Let Us Hear Your Voice!

The NCS ballot Comment Period is now open. This is your chance to add your 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This year we received an unprecedented **379 ballot items** (3 of which were withdrawn by authors) to amend version 5 of the NCS: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
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;
  
  - 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.
  
  - Click on Return to Submitted Ballots Table at the top of the “Comment Tracker” page to return to the full list of Submitted Ballots.
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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