improving efficiency through an advanced technology

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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







- 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









- 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.









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 accelerator 1GB
- 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)





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.









- 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







- 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







