



May 6, 2023

**TO: IAS – FABRICATOR INSPECTION PROGRAMS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.**

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to revalidate the Accreditation Criteria for Fabricator Inspection Programs for Wood Wall Panels (AC196)-202406-R0 (KE/DM)

**Hearing Information:**

IAS Accreditation Committee

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

8:30 am (Pacific Time Zone)

WebEx Meeting – Refer to IAS website for details.

Dear Madam or Sir:

The accreditation criteria for Fabricator Inspection Programs for Wood Wall Panels (AC196) is being recommended for reapproval at the next IAS Accreditation Committee meeting.

AC196 was last approved by the accreditation committee in April 2017 and has been used for assessment activities since June 2017. No changes were suggested or recommended to the criteria since its implementation. However, following international practices, we have reviewed the criteria for its continued application. Based on this review, IAS staff does not recommend any changes to the criteria and recommends reapproval.

IAS intends to subject our accreditation criteria to committee consideration every five years to ensure they continue to be technically valid and provide utility to accredited customers and other stakeholders.

The current version of AC196 can be found on the IAS website, linked here – <https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/196-Apr-2017.pdf>

You are cordially invited to submit written comments, or to attend the WebEx committee hearing and present verbal comments. Written comments will be forwarded to the committee, **prior to the hearing**, if received by June 3, 2024. For your convenience, a comment form is provided. The link can be found on the Accreditation Committee meeting page on the IAS website, [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org). Comments must be emailed to [iasinfo@iasonline.org](mailto:iasinfo@iasonline.org).

Parties interested in proposed revised criteria may deliver written communications and submissions regarding such proposed criteria to IAS within approximately 30 days of posting of the public notice on the IAS website. The committee shall be informed of all pertinent written communications received by IAS. Any relevant communication and changes to a criteria arising from the written communication/submission shall be posted to the IAS website prior to the meeting.

Participants at the accreditation committee meetings shall have the opportunity to speak on the proposed criteria to provide information to the committee. Committee meetings are generally held by electronic means. Participants are responsible to ensure access to appropriate computer equipment, software, and internet connectivity to ensure effective participation during the meeting.

Your cooperation is requested in forwarding to IAS, as noted above, all material directed to the committee. Prior to the hearing, parties interested in the deliberations of the committee should refrain from communicating, whether in writing or verbally, with committee members regarding agenda items. The committee reserves the right to refuse communications that do not comply with this request.

If you have any questions, please contact IAS at 562-364-8201. You may also reach us by e-mail at [iasinfo@iasonline.org](mailto:iasinfo@iasonline.org).

Yours very truly,

*International Accreditation Service*

IAS Management

Enclosures: Current AC196

cc: Accreditation Committee