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## **Access Construction Reference Standards Direct From Specifications**

***Latest BSD SpecLink® update includes 5,300 more hyperlinks to the IHS Standards Store, enabling users to view and purchase referenced documents directly.***

**ATLANTA and ENGLEWOOD, Colo., September 1, 2006** – Building Systems Design, Inc. (BSD) of Atlanta and IHS Inc. ([www.ihs.com](http://www.ihs.com)) announced today the release of the Fall 2006 edition of BSD SpecLink®, which includes thousands of additional hyperlinks to the [IHS Standards Store](#).

In the current SpecLink release, an additional 5,300 hyperlinks have been inserted at paragraphs where the standards are actually mentioned. In most cases, a synopsis of the standard is available on the IHS website where the document itself can be purchased and downloaded online for immediate viewing through this single site. Under a previous agreement with IHS, BSD provided hyperlinks to most of the 2,300 referenced documents from the complete citation in each specification section via the IHS Standards Store. Only about 300 standards are not available through IHS, and in those cases are available via the sponsoring organization's website, and in a few cases the documents are free.

BSD SpecLink is a software product used by thousands of architects, engineers and other design professionals to produce and maintain detailed construction specifications nationwide. Built on an underlying relational database structure instead of word processing, SpecLink includes guide text for hundreds of building product categories and references to thousands of construction industry standards. SpecLink references these industry standards instead of repeating relevant content, keeping the guide text and edited project specifications more concise. Until the latest product release, architects and engineers who needed access to the actual reference standards from one or more of the 186 organizations whose documents are included had to acquire them by contacting each organization separately.

Because BSD SpecLink is comprehensively updated each quarter and IHS maintains both current and previously issued editions of the standards in its databases, SpecLink users are assured that their construction specifications are up-to-date and synchronized with the appropriate reference standard editions. For further information on BSD SpecLink, go to [www.bssoftlink.com](http://www.bssoftlink.com). For further information on IHS products, services and solutions, including the IHS Standards Store, go to [www.ihs.com](http://www.ihs.com).

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### **About BSD**

Building Systems Design, Inc. develops and sells state-of-the-art software tools for the architecture, engineering, and construction markets of North America. Founded in 1983, the company creates, maintains, and supports advanced cost estimating and specification writing products in use by thousands of design professionals and contractors nationwide.

### **About IHS**

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