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## **International Accreditation Service (IAS) Approval**

Inland Building Systems is proud to announce that it has received International Accreditation Service (IAS) approval. The accreditation approval was awarded to Inland Building Systems on September 20, 2010. The Inland Building Systems certification numbers are “MB 196” and “MB 205.”

The International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS) Accreditation Committee approved new accreditation criteria for Inspection Programs for Manufacturers of Metal Building Systems, (MBMA). This comprehensive accreditation program for the inspection of metals buildings is based on the requirements of Chapter 17 of the International Building Code and provides code officials with a means to approve the inspection programs of manufacturers involved in the fabrication of metal building systems.

Wide spread support for the IAS program has been building since October 2007, when the MBMA, which Inland Building Systems is a charter member, approached IAS on behalf of the metal building industry to consider developing a criteria that would serve MBMA members while fulfilling the needs of code officials and other regulatory agencies. The MBMA and the IAS staff collaborated to develop AC472. IAS AC472 covers three parts and the first Part (A) is modeled after the AC172. Part (B) is cold form fabrication while Part (C) is engineering. The program focuses on the need for a comprehensive quality management system based on International standards. Quality has been a hallmark of the Metal Building Manufacturers Association since its inception and we believe that IAS accreditation will further raise the bar.

AC472 addresses quality management system elements such as personnel requirements, product traceability, process control and various administrative and technical requirements that are essential for code officials to deem IAS-accredited entities as approved fabricators.