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**To: All Full, Associate and Professional Members**

**Subject: Formal Interpretation from AISC Committee on the Code of Standard Practice**

A request for formal interpretation was made to the AISC Committee on the Code of Standard Practice:

Does ANSI/AISC 303 *Code of Standard Practice* (the CoSP) apply to “design assist” and other forms of collaboration?

In response, the Committee provided the following formal interpretation:

Yes, the Committee affirms that the provisions of the CoSP apply to all projects that involve fabricated structural steel. The CoSP is the recognized statement of custom and usage in the fabricated structural steel industry in the United States. Portions of the CoSP are also incorporated by reference into the *International Building Code* (IBC) and all state and local building codes that adopt the IBC; see [www.aisc.org/303IBC](http://www.aisc.org/303IBC).

The AISC Committee on the Code of Standard Practice is a balanced, ANSI-accredited standards-developing committee. It has equal representation of designers, industry, and general interest participants. It is responsible for the ongoing development of ANSI/AISC 303 -- *Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges* as a consensus American National Standard, and is the sole entity with the authority to provide official interpretations of it.