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ASA Board Approves Pioneering Contract Addendum on BIM

*New Addition to ConsensusDOCS Model Family of Documents
To Pave Way for Best Practices in the Digital Age*

Charleston, S.C. — The American Subcontractors Association (ASA) announced its endorsement of the addition of a building information modeling (BIM) addendum to the [ConsensusDOCS](#) family of model contract documents. Approved by the ASA board of directors during its March 9 meeting at the ASA Business Forum & Convention 2008, in Charleston, S.C., the ConsensusDOCS BIM Addendum is the first and only industry standard document to globally address the legal uncertainties associated with using BIM.

“From its inception, building information modeling has sought to foster the productive collaboration of multiple parties across a variety of disciplines, and this new addendum will be no different,” said 2007-08 ASA President David H. Bradbury, Precision Concrete Construction Inc., Alpharetta, Ga. “The new ConsensusDOCS BIM Addendum will help to further establish more fair and innovative contract documents that all parties can agree on — and will enhance ConsensusDOCS’ reputation as a leader in innovative construction contracts.”

BIM is the process of generating and managing computerized, multi-dimensional models linked to databases that house the design specifications, schedules, and other documents related to a construction project. BIM provides all parties involved on a project with shared, up-to-date project data, subsequently allowing for a richer design process, increased budget control through predictions about the project’s construction process, and fewer surprises with respect to potential design and scheduling conflicts among trades — long before ground is even broken. Such technology improvements and intelligent integration being fostered by the use of BIM is beginning to dramatically increase efficiency and productivity throughout the construction industry.

The ConsensusDOCS BIM Addendum will be published in the first half of 2008 as part of the ConsensusDOCS comprehensive catalog of contracts and forms, which address all project delivery methods. The BIM Addendum provides a tool to use BIM from start to finish, thereby allowing contractors to more closely integrate project delivery with owners and design professionals. It is also flexible enough to be used as an addendum in more traditional contracting methods.

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On Sept. 28, 2007, ASA, in conjunction with 20 other construction associations representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals and sureties launched the groundbreaking ConsensusDOCS, a set of more than 70 collaboratively drafted model contract documents. The release represented the first time that broad industry representation has had an equal voice in collaboratively drafting construction contracts. The unprecedented buy-in for these contracts reflects a genuine effort to identify and employ best practices to better the industry.

Founded in 1966, ASA amplifies the voice of, and leads, trade contractors to improve the business environment for the construction industry and to serve as a steward for the community. ASA's vision is to be the united voice dedicated to improving the business environment in the construction industry. The ideals and beliefs of ASA are ethical and equitable business practices, quality construction, a safe and healthy work environment, and integrity and membership diversity.

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