

**To:** DSA Stakeholders  
**From:** The Division of the State Architect  
**Date:** February 8, 2018  
**Subject:** Document Updates and Announcements for the Fourth Quarter of 2017

To keep stakeholders abreast of new and revised forms and documents available online, as well as recent announcements, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) posts a list of these forms and documents to the “News & Events” section of the DSA website each quarter.

If you have questions regarding any of the forms, publications, or announcements in this summary, please email [DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov).

### **New and Revised Forms and Publications:**

#### OCTOBER

- DSA 7: [Application for Concurrence: Project is Exempt](#) Revised form contains minor editorial changes. (10/12/17)
- IR 16-1.16: [Design and Construction Requirements for Relocatable Buildings and Modular Elevator Towers](#) Revised Interpretation of Regulations (IR) includes a rearranged and revised Section 5 to clarify the requirements for underfloor-to-grade clearance to non-preserved treated floor sheathing when a relocatable building is relocated to a new site. (10/19/17)
- IR 16-1.16: [Synopsis of Changes](#) Document revised to reflect changes to IR 16-1.16. (10/19/17)
- IR 21-4: Concrete Masonry Unit Standards **DELETED** 10/23/17
- IR A-31: [Project Inspection of School Buildings Owned by a Non-School Entity: 2016 and 2013 CBC](#) Revised IR updated to clarify inspection and oversight responsibilities for project and special inspection and material sampling of construction work and associated materials conducted in fabrication facilities on school buildings owned by a non-school entity. (10/26/17)

#### NOVEMBER

- BU 11-08: [Occupant Load Determination and Posting in Assembly Occupancies in California Public Schools and Community Colleges](#) Revised bulletin clarifies responsibilities and the process for posting or changing maximum occupant loads in assembly occupancies. (11/15/17)

- DSA 66: DSA Code Amendment Development **DELETED** 11/01/17
- DSA 665: [DSA Code Amendment Proposal](#) Formerly DSA 65. Renumbered to fit on the webpage under a more appropriate category. (11/01/17)
- IR 11B-1: Visual Alarms in Classrooms **DELETED** 11/29/17
- IR 16-3: [Earth Retaining Systems with Precast Concrete or Concrete Masonry Units: 2016, 2013 and 2010 CBC](#) Revised IR updated to clarify its applicability to the 2016, 2013 and 2010 editions of the California Building Code (CBC) and the reporting requirements for special inspection and material testing activities associated with these earth retaining systems. (11/07/17)
- IR 25-2.13: [Metal Suspension Systems for Lay-In Panel Ceiling: 2013 CBC](#): Revised IR clarifies when a ceiling grid must be updated to meet current CBC requirements and that Fire Rated ceiling assemblies must have their corresponding tested assembly number noted in the plan details. (11/09/17)

## DECEMBER

- BU 12-04: Chapter 383, Statutes of 2012, SB 1186 (Steinberg) **DELETED** 12/07/17
- BU 16-03: [2013 Pre-Check Extension and Renewals to the 2016 CBC](#) Bulletin updated to extend the deadline for use of 2013 pre-check documents for all structure categories through May 31, 2018. (12/08/17)
- DSA 7: [Application for Concurrence: Project is Exempt](#) Minor edit to form includes adjusting information entry areas in DSA USE ONLY section. (12/19/17)
- GL-4: [CALGreen Code](#) Revised guideline includes minor edits as well as a thorough review of the application matrix to match the 2016 California Green Building Standards Code. (12/14/17)
- IR F-2: [Fire Watch Requirements During School Construction Projects](#) New IR clarifies code requirements as related to non-operable fire protection/life safety systems requiring a fire watch during school construction. (12/20/17)
- IR N-1: [Pre-Check Designs CALGreen/Energy Code Compliance Review](#) IR revised with minor edit to the attachment. (12/15/17)
- PR 07-01: [Pre-Check Approval](#) Revised procedure directs that it is the designer's responsibility to ensure that their project drawings are correctly coordinated with pre-check drawings prior to submittal to DSA. (12/20/17)

**Announcements of Interest:**

DSA 20/20: Focus on the Future – Register!

**What is it?**

This spring, DSA, the Office of Public School Construction, and the California Department of Education will host DSA 20/20: Focus on the Future, a series of statewide outreach events focused on sharing a wide variety of information and the exchanging of ideas for how, together, we deliver educational facilities more efficiently.

Current construction market conditions throughout California and the impact cost escalation is having on a school district's construction buying power necessitates greater efficiency throughout the planning, design and construction process. With an estimated \$71.5B in both state and local bond funds, delay for any reason is costly.

Regardless of your level of experience, this event is designed to offer something for everyone involved in the planning, design, construction and inspection of public schools.

**Where and When Is It?**

Bakersfield: February 1, 2018  
Los Angeles: February 8, 2018  
Oakland: February 15, 2018  
Sacramento: March 6, 2018  
San Diego: March 13, 2018

For more information and to register, please visit the [DSA 20/20: Focus on the Future](#) event page.

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