The Uniform Building Code and International Building Code require special inspection for structural steel, subject to the requirements and alternatives established by the codes. These codes do not require the special inspections on shop-fabricated portions of structural steel if these items subject to special inspection are fabricated on the premises of an "approved" fabrication shop. The City of Phoenix administers a program that generates and maintains a list of approved steel fabricators that meet some or all of the following approvals: the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC); City of Los Angeles, California; Clark County, Nevada; International Code Council (ICC); International Accreditation Service (IAS); or some other authority approved by the City of Phoenix. The City of Phoenix Approved Steel Fabricators program requires that each and every fabricated piece of steel shall be identified to indicate the shop of origin.

The Committee recommends that member jurisdictions recognize and accept the City of Phoenix Approved Structural Steel Fabricators program and list as meeting the special structural inspections alternatives for structural steel fabricated by an approved fabricator as allowed in the building codes.

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