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AWI LEADS WOODWORK STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ANSI PROCESS **New Standards will resonate with CSI Master Format Spec Sections**

Potomac Falls, VA, December 18, 2017 – The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) is in the process of creating a new suite of standards for architectural woodwork. The creation of these standards, which is expected to continue for the next three years, will define and address each aspect of architectural woodwork.

While the *Architectural Woodwork Standards (AWS), Edition 2, 2014* remains AWI's current and recognized woodwork standard, AWI Standards co-editor, Margaret Fisher noted, that the next generation of AWI Standards will begin to be published in 2018 and ready for use by design professionals and specifiers in planning upcoming projects.

Interim specification language recommended by AWI is as follows: "All work in this section shall comply with AWI's published standards, latest edition, for grades of architectural woodwork indicated for construction, finishes, installation, and other requirements."

As the standards are being developed with ease of accessibility throughout a variety of mobile and digital platforms in mind, glossary terms and illustrations included in the standards will be available through links on electronic tablets, smartphones, and computers.

AWI welcomes the input of design professionals and specifiers to participate in Subject Expert Review Teams (SERT) and Canvass Teams for each section being written through its ANSI-approved development process.

Other significant changes standards users can look forward to in the future include: A simplified numeric designation system for citing standards and the addition of new performance duty levels which will aid specifiers in choosing the correct cabinet type for its intended use. These performance duty levels will be defined in the new casework standards that are currently in development. Future building owners can be confident they have chosen casegoods for the correct value and performance required.

While changing the woodwork industry, AWI will continue to provide technical assistance for the users of the current AWS, Second Edition.

Technical help is available at 229-389-2543. Contact Ashley Goodin, help@awinet.org, for assistance and for information on participating in the standards review process.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Margaret Fisher at 571-926-5522 or email at mfisher@awinet.org.

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About AWI

The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) is a nonprofit trade association founded in 1953. Today, AWI represents nearly 3000 members consisting of architectural woodworkers, suppliers, design professionals and students from around the world.