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2.4 OmniClass™

2.4.4.3 OmniClass™ Table 13 – Spaces by Function, May 2011

2.4.4.3.1 Scope

OmniClass™ is a comprehensive system consisting of 15 tables for classifying the entire built environment throughout the full project life-cycle. Table 13 – Spaces by function provides a hierarchical taxonomy for classifying and identifying spaces by function. The whole OmniClass system can be used to organize many different forms of information for use in preparing project information, communicating exchange information, cost information, specification information, and other information that is generated during the services carried out throughout the project life-cycle.

2.4.4.3.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.


2.4.4.3.3 Terms, definitions, symbols, units and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions, symbols, units and abbreviated terms apply.

2.4.4.3.3.1 spaces by function

basic units of the built environment delineated by physical or abstract boundaries characterized by function or primary use

2.4.4.3.4 OmniClass™ Table 13 – Spaces by function, May 2011

2.4.4.3.4.1 Introduction

*OmniClass™ Table 13 – Spaces by Function* is an existing industry standard developed, managed, published and copyrighted by the Construction Specifications Institute, approved through the NBIMS-US™ consensus process. *OmniClass™ Table 13 – Spaces by Function* is incorporated in NBIMS-US™ by reference so that it can be easily referenced in BIM Information Exchanges. Document follows.

2.4.4.3.5 Bibliography

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