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Thank you for attending the Luncheon Briefing on Building Information Modeling (BIM) and High Performance Buildings hosted by the High Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC).

I hope the presentations gave you a glimpse into the value and flexibility of BIM. What a wonderful opportunity to hear presenters with different perspectives who are working directly with BIM. Patrick MacLeamy, President of HOK and chair of buildingSMART International, addressed the viewpoint of private-sector architectural firms. Commander Jack Dempsey of the United States Coast Guard, a large public-sector portfolio holder, gave a BIM tour of facilities. Deke Smith, Executive Director of the buildingSMART alliance, spoke about the development, scope and breadth of this amazing tool through industry-wide voluntary efforts from the National BIM Standard viewpoint. If you would like to review their presentations, they are now available on our website at www.nibs.org/BIMHPBbriefing.html.

BIM is an important ingredient in reducing waste, improving delivery of buildings and structures, and enhancing the value and long-term sustainability of our built environment. As the speakers pointed out, BIMs can serve as the foundation on which other programs, such as high performance buildings, are designed, constructed, managed and renovated, using open standards developed through an industry-wide effort.

To get a broader look at how BIM is changing the development, delivery, use and management of buildings and structures, I invite you to attend the National Institute of Building Sciences Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Ecobuild Conference, December 7 to 10, 2009. The Conference includes a wide range of programs on BIM and high performance buildings, including:

- The buildingSMART alliance International Conference,
- National High Performance Building Conference,
- Building Enclosure Technology and Environment Council Symposium on Retrofitting Building Enclosures for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability,
- BIM Pavilion,
- BIM Aquarium,
- Eco Aquarium, and
- BIMStorm LIVE! sponsored by Onuma.

In addition, HPBCCC and the High Performance Building Council Energy Efficiency Roundtable (HPBEER) will hold meetings during the Ecobuild Conference. For more information, please visit www.nibs.org/AnnualMeeting/.

I look forward to seeing you at the next HPBCCC and hope to see you at Ecobuild in December.

Sincerely,

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