

IAS



accreditation at Ceco

The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), Chicago, and the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA), Cleveland, issued a joint statement announcing the termination of AISC's sponsorship of the Metal Building Certification Program in the second quarter of 2007. Many metal building manufactures were concerned about how they would continue to provide an accredited building to their customers.

The answer came from the International Accreditation Service (IAS) which assured the metal building companies lasting quality control. IAS provided metal building companies with an alternative to AISC-MB certification through its existing accreditation program. MBMA and IAS worked together to provide a specialized metal building accreditation program designed to meet the unique needs of its manufactures

IAS' expertise made it easy to replace the previous role of AISC and at the end of the first quarter of 2008, the document, "Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Programs for Manufacturers of Metal Building Systems (AC472), cleared and was approved for implementation starting May 2008." *Metal Construction News* February 2009.

As a Ceco builder what does Ceco's Accreditation do for you or the end customer? It means—

SINGLE CERTIFICATION SOURCE.

Across the country building officials are willing to accept plans more quickly because Ceco is in compliance with IBC Chapter 17. Accreditation also demonstrates that Ceco is committed to public safety and code compliance. Architects, engineers and building specification writers can assure their clients things will be done correctly without compromising public safety and quality.

For Ceco, most of the practices in place for AISC-MB will still be applicable. This includes such items as procedures for contract review, engineering practices, shop processes, qualifications for welding and record keeping.

Builders should encourage their customers to require IAS accreditation on all new projects. Look for the "IAS Accredited" logo as shown below. This means the building is provided by an IAS-accredited manufacturer.

