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## Project Blueprint present COBIE Compliant Developments

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Extract the '**Whole Building Design Guide**' web page....

*'Today, most contracts require the handover of paper documents containing equipment lists, product data sheets, warranties, spare part lists, preventive maintenance schedules, and other information. This information is essential to support the operations, maintenance, and the management of the facilities assets by the owner and/or property manager. Gathering this information at the end of the job, today's standard practice, is expensive, since most of the information has to be recreated from information created earlier. COBIE simplifies the work required to capture and record project handover data.'*

Over the period July 23 to July 25, The Building SMART Alliance, U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers and the National Institute of Building Sciences U.S.A. hosted an event that explored the capture of BIMs (Building Information Models) and handover of information collected to Facility Management software. The idea is that Design and Construction data collected by the design Team and then by the Construction Team is lost at handover to the Building Owner and Facility Management group. The wealth of information collected by these groups is usually poorly managed and packaged and is of little use to the FM.

The Building SMART Alliance together with its partners, have explored the idea that Building Information could be handed over in an excel spreadsheet. With this premise as the guidance, Industry was invited to demonstrate how BIM's could be collected during Design and Construction, recorded and handed over to FM groups. In turn the FM groups were invited to demonstrate how their systems could receive this information and load it into their proprietary FM Software.

On the Designer-Side several companies participated including Bentley, Autodesk, Onuma, and **ProjectBlueprint**. All were invited to demonstrate their software. The aim of the Demonstration

was to extract Data from cad files and store them in an excel spreadsheet ready for handover to the FM providers.

ProjectBlueprint successfully produced the COBIE file utilizing two of their product suites. **Codebook**, the Cad overlay, extracted the data from an AutoCAD file and pushed it into **RoomData** the on-line management system. RoomData then produced the COBIE file live and on-Line. ProjectBlueprint and Onuma were the only Vendors to successfully produce the BIM .xls file live and On-Line.

ProjectBlueprints, **RoomData** can be the repository for data extracted by **CodeBook** from all Vendors Cad systems. It will allow each Design Consultant to work in their Cad system of choice and load the Consultants BIMs into **RoomData**. Participants who don't use Cad systems such as the Owner, QS and FFE consultants can also contribute to the BIM on-line from any location and see the data being assembled in real time.

#### **Future Development:**

The On-line system will be developed further to allow Contractors and their sub-Contractors to record their contribution on-line. Making the system COBIE compliant and accessible to all participants. The system will benefit anyone who requires a hand-over of BIM information to FM providers Software and in particular Consultants and Contractors who undertake projects for the U.S. Military who now have this as a requirement on all their projects.

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**Project Blueprint P/L:** Project Blueprint markets a range of sophisticated on-line database tools for the Planning, Design, Architectural, Construction and Purchasing sectors that facilitate unprecedented accuracy and speed in the documentation of projects. Blueprint's RoomData<sup>®</sup> system facilitates the user to detail actual Room Data Sheets unique to the project very quickly, effectively providing the building blocks of any new project. The RoomData<sup>®</sup> system is currently being utilised on projects totalling >US\$12 Billion in construction costs, and used by a variety of the world's largest companies. Project Blueprint is a privately owned company based in Melbourne Australia, with offices in Sydney, Vancouver and Chennai.

**Codebook International Ltd:** CodeBook is a computer application and database that allows the designer to work with coordinated graphical and textual information, producing schedules, themed graphical views and room data sheets. The conceptual model of CodeBook and its methodology were developed by an Architect who has had many years' experience of designing hospitals and is fully conversant with the documentation requirements and the design processes involved. Its functionality therefore closely reflects the needs of the design team and will enhance work methods and quality control. CodeBook International is a privately owned company with offices in London, Brisbane, Boston and Johannesburg.