

ConsensusDOCS Momentum Builds Across the Industry

BIM Addendum launch and new member group create buzz

Since its launch on September 28, 2007, ConsensusDOCS™ has attracted 22 leading construction associations representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, designers and sureties. The newest organization to endorse ConsensusDOCS is the National Association of Electrical Distributors, which joined in late June.

ConsensusDOCS contract documents are collaboratively drafted to reflect a project's best interests, helping all parties focus on better project results rather than negotiating risk-shifting contract terms.

According to a survey conducted last year, McGraw-Hill Key Trends 2008, 75% of surveyed owners believed that the new ConsensusDOCS contracts would provide value and mitigate such issues as conflicts with contracts, delay claims and change orders. AGC is proud to be one of the leaders in this effort, as every document represents true consensus for best practices and appropriate risk sharing in contracts.

ConsensusDOCS includes more than 70 contracts and forms, and the newly released BIM Addendum now addresses the perceived legal uncertainties associated with building information modeling. The ConsensusDOCS 301 BIM Addendum, released on June 30, is the first and only industry standard document to globally address the legal concerns associated with utilizing BIM. BIM allows users to generate and manage computerized, multi-dimensional models linked to databases that house the design specifications, schedules and other documents related to a construction project. By using BIM,

everyone involved on a project has shared, up-to-date project data, which can help lead to a more successful design process, plus increased budget control and fewer surprises. Because BIM allows the user to predict the process, there are limited design and scheduling conflicts.

The BIM Addendum was co-drafted with the AGC BIM Forum, a conglomeration of leaders throughout the architectural, engineering and construction industry who have joined forces to facilitate and accelerate the adoption of BIM. Through the BIM Forum, architects, engineers and academics were able to contribute to an industry-wide consensus document.

Paul Hoffman, president of Hoffman LLC, Appleton, Wis., and past chair of the AGC Contract Documents Committee, is an avid supporter of the documents. According to Hoffman, "ConsensusDOCS will prove to be one of the best things to happen to the design and construction profession in a long time. Standardized documents that are endorsed not only by construction-related associations, but also associations that support the design and construction professions, will have a huge impact on the future of our business."

Hoffman has used AGC contract

documents for the last 15 years and ConsensusDOCS was a natural extension—the company is now using the ConsensusDOCS 400 series.

According to Doug Barnhart, AGC president, the BIM Addendum will add value to ConsensusDOCS. "I have used BIM technology on major jobs where we had the ability to obtain upfront efficiencies," said Barnhart. "I am excited by the prospects of using the BIM Addendum to help contractors like me continue to strengthen our relationships with owners, subcontractors and designers. It can only lead to more outstanding projects of which we can all be proud."

This kind of collaboration is priceless when it comes to the construction profession. Because many parties are involved in construction projects, open communication is imperative to get the job done right. ConsensusDOCS represents the best kind of teamwork and comes with built-confidence that the project will be completed in the best interest of everyone. ■

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ConsensusDOCS Contracts Highlights

- ConsensusDOCS 200 Owner-Contractor Agreement
- ConsensusDOCS 200.1 Materials Price Escalation/De-escalation Amendment
- ConsensusDOCS 200.2 Electronic Communications Protocol
- ConsensusDOCS 240 Owner-Designer Agreement
- ConsensusDOCS 300 Tri-Party Collaborative Agreement
- ConsensusDOCS 301 BIM Addendum
- ConsensusDOCS 410 Design-Build Agreement
- ConsensusDOCS 500 CM At-Risk Agreement
- ConsensusDOCS 750 Subcontract Agreement