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AWI LEADS NEW WOODWORK STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ANSI PROCESS
New Casework Performance Duty Levels Established

Potomac Falls, VA, July 10, 2019 – The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) is creating a new suite of standards for architectural woodwork. The creation of these standards, which is expected to continue over the next three years, will define and address each aspect of architectural woodwork. Development of the AWI 0641 – Architectural Wood Casework Standard is currently underway in its second round of public comment.

AWI 0641 - Architectural Wood Casework Standard features the well-known Premium, Custom or Economy Grades as designations for aesthetic requirements while a new designation of Casework Performance Duty Levels is being introduced. Through rigorous casework testing performed at AWI’s National Testing Center in Americus, GA, AWI established data-driven designations of casework load performance measures as Duty Levels 1, 2, 3, & 4. “Providing specifiers and design professionals with simpler and clearer methods to designate casework performance and casework appearance improves the specification and design process and contributes to the owners receiving the best value”, stated AWI staff member Margaret Fisher. The new AWI 0641 - Architectural Wood Casework Standard is expected to complete the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) vetting process and is slated for publication in first quarter of 2020.


The ANSI/AWI 0620-2018 – Finish Carpentry/Installation Standard, along with AWI 100 – Submittals, AWI 200 – Care & Storage, and AWI – 300 Materials, are currently available for download and reference from AWI’s website, www.awinet.org. Design professionals and specifiers are encouraged to use AWI’s new Standards in upcoming project specifications. Meanwhile, 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.”

AWI will continue to provide technical assistance for the users of the current AWS, Second Edition and each new AWI Standard as they are released. Technical help is available by contact AWI Technical Director, Ashley Goodin, at 229-389-2543 or by email at help@awinet.org. If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Margaret Fisher at 571-926-5522 or by email at mfisher@awinet.org.

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