

ICC Evaluation Service, Inc.  
5360 Workman Mill Rd.  
Whittier, CA 90601  
Attn: Mr. Mahmut Ekenel, Staff Engineer

January 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Proposed AC396 to be discussed at the Feb. meeting.

Dear Mr. Ekenel:

I am president of ShelterWorks in Oregon. We manufacture the Faswall® wood fiber/cement ICF blocks used in residential and commercial buildings. We currently have a submittal into the ICC to update our listing. Mr. Peter Bahlo is our contact.

I received the agenda by email on Jan. 4, 2010 for the upcoming February meeting and saw the agenda item agenda item pertaining to a draft AC396.

We are a wood fiber/cement composite and the material described in the draft AC396 is also a wood fiber/cement composite. Therein lies my interest in this AC being considered as it may impact our product and business. I spoke to Mr. Peter Bahlo on this matter and he reported back that the lead engineer on the AC396 stated that this AC does not impact the Faswall product as it is a product 'unlike yours'.

My understanding from this AC is that it is a replacement for CMU's in non load bearing applications with mortar attachment between units. There is no mention of seismic testing.

Since the composite material sounds very similar to the Faswall® composite material I do have an interest in this AC and how it is developed. Thirty days notice is not sufficient for us to respond technically to this AC and I would like to suggest that we are included on a further study committee around this AC to develop it to an adoptable criteria.

I am planning on attending the meeting in February. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ShelterWorks Ltd.  
Thomas Van Denend, President