



CANADIAN DESIGN-BUILD INSTITUTE

Newsletter #7

December 2001

Season's Greetings from CDBI !

On behalf of the Council and staff of the Canadian Design Build Institute, we wish to extend the warmest of holiday wishes to all our CDBI members, industry colleagues and friends.

As we begin to look forward to the New Year, it is difficult not to do so without reflecting back at the horrific events of September 11th, and how much of the world's reaction as a result of these events, has foreshadowed so many of our lives. We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere sympathies and support to all those, including a number of CDBI members, who have been deeply shaken by this recent tragedy.

As is traditional during the holiday season, and even more important this year, we hope all of you will take the occasion to cherish our safety and good fortune, and share it not only with your family and friends, but also with others around us who are in need.

The CDBI looks forward to another exciting, yet challenging year in 2002, and to the continuing support and involvement of all its members. Happy holidays!



Barrie Fordham & David Morgan
CDBI Co-Chairs

2001-2002 Membership Directory now available

All CDBI members will be receiving a copy of the CDBI's 2001-2002 Membership Directory along with this newsletter. Thanks to those members who took advantage of the opportunity to also provide supplementary corporate profiles for the directory – this information truly illustrates the diversity and strength of CDBI's membership. Members who also provided electronic profiles will see their information posted in the near future on the CDBI website at www.cdbi.org.

A limited number of copies of the directory are available to CDBI members at no additional cost.



Non-CDBI members may purchase the directory for a cost of \$25. Please contact Dianna Fournier at CDBI for ordering information.

CDBI Conference and Annual General Meeting set for Victoria

Now is the time to mark your calendar and plan on attending the CDBI's next Conference and AGM scheduled from April 3rd to 6th, 2002 at the famous Fairmont Empress Hotel in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia. Plus, we'll be holding our **inaugural CDBI golf tournament!** As has been the case with past CDBI conferences, the Victoria program will present a knowledgeable line-up of speakers, insightful case studies and thought-provoking sessions aimed at everyone who shares a professional interest in design-build – from the expert design-builder to the novice. It's also a premier opportunity to network with many of Canada's top design-build professionals, owners and key industry decision-makers. Watch for additional program and registration information to be released soon, or keep checking the CDBI website at www.cdbi.org for conference details as they become available.

A Special Committee of the Canadian Construction Association

400 - 75 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5E7
Tel: (613) 236-9455 Fax: (613) 236-9526 www.cdbi.org



Feature your project in CDBI's new promotional brochure!

A new CDBI promotional brochure will soon be rolling off the presses, and it's an outstanding opportunity to highlight your latest design-build achievement! CDBI is looking for a number of high-quality photos representing diverse, high-profile Canadian design-build projects. Even better, you can send along a testimonial or quote from the project's owner or a member of your design-build team! Don't miss this opportunity ... space is restricted to only a limited number of projects. For more information on adding your design-build project, please contact Dianna Fournier at CDBI.

Staffing changes at CDBI

Members should take note of a number of minor staffing role changes at CDBI. Effective immediately, Eric Lee will relinquish his primary coordinating role with CDBI to Doug Hotston. Eric will continue to support CDBI functions with respect to standard practice issues, educational activities and the Joint Industry-Government Task Force on Design-Build. Doug will assume a more hands-on function with the CDBI Council and other issues concerning CDBI. As before, Dianna Fournier will continue to provide CDBI's key administrative functions and maintain the high level of communication and service that members rely on. Expect these changes to provide a continuation of the professionalism and commitment from CCA staff toward CDBI and the Institute's operations.

Compilation of design-build stats

CCA (representing CDBI), along with CSC, RAIC and ACEC, has recently requested that Statistics Canada add a question relating to the use of design-build procurement in its survey of the construction industry. The availability of such data will help facilitate strategic business planning and allow industry associations to better educate owners, the design community and contractors on the practical application of design-build.

Design-Builder selection principles released

The Joint Industry-Government of Canada Task Force on Design-Build has released a joint statement which sets out the principles for the proper selection of a design-builder. The principles were accepted unanimously by the nine organizations and federal government departments that make up the Task Force.

The joint statement covers such areas as the selection process, remuneration, intellectual property, request for proposal documents, and the need for standard contract usage. "The release of this document signals the belief on the part of our respective organizations that clarity and understanding were needed in the design-build process," stated Bruce Lorimer, Director General of Architectural and Engineering Services at Public Works and Government Services Canada. "These guidelines should serve to strengthen what is, for many people still, a relatively unknown area of the Canadian building sector."

CDBI members are receiving a copy of the principles with this newsletter, and the document can also be found on the CDBI website at www.cdbi.org.

300 Series manual update

Work is progressing on the 300 Series Design-Build Practice manual '*Responding to RFQs and RFPs*'. Teams are now in the final stages of reviewing various sections of the manual, with a draft document expected for CDBI Council study in Spring of 2002. Look for this valuable new resource manual to be rolling off the presses by next Summer.

New member recruitment

CDBI members are our best ambassadors when it comes to advocating the benefits and strengths of being a member of the Institute. How many industry colleagues do you know that should also be members of CDBI? If each CDBI member was to recruit one new member, the Institute, and you, would be that much stronger ... a stronger voice, increased business opportunities, better educational programs. In 2002, make it your goal to recruit just one new member to CDBI, and help make Canada's design-build industry stronger than ever!

Owners survey

CDBI now has a new tool to help owners derive added insight and knowledge from others in the use of design-build. The Owners Survey, available on the CDBI website at www.cdbi.org, is designed to share experiences with others thinking of using design-build and also those presently using design-build but who still want to expand their knowledge regarding its use. If you're an owner of a recently completed design-build project, or know someone who is, this survey will showcase experiences both positive and negative in order to help others in making the right decisions for their projects.

New practice bulletin highlights project specific risk management for design-build projects

CDBI's Risk Management Committee has completed the latest CDBI Practice Bulletin (#4), entitled '*Project Specific Professional Liability for Design-Build Projects*'.

The bulletin examines some of the circumstances under which professional liability insurance may not cover a loss and the advantages of having a project specific liability policy. Also discussed are the recommended limits for a project specific policy, ways to offset the cost of this type of coverage and other important considerations to take into account when dealing with a construction insurance advisor.

The bulletin, along with all other previously released CDBI practice bulletins and newsletters, can also be found on the CDBI website at www.cdbi.org.

This bulletin is the first in a series of bi-annual publications by the Risk Management Committee examining the complex issues of risk management related to the use of design-build for construction.

In 2002, the Committee will also be releasing a risk management guide to accompany the use of *CCA-CSC-RAIC Documents 14 and 15*.

