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Why Are We Here? by Mike Noonan

Every industry has a "voice" to represent those involved with it, in addition to promoting the industry as a whole. That "voice" is known as an association. An association has as one of its goals the betterment of the industry that it represents. It also helps its members by serving as a reference on issues affecting them. Further, it acts as a resource for acquiring and dispensing information to its membership.

There are a growing number of companies involved in the manufacture of cold-formed steel components. These components offer a number of significant benefits to contractors including quality control and quick project completion.

The Steel Truss and Component Association (STCA) was formed just over two years ago to promote and advance the use of cold-formed steel trusses and components. The following is a brief list of some of the areas where the STCA is currently serving its members and the industry it represents:

- STCA has as primary importance to provide information for the use of the members. STCA keeps abreast of industry issues and provides this information to its membership through seminars, the STCA web site), and this SBC Magazine.
- STCA is actively engaged with industry and code groups as well as governing bodies. As a result, STCA is involved in the formation of standards and responsibilities relative to our membership.
- STCA supports the research, development and testing of cold-formed steel trusses and components.
- A comprehensive quality control standard process developed by STCA is due to be released soon.
- Literature has been developed to educate on the use of cold-formed steel components. Additional projects are also being developed.
- By providing a consistent message based on a united purpose, STCA is acting to strengthen the influence of the cold-formed steel truss and components industry.

These are just a few of the ways that STCA is involved in improving the industry and serving its membership. If your company is furnishing cold-formed steel components to the construction industry, you owe it to yourself to belong to an association that has as its business the development and growth of your business.

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