



# Wtca Update

## Tech Notes Address Critical Code & Design Responsibility Issues

Take note of WTCA's newest tool for assisting component manufacturers with technical issues and marketplace education.

Available since April 2006 at [www.sbcindustry.com/technotes.php](http://www.sbcindustry.com/technotes.php), *Tech Notes* offer a new tool for component manufacturers to educate themselves, as well as the people in the marketplace, on the key issues they face on a daily basis. The goal of WTCA *Tech Notes* is to clarify code and related key technical issues that are being seen in the marketplace and help educate building officials, engineers, architects and others who work with structural building component manufacturers. Developed in partnership with our membership and chapters, *Tech Notes* address pertinent issues and offer position statements to frequently asked questions that component manufacturers face on a daily basis. These peer-reviewed documents address a variety of critical issues such as continuous lateral bracing, professional engineering issues, truss placement diagrams, and jobsite handling and installation.



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### at a glance

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- The goal is to clarify code and other technical issues and provide marketplace education to further the industry.

by WTCA Staff

In addition to providing information to present to industry professionals (such as engineers), component manufacturers can use *Tech Notes* to educate their employees on these important topics. Truss technicians, salespeople, and management will be especially interested in reviewing *Tech Notes*.

Because building codes and engineering laws differ from state to state, *Tech Notes* will spotlight an issue specific to that state and/or locality. For instance, the issue of sealing truss placement diagrams has arisen in both Georgia and Missouri, but because each state has adopted a different building code, different *Tech*

*Notes* have been created for each. Several *Tech Notes*—categorized as “National” notes—apply to component manufacturers in every state.

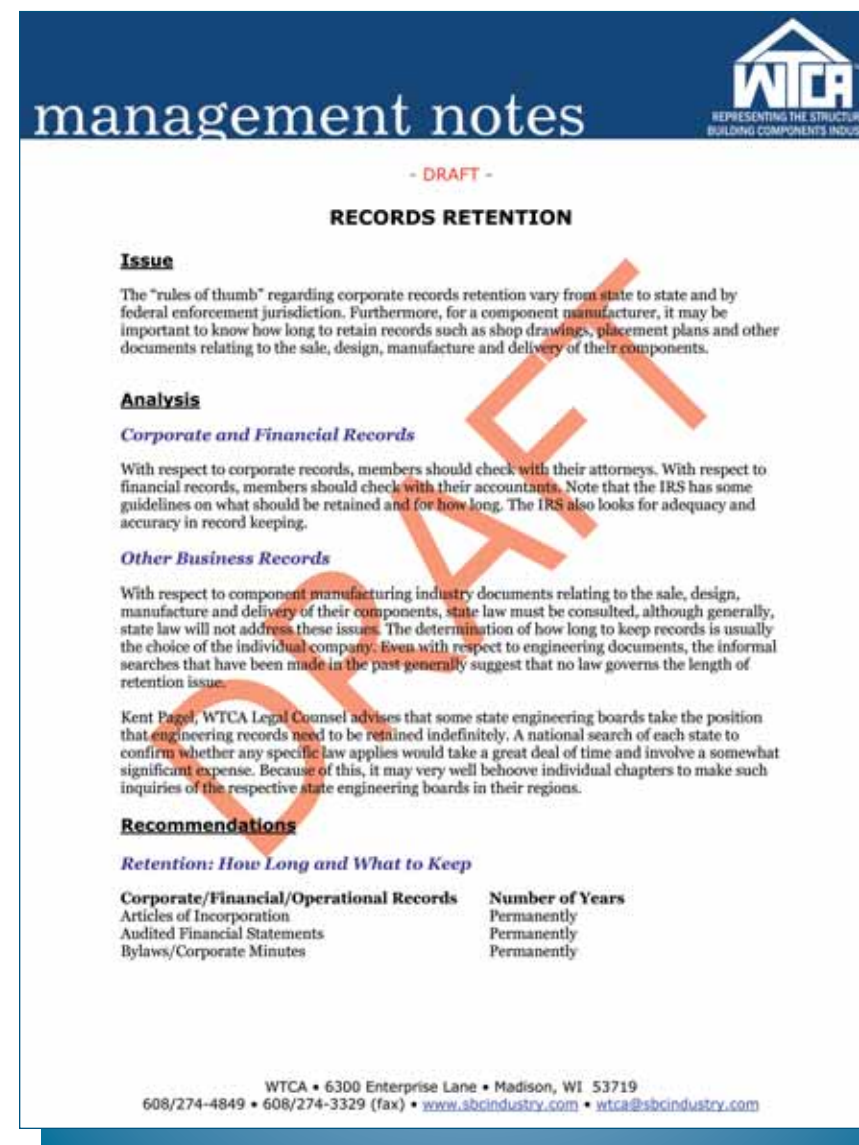
Locating the *Tech Notes* that apply to your particular state is simple! Use the interactive map (shown above) to easily access all notes for a state. Just click on the state or use the simple search function at the bottom of the page.

Do you have a critical code, fire, engineering or design responsibilities issue that could be addressed in a *Tech Note*? Contact Ryan Dexter ([rdexter@qualtim.com](mailto:rdexter@qualtim.com)) with any ideas, questions or comments on WTCA's *Tech Notes*. **SBC**

# Coming soon: Management Notes!

Similar to *Tech Notes* in format, *Management Notes* will address issues affecting component manufacturers that aren't technical in nature. Topics ranging from records retention and sawdust generation to customer contracts and buying lumber will be covered in these documents (see sample below).

For more information on *Management Notes* or to share your topic ideas, contact Sean Shields ([sshields@qualtim.com](mailto:sshields@qualtim.com)).



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