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## STCA Update

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Cold-formed steel trusses and components will have a designated category in the revised MasterFormat when it is published later this year, according to Construction Specification Institute (CSI) MasterFormat revision committee chair Dennis Hall.

SBC Magazine has previously reported on efforts by STCA members to encourage CSI to create this designated category in their ongoing process of revamping the MasterFormat system. In late February, when the third draft was introduced for industry review and comment, it seemed likely that a CFS truss designation was at hand. However, the proposed expansion from 16 divisions to 86 failed to receive industry support.

STCA's goal in the CSI MasterFormat revision process has always been to seek a system that would benefit the entire cold formed steel components market sector. The current system, which has been in place for 40 years, had included various CFS truss designations added over the years by different industry players as new proprietary products emerged. However, it had become clear to STCA members that a general category specification was very necessary.

At CSI's annual meeting earlier this month, the revision task team introduced a compromise solution that appears to be earning widespread industry support. CSI's Hall, in a conversation with Dave Goodwin of Alpine/TrusSteel, confirmed that the compromise format will provide a CFS truss and component section, and will also allow room for the introduction of new products as technologies advance.

"This is a great victory for STCA, and great news for the entire cold-formed steel components industry," said STCA President Keith Kinser. "This should have an immediate beneficial effect on our members' businesses when it is introduced later this year," he continued, "and really shows the value of our collective industry working together closely to achieve an objective. I'd like to thank our supplier members, Alpine/TrusSteel, Allied Studco, Aegis Metal Framing, Truswal Systems Corporation, and Western Metal Lath for their valuable support and assistance."

The proposed MasterFormat will maintain many of the familiar divisions, but use a six-digit designation system instead of the current five-digit system, to allow for more subcategories. While this means that the category number will be different than "05425" (the number STCA had originally advocated), "that is a small price to pay for such a great ultimate success," noted Kinser.

In the proposal, the current divisions 0 through 14 would remain. The mechanical and electrical divisions (currently numbered 15 and 16) would be expanded and moved to divisions 20 through 29 (labeled "series 20"), under the heading "facility services." Series 30 and 40 would also be

added under the headings "infrastructure" and "process construction."

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