



United States National CAD Standard® (NCS) Announcement
September 2013

Let Us Hear Your Voice!

The NCS ballot Comment Period is now open. This is your chance to add you thoughts on the proposed changes to modify the next version of the NCS.

All United States National CAD Standard Project Committee members (NCS PC) are encouraged to review and comment in writing on any ballot item approved by a Task Team or Steering Committee.

This year we received an unprecedented **379 ballot items** (3 of which were withdrawn by authors) to amend version 5 of the NCS:

- Layer ballot Items – 76 amendments
- UDS ballot Items – 89 amendments
- Plotting ballot Items – 2 amendments
- Symbols ballot items – 209 amendments
- Rules of Governance ballot item – 1 amendment
- New “BIM Implementation” ballot item – 1 amendment
- Deleted by author – 1 ballot item

To review and comment on the above ballot items log on the [BuildingSMART alliance-NCS Portal](#):

- **To View Submitted Ballots:**
 - From the Balloting tab click on “**View Submitted Ballots**” in the middle of the page.
- **From the Submitted Ballots Page** (screen capture below):
 - Find the title of each ballot item in the “**Original Title**” column
 - Find the name of the author in the “**Identifier (Comments)**” column
 - Find the type of submission in the “**Type**” column
 - Find the Task Team that reviewed, approved or rejected the ballot item in the “**Assignment**” column
 - Find the status of the ballot item in the “**Status**” column

The screenshot shows the 'Balloting' section of the BuildingSMART alliance portal. It includes a navigation menu, a search bar, and a table of ballot items. The table has columns for Ballot #, Original Title, Identifier (Comments), Type, Uploaded, Assignment, Status, and Actions.

Ballot #	Original Title	Identifier (Comments)	Type	Uploaded	Assignment	Status	Actions
V6-001	Abbreviation Change	2013-05-23-UDSMTT-V6-001M-FateMichael.docx (reply to comment)	M - Multiple Component - Ballot	2013-05-23 12:40	V6 NCS UDS Modules Task Team (UDSMTT)	Approved	
V6-002r2	Communications Linetypes Audio	2013-07-11-SMBTT-V6-002r2S-BlackWalter.zip (reply to comment)	S - Symbols - Ballot	2013-07-11 23:16	V6 NCS Symbols Task Team (SMBTT)	Approved	
V6-003	Graywater Systems	2013-06-05-CLGTT-V6-003L-SpanglerStephen.docx (reply to comment)	L - CAD Layer - Ballot	2013-06-05 09:45	V6 NCS CAD Layer Guidelines Task Team (CLGTT)	Approved	
V6-		2013-07-10-UDSMTT-V6-004r1M-	M - Multiple		V6 NCS UDS Modules Task		



- To review the content of a ballot item and the task team review and the ballot item:
 - In the “**Identifier (Comment)**” column of a ballot item click on (reply to comment) by the name of the author
[2013-07-11-NCS SC-V6-261M-FortuneJohn.zip \(reply to comment\)](#)
 - Scroll down the **Comment Tracker** (screen shot below) details page to read through the task team members’ comments & ballot discussion. Add your own comments at the bottom of the page;
 - o Click of the URL by the **Documentation Link**:
http://projects.buildingsmartalliance.org/files/?artifact_id=6546 to open and read the ballot item submitted by the author
 - o Click on [Return to Submitted Ballots Table](#) at the top of the “**Comment Tracker**” page to return to the full list of Submitted Ballots.

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BIM Implementation for NCS 2013-07-11-NCS SC-V6-261M-FortuneJohn.zip

Comment ID#:	400
Category:	Ballot Submission
Type:	BIM Implementation
Status:	Completed
Priority:	High
Deadline:	2013-08-07
Entered By:	Butler, R. Mark
Created On:	2013-07-12 11:28:31
Updated By:	Fortune, John
Last Update:	2013-08-07 10:13:25
Assigned To:	Butler, R. Mark
Documentation Link:	http://projects.buildingsmartalliance.org/files/?artifact_id=6546

Original Comment Details:

Mark, Please assign a ballot administrator for the above submission. Thank you, Dominique

Mark Butler will serve as ballot administrator for this item.

This ballot item addresses BIM in the NCS. It contains a lot of new information. Please review and comment.

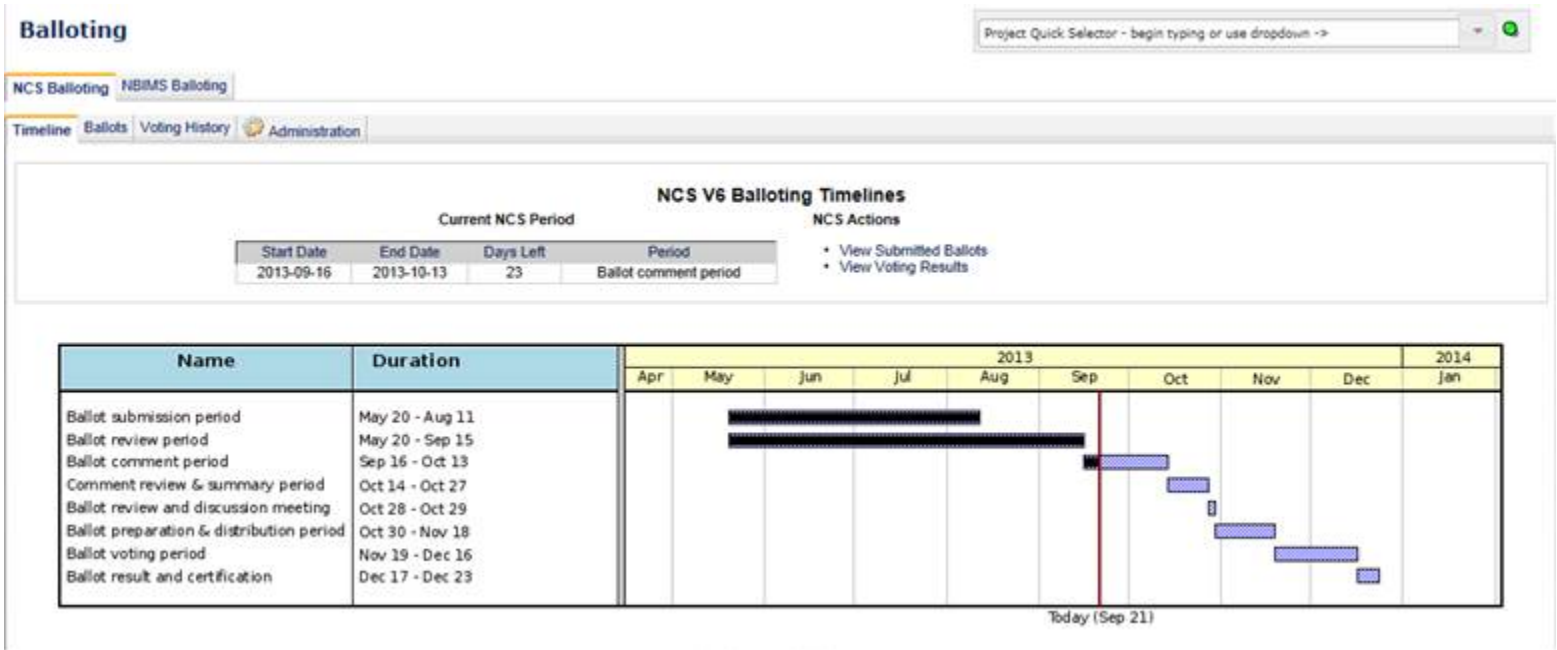
Status: In Progress

I would not have any problem with this addition to the NCS. The document does a good job of explaining what to do when you cross over from the BIM world into the CAD world. I recomm

Spangler, Stephen - 2013-07-18 09:54:58



The NCS Project Committee members comment period will remain open through **October 13, 2013** (timelines below).



Do not hesitate to call me or contact the Chair of the NCS Steering Committee, Mark Butler at roymarkbutler@gmail.com, if you are having difficulties accessing the portal or viewing the ballots.

Thank you,
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