



International Urban Forest Data Standards Committee



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Thank you for your interest in the International Urban Forest Data Standards Committee. As you may be aware, we conducted a interactive session an August at the ISA Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. At that time we were able to move a bit further toward establishing a framework for the standardization process. I know that many of you were not able to attend the session at ISA, so a *Summary of the Session Comments* has been developed for your review and can be found on the *Standardization Document Archive Website*, at <http://tinyurl.com/iufro-docs>

Additionally, we would like to make sure that everyone who is interested in participating in the development of the standards has designed their area of interest(s), so that they can be included on the appropriate sub-committees. The *Membership Committee Assignments* should be reviewed, using the at the same URL noted above. And, if you are interested in serving as a Sub-Committee Leader, please let us know, so that you can be incorporated in the complete Committee roster. *Please send any additions or changes of your committee request to Dave Bloniarz, UF Standards Recording Secretary at dblontarz@fs.fed.us.*

Also, we have prepared another document, and posted it online, for your use as an outline for the work of the Sub-Committee teams. This *Summary Brief & Update – October 2009*, also contains an overview of where we are to date on the standardization process. Please download and view the document at the same *Standardization Document Archive Website*, at <http://tinyurl.com/iufro-docs>

Please remember that the development of the standards will be an iterative process, so it is important that we begin advancing our Sub-Committee discussions as soon as possible. The Sub-Committee Leaders will be in contact with you soon, in order to coordinate committee work.

Please feel free to let me know of your ideas, suggestions and comments. **Please reply to Dave Nowak by November 5, 2009 with your comments or questions (dnowak@fs.fed.us).** Additionally, please do not forget to review your committee assignment information, and send changes directly to Dave Bloniarz (dblontarz@fs.fed.us). Both of these requests are time sensitive, so your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your interest and your contributions to this standardization process.

Sincerely,

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