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INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL



PROVIDING PLATFORMS FOR DIPLOMACY

13 FEBRUARY 2007

20 SEPTEMBER 2007

14 JUNE 2007

13 DECEMBER 2007

AGENDA

0930 – 0955 Opening Remarks

0955 – 1200 Morning Session

1200 – 1300 Lunch

1300 – 1530 Afternoon Session

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1 Usefulness of BIM – Usefulness of using modern technologies to help us is it viewed by industry as a beneficial tool? BIM is certainly changing the way buildings are designed and constructed, but is it changing how they're operated and maintained? There is a lot of interest in the industry around using building information for Facilities Management, but how does this really work? Do the benefits of BIM extend to FM?

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2 Procurement – How can we improve procurement process? What is the real value of the project director's being at the table during negotiations?

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3 New Project Delivery – (Commissioning new facilities) Who is best suited to manage this process? The construction division or the facilities manager? What are the pros and cons?

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4 Best practices for Design/Construction businesses –

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5 Decline of skilled workforce: – The challenge of acquiring and sustaining a skilled workforce are widespread, how is industry dealing with this dilemma?

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6 Cost estimation is critical to a firm-fixed price project – “Are we postured to get it right?” What is new in this area?

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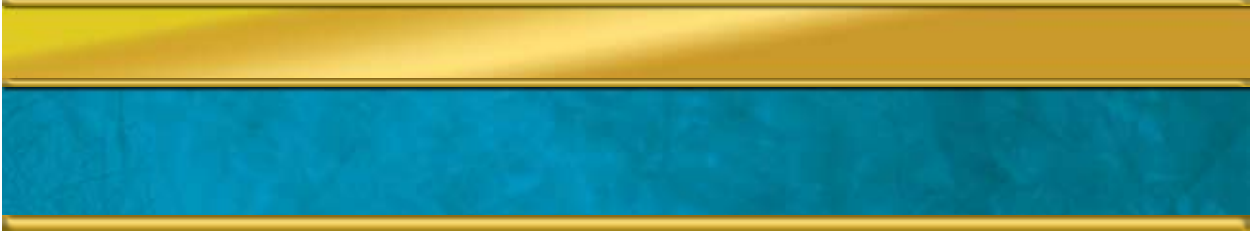
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