

Government and the building and construction industry collaborate to increase productivity, safety and sustainability

In a national first, government and the building and construction industry today released a national Framework elevating project team integration and building information modelling to the national stage. A new joint government and industry resource *A Framework for the Adoption of Project Team Integration and Building Information Modelling*, developed by the Strategic Forum for the Australasian Building and Construction Industry, and was launched by the Hon. Bob Baldwin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry this morning in Canberra.

The new publication is another in a series of resources published by the Strategic Forum, an initiative of the Australian Construction Industry Forum and the Australasian Procurement and Construction Council, who have joined forces to produce resources for increased productivity, safety and sustainability for use by government and the construction industry.

The *Framework* identifies the key elements, underpinned by objectives and actions, that require a ‘whole of industry’ approach to encourage and support increased adoption of Project Team Integration (PTI) and BIM.

“The *Framework* and other resources we have produced are intended to improve both the process and the result when building assets for the ultimate end user – the Australian people,” said the Chairman of ACIF, Robin Fardoulis.

“This document outlines proposed activities required to successfully implement BIM across government agencies and private sector clients, as well as construction industry service providers, including the facilitation of more integrated project teams from the outset. Its adoption embraces the new wave of technology available and being used on a number of large government builds, such as hospitals, and private sector projects. Embracing PTI and BIM on a project is the way the industry is heading.”

Neil Castles, Chair of the APCC Council of Chief Executives agrees: “BIM encourages innovative practices together with productivity, time and quality gains applicable at every stage of the project delivery process without inhibiting competition or transparency.”

A ‘whole of industry’ approach will inspire more advanced and innovative use of BIM. The result being smoother construction processes with less wasted effort, and construction products, increasing end-user satisfaction and longer asset-life for use by the community.

Electronic copies of the Framework are available on the websites of both ACIF www.acif.com.au and APCC www.apcc.gov.au.

About Strategic Forum for Australasian Building and Construction Industry

An initiative of Australian Construction Industry Forum and the Australasian Procurement and Construction Council

The Strategic Forum is a unique body that brings together key stakeholders in the Australasian building and construction industry. The Forum acts as an entry point and significant interface between government and the building and construction sector. It facilitates positive change and encourages greater productivity. Above all, it acts as a national forum to network and discuss issues that affect the industry.

This Forum is an entry point to facilitate joint pathways for improving building and construction industry productivity in Australasia. By working together to do this, we engender and encourage trust between the government and industry sectors.

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