

## NEW PUBLICATION

### AISC Nuclear Facility-Related Spec Guide Available

The new AISC *Specification for Safety-Related Steel Structures for Nuclear Facilities* is now available. Incorporating both allowable stress design (ASD) and load and resistance factor design (LRFD) methods, the new guide updates both the ASD and LRFD versions of *Specification for the Design, Fabrication, and Erection of Steel Safety-Related Structures for Nuclear Facilities*, labeled ANSI/AISC N690-1994(R2004) and ANSI/AISC N690L-2004, respectively.

The document and public review form is available at [www.aisc.org](http://www.aisc.org). Please submit your comments electronically to [duncan@aisc.org](mailto:duncan@aisc.org) using the review comment form, or mail to Cynthia Duncan, AISC, Suite 700, 1 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601-1802 by August 21, 2006.

For those who would prefer something less digitally-based, a hard copy is also available for \$12 by calling 312.670.5411 or by e-mailing [cummins@aisc.org](mailto:cummins@aisc.org).

## FABRICATOR NEWS

### Stupp Bros. Celebrates 150th Anniversary

Stupp Bros., a privately-held fabricator and producer of structural steel components and steel piping for major infrastructure improvement and capital expansion products, is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Founded as a St. Louis, Mo., blacksmith shop in 1856 by Johann Stupp, the company is now in its fifth generation. Today, the Stupp Bros. company includes Stupp Bridge Company, Hammert's Iron Works, Inc., Stupp Corporation, Bayou Coating, and the Midwest Bank Centre, a leading community bank.

Stupp Bros. has been an active member of the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. since 1922. (AISC was founded in 1921.) AISC's Robert P. Stupp Award for Leadership Excellence was created in 1998 in honor of Stupp Bros. chairman and president Robert (Bob) Stupp. A former AISC chairman of the board and the longest-serving board member in AISC's history, Stupp received the award in recognition of his unparalleled leadership in the steel construction industry.

## AWARDS

### Nominations Sought for Fourth Annual Image of Welding Awards

The American Welding Society (AWS), the world's largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, is seeking nominations for its Fourth Annual Image of Welding Awards. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have shown superior dedication to promoting the image of welding in their communities.

The awards are issued in seven categories and the winners will be announced at the Image of Welding Awards Ceremony at the FABTECH International and AWS Welding Show in late October 2006. Awards categories are as follows: Individual; Section (AWS local chapter); Large Business (200 or more employees); Small Business (less than 200 employees); Distributor (welding products); Educator; and Educational Facility.

Nominations will be judged by the Welding Equipment Manufacturers Committee (WEMCO).

To nominate an individual or organization for an award, send a written explanation of the nominee's qualifications, along with your name, phone number, email and mailing address, to Adrienne Zalkind at [azalkind@aws.org](mailto:azalkind@aws.org), or by postal mail to AWS Image of Welding Awards, 550 NW LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida, 33126. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2006. For more information, visit [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).

## Got News?

Send your news items, announcements, and industry events to Keith Grubb, [grubb@modernsteel.com](mailto:grubb@modernsteel.com) or Kara Luger, [luger@modernsteel.com](mailto:luger@modernsteel.com).

## FABRICATOR NEWS

### New Fabricator's Insurance Program Offers Competitive Pricing and Wide Coverage

A new insurance program endorsed by the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., is designed to help fabricators gain greater control, price stability and lower costs, while also enjoying value-added management services, according to a presentation at the recent Central Fabricators Association meeting.

"The idea is to get you to the point where you have the buying power of a Fortune 1,000 company," explained Robert Barrese of the Assurance Agency, the broker administering the program. "At that point, a variety of exciting options open up, including the formation of a Risk Purchasing Group (RPG) or an employer- or association-owned captive." Assurance Agency offers workers' compensation, general liability, auto, property and marine and excess liability coverage through a menu of insurers who are focused on specific segments of the AISC membership. "These specialists can provide the most competitive pricing and coverage terms today while allowing Assurance to aggregate and track premiums and losses, thus building the buying power that will take us to the next step," Barrese added. "More important are the value added services that will help members control losses." Among the services Assurance Agency can provide to members who purchase coverage through them are:

- Claims advocacy
- Loss control
- Contract review and certificate management
- Coverage review

As AISC president Roger E. Ferch said in announcing the program earlier this year: "We have, through our endorsed agent, negotiated favorable terms with a variety of specialty insurers. This menu approach will allow us to better serve members and build buying power. Please consider this program for your next renewal."

An application is available at [www.aisc.org/insurance](http://www.aisc.org/insurance). For more information on the program, please contact Robert Barrese, 847.463.7183, [bbarrese@assuranceagency.com](mailto:bbarrese@assuranceagency.com); Gary Peterson, 847.463.7296, [gpeterson@assuranceagency.com](mailto:gpeterson@assuranceagency.com); or Dan Bruno, 847.463.7117, [dbruno@assuranceagency.com](mailto:dbruno@assuranceagency.com).

## letters

### Construction Safety

"Designing for Construction Safety" (by Toole, Hervol and Hallowell, *Modern Steel Construction*, June 2006) can only be described as great. The idea that construction safety concerns should be included at the design level has been unaddressed for too long. This issue has been getting more attention, albeit quietly, recently. The 2001 revision of the Safety Standards for Steel Erection contained in the OSHA Construction Standards (29 CFR Part 1926 Subpart R) is one important example. This revision of the OSHA standard includes references to the issues that the project structural engineer of record (OSHA's term) can influence at the design level. My only comment on "Designing for Construction Safety" is that it fails to include Subpart R as a reference.

MSC and the authors have done an important service to the entire construction team (owner, designer, fabricator, constructor and ironworker) by publishing this article. In particular, the introduction to the *Detailing Guide for the Enhancement of Erection Safety*, by the Steel Erectors Association of America and the National Institute of Steel Detailing, is appreciated by this reader.

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