

Sponsor: Electrical Contractors Association (ECA)

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#### **Electrical Contractors Association**



ECA represents more than 1,000 professional contractors

- The headquarters are located in Westchester, IL
- The organization is for the benefit of electrical contractors involved in it



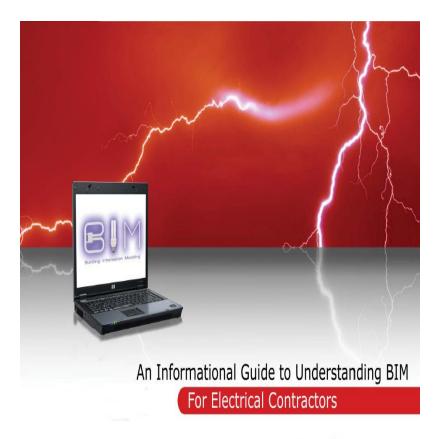
Representing the best in electrical engineering and building services



## **Objective**



- Assist the ECA electrical contractors to understand BIM and its implementation process.
- Create a user guide that will focus on the following items
  - background information of BIM
  - benefits of using BIM
  - methods of implementing BIM into one's company













## At a glance



- What is BIM?
- □ Cost of BIM
  - Hardware
  - Software
- □ Benefits to:
  - Industry
  - Electrical Contractors
- □ BIM Training
- □ BIM on Job
- Regulations





#### What is BIM?



#### BIM is not a software, but an ideology.

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is a building design methodology characterized by the creation and use of coordinated, internally consistent computable information about a building project in design and construction.





#### **Cost of Software**



BIM Software	Software Cost
Autodesk® Revit® Architecture 2010	\$5,495.00
Autodesk® Navisworks® Manage 2011	\$9,995.00
Autodesk® Navisworks® Simulate 2011	\$2,495.00
AutoCAD® MEP 2011	\$4,995.00
AutoCAD® Revit® MEP Suite 2010	\$5,995.00
Autodesk® Revit® Structure 2010	\$5,495.00













#### **Cost of Hardware**



- □ High-end workstation
  - Multi-core 64 bit Processor
  - RAM 8GB min
  - Graphics accelerator1GB
  - Two 24" monitors
- □ Total Cost =\$5,000-\$6,000





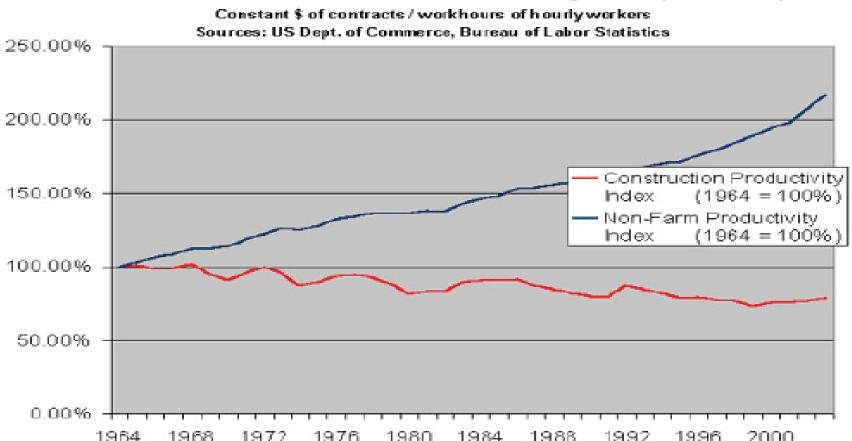
#### Benefits to Industry



- Model-to-Design integration
  - Increases cost efficiency
- Automates tasks
  - reduced work for design and construction professionals
- 3D visualization, construction and geometry
  - reduced rework, labor costs, RFI's and Change Orders
  - high quality work and accelerated schedules
- 4D models
  - optimize project phasing and construction sequencings
- Teamwork and coordination

## **Increased Productivity**

#### Construction & Non-Farm Labor Productivity Index (1964-2003)





## A Benefits to Electrical Contractors bimit



- □ Times saving
- Detection of design problems easily found
- Prefabrication
  - □ controlled environme
  - specialized tools
  - □ safety at work





# **BIM Training**



**Autodesk Autorize Training Centers, IL** 

Avatech Solutions Inc. Chicago, IL

Hagerman & Company, Inc. Mt. Zion, IL

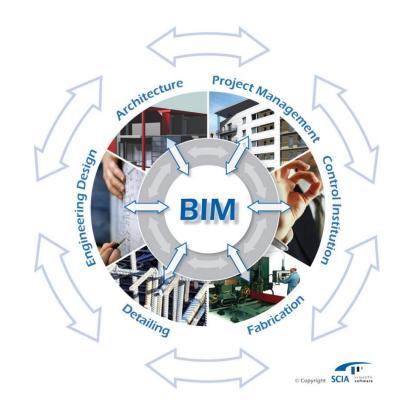
IMAGINIT Technologies Inc. Schaumburg, IL

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MasterGraphics
Rolling Meadows, IL

Moraine Valley Community College Palos Hills, IL







## BIM on the Job



- Project designed and engineering for the owner
- Implementation into a 3D model
- Approval of building by engineers
- BIM process really begins.
- Project contracts
- BIM team consists of subcontractor working on the project
  - team reviews the model daily
  - team works together (MEP coordination) for the various areas of the project
  - Each MEP contractor designs their needs in the area.
  - MEP contractors implement design into the model for clashes detection
- Clashes resolved virtually until the model is clash free.
- Scheduling implementation
- Workers begin installation
- The goal is to have an area completely modeled before any trade begins working in the area.





# Regulations



- The American Recovery and Reinvest Act
- □ GSA
- California's Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings
- LEED standards and certification
- Professional Service Provider Guidelines and Standards created by Texas Facilities Commission



# Why use BIM?



- BIM empowers design and construction professionals to focus their energy on higher order functions such as creativity and problem solving while computers perform the tedious tasks of counting and checking
- BIM brings subcontractors onto project collaboration at an earlier stage than standard construction
- 4D models allow customers to visualize and optimize project phasing and construction sequencings



## Questions



