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### **The Construction Industry Council (CIC) Building Information Modelling (BIM) Protocol is published**

CIC has today published its much anticipated **Building Information Modelling (BIM) Protocol** alongside two further BIM documents: **Best Practice Guide for Professional Indemnity Insurance when using BIM** and, **Outline Scope of Services for the role of Information Management**. All three documents are available to download free at [www.cic.org.uk](http://www.cic.org.uk)

Building Information Modelling is an innovative and collaborative way of working that is underpinned by digital technologies which unlock more efficient methods of designing, creating and maintaining our built environment. In essence BIM embeds key product and asset data within a series of three dimensional computer models that can be used for effective management of information throughout the project lifecycle - from earliest inception through to occupation. It has been described as a game-changing ICT and cultural process for the construction sector.

The BIM Task Group, which leads the public sector implementation of the Government Construction Strategy mandate that all government construction projects will be undertaken using BIM Level 2 by 2016, has supported the co-ordination and creation of these key BIM documents.

**The Protocol** is an important document that provides the legal framework which will facilitate and promote the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM), a technology which will radically change construction practices, while at the same time producing substantial savings. It has been prepared following extensive consultation with Construction Industry Council members and with end-users in the wider construction industry.

The Protocol is a contractual document which takes precedence over existing agreements. It places an obligation on parties to provide defined elements of their services within a model or models at defined stages in a project. There is also the requirement to appoint a party to the role of information management. The Protocol encourages collaborative working methods within project teams and it operates within the adoption of common standards.

## **BIM Insurance Guidance**

CIC has also produced a Best Practice Guide that deals with those aspects of BIM which relate to Professional Indemnity (PI) insurance. Although the general advice is that BIM level 2 should not present any obvious insurance problem, the suggestion is made that the broker ought to be consulted when BIM is used for the first time. This is particularly so if the insured party is undertaking an information management role; if a BIM co-ordinator is employed as a sub-consultant or; if there is a 'hosting' element in the BIM environment.

## **Outline Scope of Services for the role of Information Management**

This document outlines the role description of information management which may be included within a Scope of Service Agreement. This sets out the duty to: establish a common data environment; establish agree and implement the information structure, enabling integration and co-ordination of information and; agree formats for outputs.

**Simon Rawlinson, Chair of the Legal, Contracts and Insurance Working Group of the BIM Task Group and CIC Executive Board Member** says: "CIC's suite of documentation represents a major step forward for the implementation of BIM in the UK. The Protocol provides a generally applicable contractual framework for the use of BIM on projects, representing the interests of the employer and model originators. We have also taken steps to define the scope of the role of Information Management and have addressed some common concerns in connection with the insurance industry. From my perspective, the great step forward has been to unify these documents around PAS 1192-2 and the information flows that are crucial to the BIM value proposition. I would like to congratulate the team for their excellent work in bringing the suite together"

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Notes to the editor

CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

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