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RE: SPECTEXT® and MasterFormat™

Letter to SPECTEXT Users:

As you know, CSI recently announced that it will no longer support MasterFormat 1995 Section numbers and titles after December 31, 2009. Consequently, CSI has requested us to discontinue offering SPECTEXT in MasterFormat 1995.

To ensure that we correctly understand your needs and business we surveyed you regarding your use of MasterFormat 1995 and 2004 and the reasons why you may not have migrated fully to MasterFormat 2004. We would like to thank all of you who participated in our Survey.

Of those who responded, we determined that 25% of you use MF95 100% of the time and that 25% of you use MF04 100% of the time. We determined that 50% of you use both formats. The #1 reason given why the migration is not complete is that your clients continue to specify the use of MF95.

CSRF will continue to provide both MasterFormat 1995 and 2004 numbering systems in the SPECTEXT libraries and in future updates. CSRF is committed to the SPECTEXT subscribers and will continue to support MasterFormat 1995 until such time as you tell us that you have transitioned to MasterFormat 04.

We invite you to investigate the benefit of migrating to MF04. MF04 provides additional flexibility and specificity in the specification of your projects. By adding a uniform logic path to Level 4 detail, we believe that MF04 serves your customers best interest in securing the quality level they expect in finished construction. We also find that many owners are not aware of MF04 and the benefits to them. We ask you to support CSI by educating your clients regarding MF04.

Very truly yours,

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