

## THAT'S RIGHT, **ASSURANCE**

No, we didn't misspell insurance. Insurance is for after the fact, when one needs financial restitution once something has gone wrong. Unlike insurance, Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) provides assurance for end users and building regulators that the code — which sets the bar for building component acceptability — has been satisfied.

We ask the tough questions, and when we get answers we provide a Uniform ES Certificate that tells the certification holder, and the reader, that someone with the right expertise asked the right questions and got the right answers.

For more than 70 years, IAPMO and its subsidiaries have been involved in product recognition in the form of certifications, listings or evaluation reports. We work hard to bring the same drive, determination, and great customer service into the structural fabricator arena that have made Uniform ES such a great success.

## SPEED TO **MARKET**

Provided that the incoming data is well organized, our staff has issued certificates in as little as 45 days, but most are issued within two months. Everything depends on how quickly you can respond to our questions and requests for additional information. Our goal is to respond to submittals in less than two weeks.



**THE ASSURANCE COMPANY™**

*Providing peace of mind for  
Structural Steel fabricators*



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# WHY CHOOSE UNIFORM ES?

**Sales Effort:** How long would it take your sales staff to travel to all the building jurisdictions in North America and convince them your structural steel fabrication facility meets the codes? Impossible, right? Wouldn't an independent confirmation help? A Uniform ES Certification does this for you.

**Code Compliance:** Have you ever presented your certificates and reports for acceptance only to be asked "That's nice, but how do I know your facility meets the code?" What is probably lacking is a direct tie-in to the IBC requirements for fabricators. A Uniform ES Certification does this for you.

**Responsiveness:** Were you ever in a situation where you had to explain that you don't know when your certificate will be available? UNIFORM ES targets a response time of 6 to 12 weeks upon receiving all requested information. A Uniform ES Certification does this for you.

**Independence:** UNIFORM ES is part of the IAPMO Group. IAPMO is a model code agency, geared toward assuring code compliance, and not a building products trade association. A Uniform ES Certification does this for you.

# HOW DOES IT WORK?

Code officials trust IAPMO and its Uniform Evaluation Service. As a model code agency, we are here to assist the code official in verifying code compliance. We are not affiliated with any manufacturing sectors. IAPMO Uniform ES has published evaluation criteria for structural steel fabricators (EC20). This criteria sets forth the information needed to document the fabrication facility's quality system, including a schedule of surveillance inspections by qualified inspection bodies:

- **Industry Standards** – IBC, AISC 201, AISC 303, AISC 341, AISC 360, AWS D1.1, AWS D1.8, CSA W47.1
- **Locations** – Multiple locations can be reviewed under one application.
- **Scope of Evaluation** – The type of work (welding, bolting, bending, etc.) performed at each facility
- **Inspection Body** – This agency, accredited according to ISO/IEC 17020, will provide recurring QA inspections
- **Audits and inspections** – Content and frequency
- **Processes** – Steel cutting, welding, fitting, cambering, coatings

# UNIFORM ES GIVES YOU ALL THIS

Each certified fabricator gets the backing of IAPMO with code officials, including:

- Access by telephone and in writing to UES engineers to get your questions answered.
- Listing on our website.
- Timely completion of your certificate and continuing customer service. Our staff is available to answer your questions, and questions from consumers about your certificate.
- Economical cost providing great value.
- Conformance with Section 104.11.1 of the 2012 & 2015 IBC.

# EASY AS 1-2-3

Just a few administrative steps will get the dedicated staff of UES started developing your certificate:

- Fill out the application
- Send in your substantiating data (quality control plan, quality assurance plan)
- Submit payment of the basic fee
- UES staff will take it from there

**We're here to help!**

