel framing industry have an excellent working relationship and fully understand one another. I will do my best to maintain and strengthen that relationship.”

Members were chosen for the ICC-ES Industry Advisory Committee based on past activity with ICC-ES operations and staff, involvement with industry activities, and the types of products or services in which candidates function. Members will serve for a one-year term, and new representatives for the ESAC will be selected in 2007.

The group will hold its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, in Tampa, Fla., coinciding with the International Code Council’s Annual Meeting. The public is invited to attend.

*The Steel Framing Alliance is an association of more than 450 companies and organizations with the mission of enabling the widespread use of steel framing in residential and commercial construction. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., SFA provides education, publications, technical support, research and development, and market development programs to companies representing the full spectrum of manufacturing, construction, design, distribution and professional services.*

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*The Steel Stud Manufacturers Association supports the development and maintenance of quality product standards and specifications for the steel-framing manufacturing industry, and creates growth opportunities for cold-formed steel through research, marketing and education. Based in Chicago, its membership is comprised of more than two dozen manufacturers of steel framing throughout the United States.*

*ICC-ES is the United States' leader in evaluating building products for compliance with code. A nonprofit, public-benefit corporation, ICC-ES does technical evaluations of building products, components, methods and materials. The evaluation process culminates with the issuance of reports on compliance, which are made available free of charge to code officials, contractors, specifiers, architects, engineers and anyone else within the building industry and construction. ICC-ES evaluation reports provide evidence that products and systems meet code requirements.*

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*Note to editors: Don Allen's mug shot may be downloaded on the Media page at [www.steelframing.org](http://www.steelframing.org).*