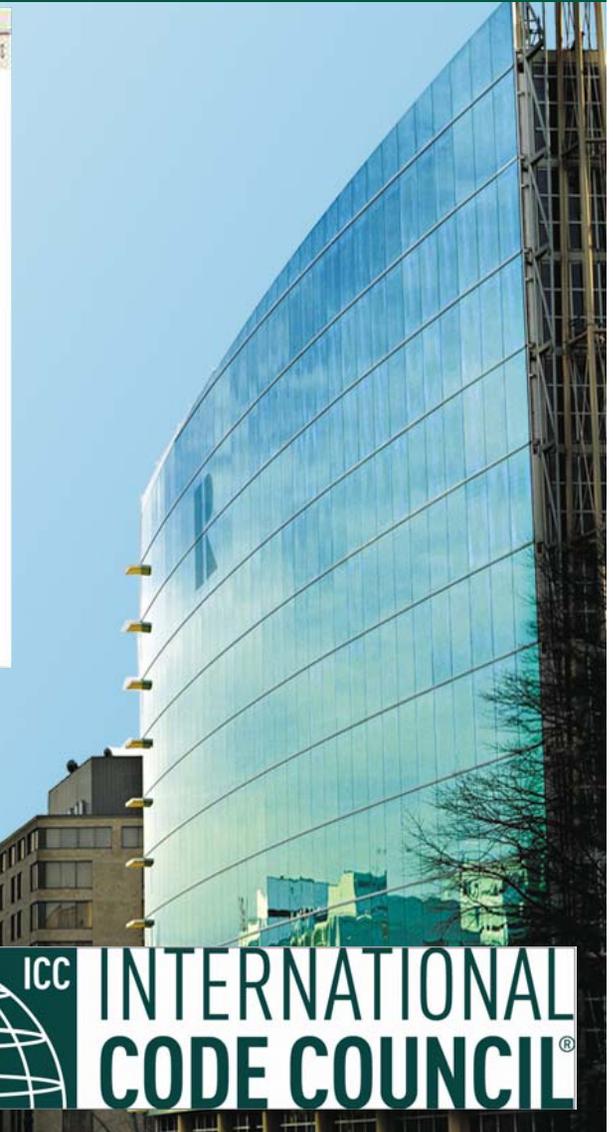
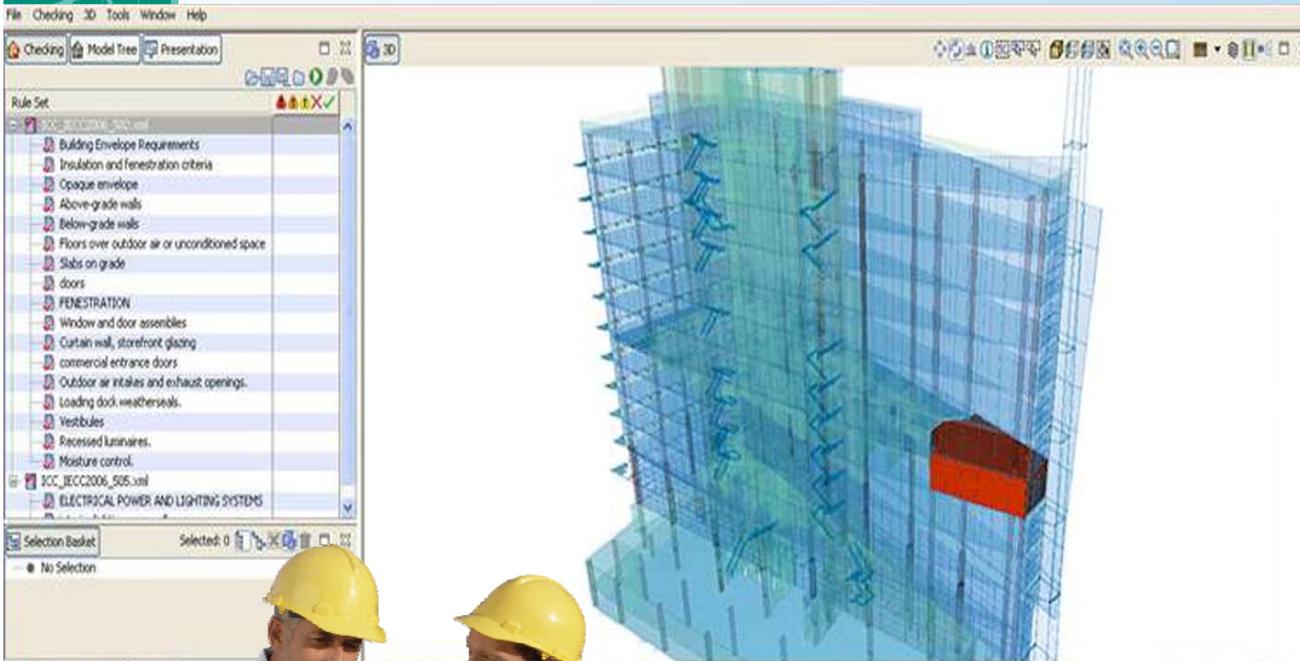


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Dave Conover
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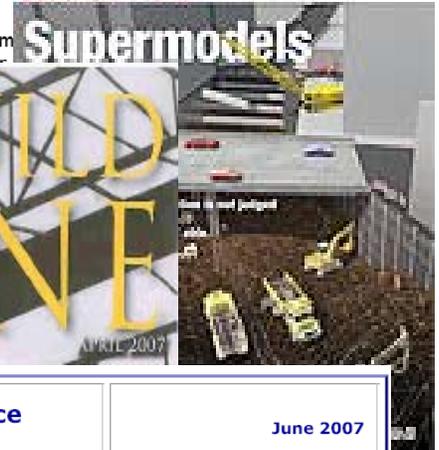
To provide a view to a BIM based future where software automatically determines and validates building regulatory compliance

Building Design Approval in Minutes

By David R. Conover

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Looking into the Building Regulatory Future

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Currently, the majority of building departments conduct plan reviews manually because building designs are submitted on paper. Similarly, designers and builders rely on code books to ensure projects comply with local, state and federal building regulations. What if there was a different option—automated code compliance checking? It may sound too good to be true, but it could be reality in the cutting-edge effort to automate

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Imagine being able to automatically check a building design for code compliance during any facet of project development. The International Code Council (ICC) SMARTcodes project focuses on automating and simplifying code compliance checking against the ICC International Codes (I-Codes) and federal

COVER STORY

REGULATORY REFORM

Digital Tools Make Possible An E-Permitting

Digital trepidations aside, code officials are beginning to e-permitting, which can cut long lines at the buildings de and improve code enforcement. The advance pleases th development community and protectors of public safety.

May 7, 2007

Software Incompatibility Largest Obstacle to Interoperability, According to New Report From McGraw-Hill Construction

October 24, 2007: 05:05 PM EST

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 /PRNewswire/ -- McGraw-Hill Construction, part of The McGraw-Hill Companies, today released its Interoperability SmartMarket(TM) Report at McGraw-Hill Construction's ENR Construction Business Forum in Washington, DC. The report provides insight into the interoperability of software applications and platforms serving the building community - of key importance to the \$1 trillion U.S. construction market, as interoperability costs add 3.1% to a typical project budget.

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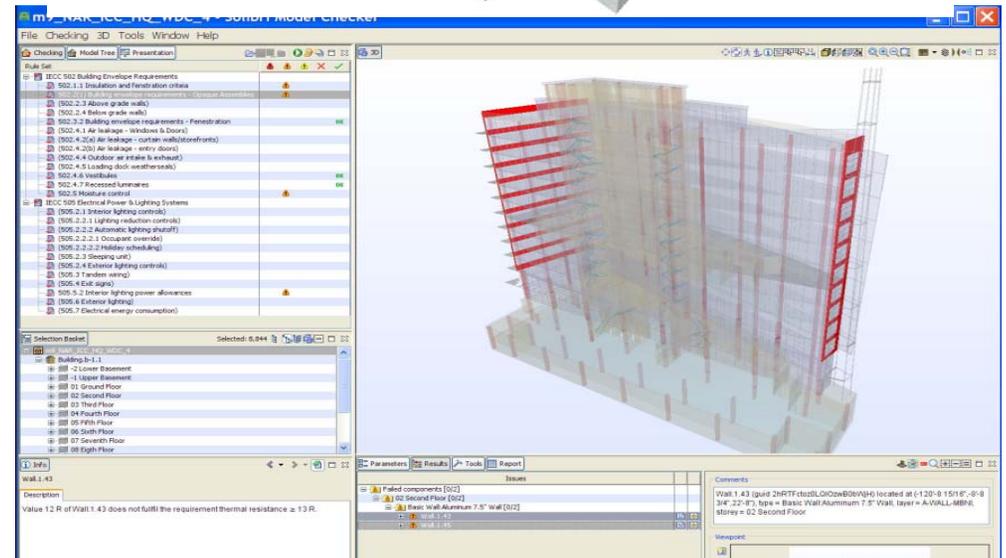
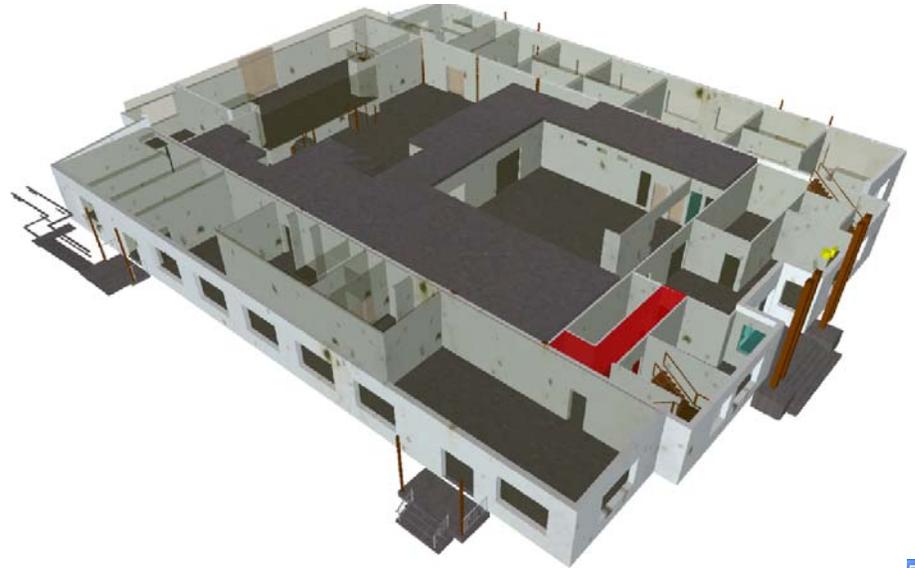
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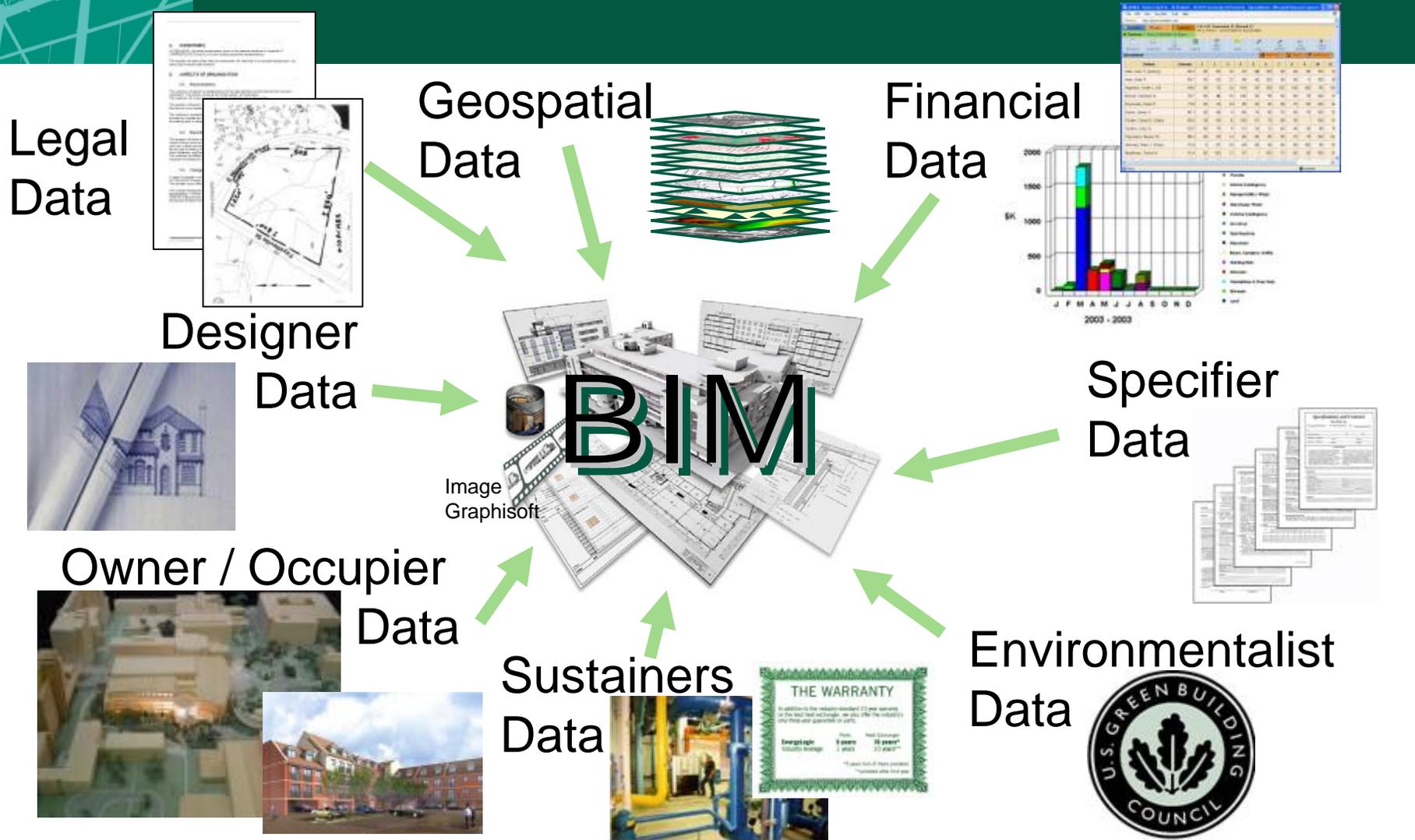
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Expected Outcome

An understanding of how automated checking for building regulatory compliance can be implemented using building information models and integrated into an interoperable e-government environment



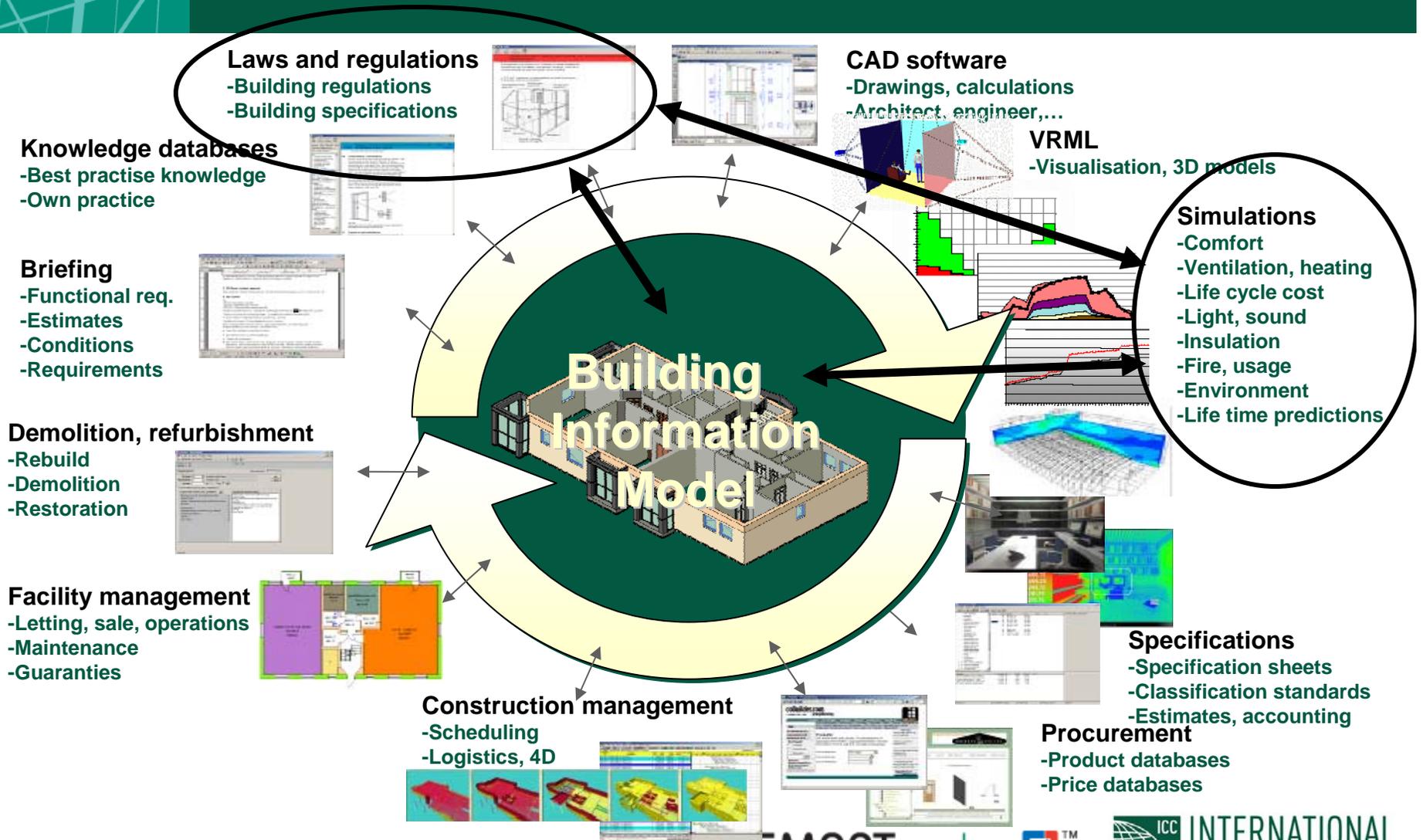
What is a BIM? – Physical & Functional Characteristics View



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What is a BIM? - Lifecycle Information View



A Vision

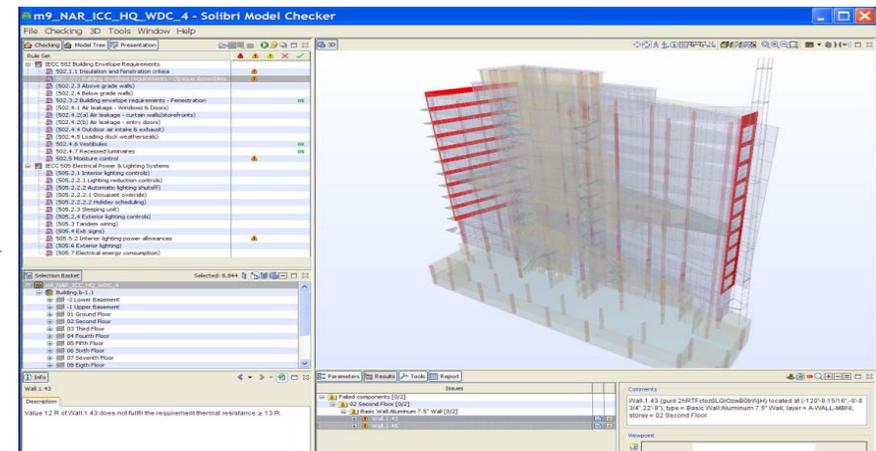
- Owners and developers support BIM for their projects
- Designers, specifiers and others collaborate on a building information model (BIM) and submit to regulatory authorities for review
- Regulatory agencies provide coordinated and automated plan review and issue a more timely determination of compliance and permit
- The BIM is a basis for collecting information during construction and can be delivered as an “as-built” and then maintained during occupancy



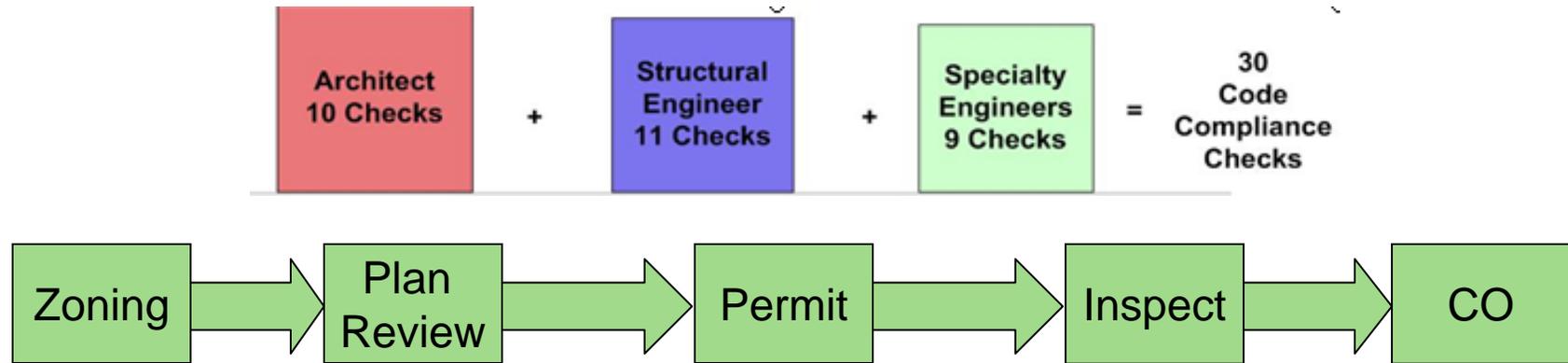
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Building Information Model (BIM)



Building Regulatory Compliance Today



- Linear not circular
- Can be performed independently for each code
- Multiple agencies involved
- Difficulty sharing and collaborating on data
- Does not encourage collaboration with those regulated
- Increased probability of errors
- Less efficient use of time and manpower resources
- Limited application of what IT has to offer



BIM and IT Hold Promise

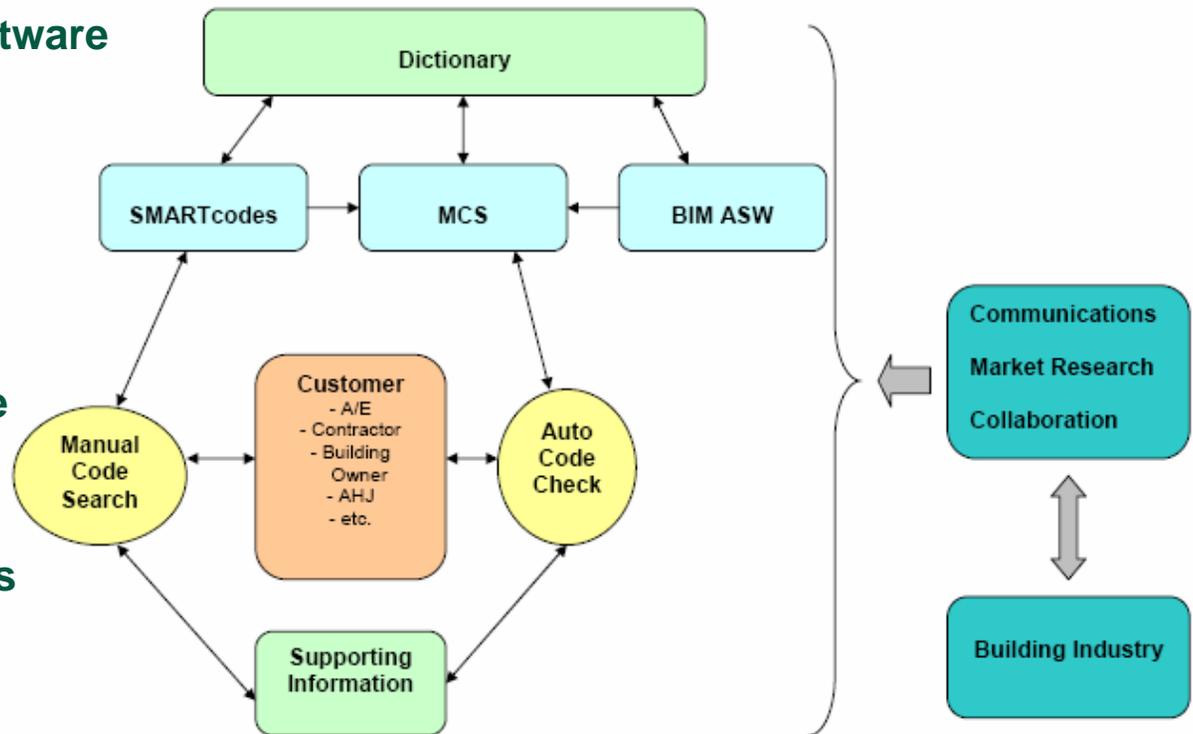
- *The IT infrastructure provides a growing opportunity to creatively improve existing processes and create new processes*
- *2D drawings are difficult to read, store, revise, update, etc. and do not lend themselves to complete visualization of the building*
- *All in the building industry, code community, etc. are strapped with doing more with less that in turn affect project costs, building performance and public safety*
- *e-permitting is becoming widespread and supported by many commercial software vendors*
- *Everyone is waking up to the potential embodied in BIM and its potential application to validating compliance with codes, standards, regulations, design guides, etc.*

Building Regulatory Compliance Tomorrow

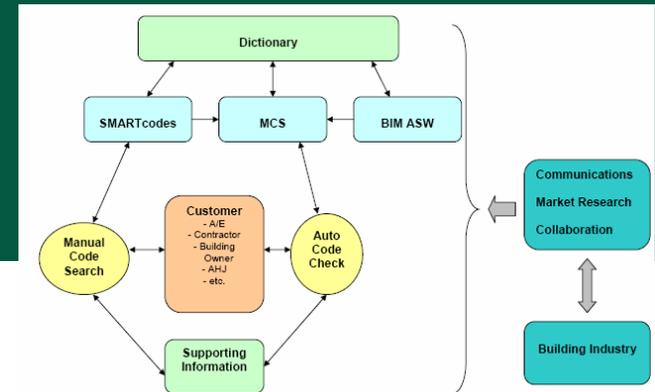


ICC Efforts

- Dictionary
- SMARTcodes protocol and software
- Created SMARTcodes
- On line demonstration
- Working with relevant software applications
- Manual access to SMARTcodes
- Collaboration
- Communications and outreach
- Market research



Dictionary



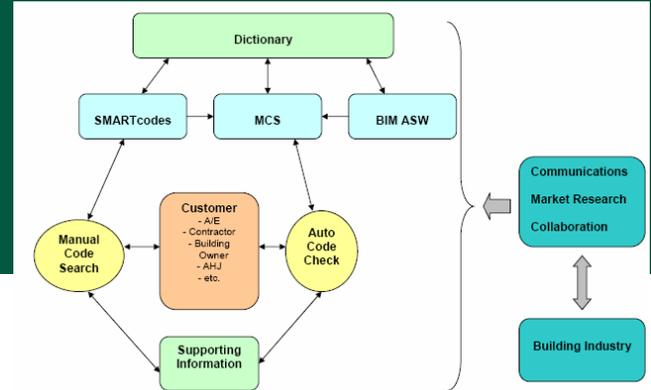
- *Terms*
- *Properties associated with each term*
- *Enumerations of properties*
- *Data type*
- *Units associated with each property*

Insulation

- *Type*
- *Material*
- *Density*
- *STC*
- *FS*
- *SDR*
- *Thickness*
- *R-value*
- *continuity*

Model View Definition (MVD)

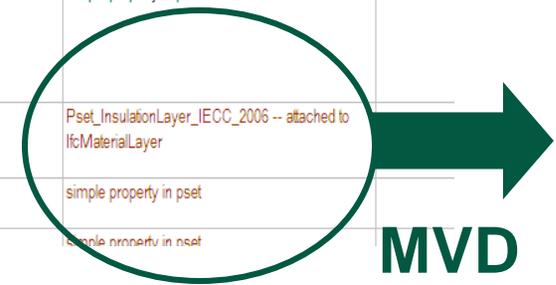
Dictionary



✓ **Energy**

✓ **Coordinated with CSI OnmiClass and global IFD efforts**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	
1	Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Definition	Code Sections	Synonyms	Data Type	Units	OmniClass Classification	IFC Object/Property	Code Atom Diffs	
39	term	building envelope								The basement walls, exterior walls, floor, roof, and any other building element that enclose conditioned space. This boundary also includes the boundary between conditioned space and any exempt or unconditioned space.	ECC 502							
40	term	wall										above grade wall, below grade wall					lfcWall -- attached Pset_Wall_IECC_2006 with the following properties (except is_external)	
41	property	is external											boolean	n/a		Pset_WallCommon		
42	property	location relative to grade											integer index into enumeration wall_location_relative_to_grade	n/a		simple property in pset		
43	property	primary material								The primary material giving shape/structure to the wall. Note: this property applies to all walls -- even non structural walls. See enumeration of possible values.			integer index into enumeration wall_primary_material	n/a		simple property in pset		
44	term	[a] thermal envelope insulation										thermal block, secondary insulation				Pset_InsulationLayer_IECC_2006 -- attached to lfcMaterialLayer		
45	property	type								physical configuration of the insulation			integer index into enumeration thermal_envelope_insulation_type	n/a		simple property in pset		
46	property	material								material from which the insulation is made			integer index into enumeration thermal_envelope_insulation_material	n/a		simple property in pset		
47	property	density											real number					



MVD

SMARTcodes Protocol and Software

✓ *SMARTcodes protocol - completed and validated*

✓ *SMARTcodes builder - beta version completed and tested*

The screenshot shows the SMARTcodes Builder software interface. The main window displays a document titled "CHAPTER 5 - COMMERCIAL ENERGY..." with sections for "502.1 General. (Prescriptive)." and "502.1.1 Insulation and fenestration criteria." A dialog box titled "Annotate Text" is open, showing a "Dictionary" configuration. The dictionary lists various building components like "building environment", "building envelope", "wall", "roof assembly", "thermal envelope insulation", "vapor retarder", and "ceiling". The configuration fields are as follows:

Topic	Property	
[a] thermal insulation	thermal resistance	
Comparison	Value	Unit
Greater Than Or Equal To	19.0	R-Value
ID	Set1	Reference
Selected Text		
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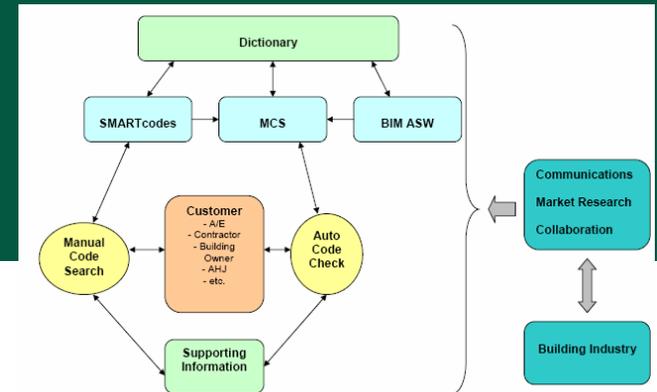
Buttons at the bottom of the dialog include "OK", "Delete", and "Cancel".

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R-19	R-19	
R-30	R-30	
R-7.6 ci	R-9.5 ci	

SMARTcodes



- ✓ **IECC SMARTcodes – envelope and lighting drafted and “plug and play” with different MCS validated**
- ✓ **Successful collaboration with two MCS for their application and use of SMARTcodes**
- ✓ **Development of model views for energy and pilot project with BIM vendors for their implementation**

502.4 Air leakage. (Mandatory)

502.4.1 Window and door assemblies.

The air leakage of window and sliding or swinging door assemblies that are part of the building envelope shall be determined in accordance with AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440, or NFRC 400 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer and shall not exceed the values in Section 402.4.2.

Exception:

Site-constructed windows and doors that are weatherstripped or sealed in accordance with Section 502.4.3.

502.4.2 Curtain wall, storefront glazing and commercial entrance doors.

Curtain wall, storefront glazing and commercial-glazed swinging entrance doors and revolving doors shall be tested for air leakage at 1.57 pounds per square foot (psf) (75 Pa) in accordance with ASTM E 283. For curtain walls and storefront glazing, the maximum air leakage rate shall be 0.3 cubic foot per minute per square foot (cfm/ft²) (5.5 m³/h f#151; m²) of fenestration area. For commercial glazed swinging entrance doors and revolving doors, the maximum air leakage rate shall be 1.00 cfm/ft² (18.3 m³/h f#151; m²) of door area when tested in accordance with ASTM E 283.

502.4.3 Sealing of the building envelope.

Openings and penetrations in the building envelope shall be sealed with caulking materials or closed with gasketing systems compatible with the construction materials and location. Joints and seams shall be sealed in the same manner or taped or covered with a moisture vapor-permeable wrapping material. Sealing materials spanning joints between construction materials shall allow for expansion and contraction of the construction materials.

502.4.4 Outdoor air intakes and exhaust openings.

Stair and elevator shaft vents and other outdoor air intakes and exhaust openings integral to the building envelope shall be equipped with not less than a Class I motorized, leakage-rated damper with a maximum leakage rate of 4 cfm per square foot (6.8 L/s · C m²) at 1.0 inch water gauge (w.g.) (1250 Pa) when tested in accordance with AMCA 500D.

Exception:

Gravity (nonmotorized) dampers are permitted to be used in buildings less than three stories in height above grade.

Automated Code Checking

The image displays the Solibri Model Checker interface for a project named "USCG_Admin_A_Seattle_B". The software is running on a Windows operating system, as indicated by the taskbar and window titles.

The main window shows a 3D perspective view of a multi-story building model. The model is rendered in a light beige color with a dark blue roof. Several vertical red lines are overlaid on the building's facade, indicating areas where code violations have been detected. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Checking, 3D, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar with various navigation and analysis tools.

On the left side, there are several panels:

- Rule Set:** A tree view showing the hierarchy of code checks. The "ICC_JECC2006_502.xml" rule set is selected, which includes categories like Building Envelope Requirements, Insulation and Fenestration Criteria, and Fenestration.
- Selection Basket:** A panel showing the current selection, which is currently empty ("No Selection").
- Info:** A panel displaying the selected element's information. The selected element is "Wall.0.31", and its description is: "Value 0 R of VWall.0.31 does not fulfill the requirement thermal resistance $\geq 13 R$ ".

At the bottom of the interface, there is a "Parameters" panel and a "Results" panel. The "Results" panel shows a summary of issues:

- Failed components [0/14]**
- Basement/Foundation [0/13]**
- Floor 1 [0/1]**
- Brick Face, 2x6 Stud, Gyp [0/1]**
- Wall.0.31**
- Missing Information [2/2]**
- Undefined Concepts [0/1]**

On the right side, there is a "Comments" panel and a "Viewpoint" panel, both of which are currently empty.

Automated Code Checking

The screenshot displays the Solibri Model Checker interface for a project named 'm9_NAR_ICC_HQ_WDC_4'. The software is running a 'File Checking' process, with the 'Checking' tab active. The main window shows a 3D model of a building with a red rectangular volume highlighted on the sixth floor, representing a conference room.

The interface is divided into several panels:

- Left Panel (Rule Set):** Lists various building codes and standards, including IECC 502 Building Envelope, IECC 505 Electrical Power, and IECC 505 Electrical Power & Lighting Systems. The 'IECC 502 Building Envelope' section is expanded, showing sub-requirements like 'Insulation and Fenestration criteria' and 'Building envelope requirements - Fenestration'.
- Center Panel (Check Results):** Displays a list of checked items with their status. For example, '502.2.1 Insulation and Fenestration criteria' is marked with a yellow warning icon, while '502.2.2.1 Occupant override' is marked with a green checkmark.
- Right Panel (3D Model):** Shows a 3D wireframe model of the building with a red rectangular volume highlighted on the sixth floor, indicating the location of a specific issue.
- Bottom Panel (Issues):** Lists the detected issues. One issue is highlighted: 'Failed components [0/1]' for '06 Sixth Floor [0/1]'. The issue description states: 'Space 5.10 : CONFERENCE ROOM[14] (guid 3HC0M_uLAVRyRUQdWV_20) located at (0' 0' 55'-0'), type = CONFERENCE ROOM, layer = A-AREA-IDEN, storey = 06 Sixth Floor'. The 'Missing Information [2/2]' section is also visible.

Automated Code Checking

National Association of Realtors – National Headquarters
IECC 505 Electrical Power & Lighting Systems
505.5.2 Interior lighting power allowances
 Results

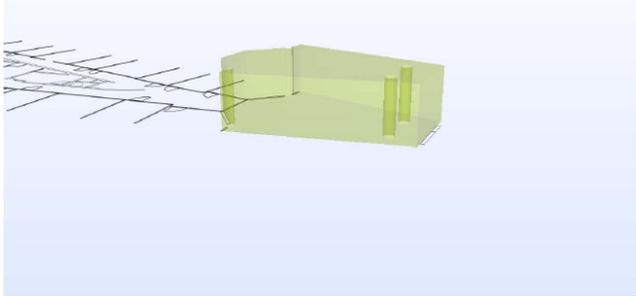
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Failed components

06 Sixth Floor
 Office

Space.5.10 : CONFERENCE ROOM[14]

Value 2.436 W/sqft of Space.5.10 : CONFERENCE ROOM[14] does not fulfill the requirement lighting power density ≤ 1 W/sqft. Total lighting power is 1,800 W. Space area is 738.83 sq ft



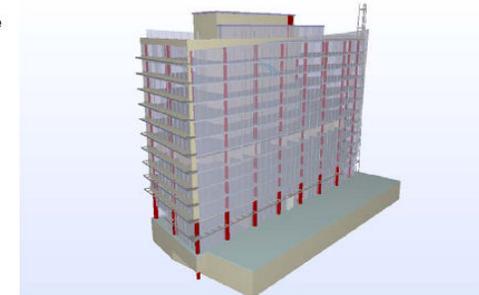
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Digital Alchemy Building Code Checking:

SMARTcodes Code Checking Report for BIMstorm LAX

Building Model: National Association of Realtors - National Headquarters
Jurisdiction: Los Angeles, CA

Organization: International Code Council
 Date: 31-Jan-08



Rule	Result
IECC 502 Building Envelope Requirements	
502.1.1 Insulation and fenestration criteria	Issues
502.2(1) Building envelope requirements - Opaque Assemblies	Issues
(502.2.3 Above grade walls)	Not checked
(502.2.4 Below grade walls)	Not checked
502.3.2 Building envelope requirements - Fenestration	Passed
(502.4.1 Air leakage - Windows & Doors)	Not checked
(502.4.2(a) Air leakage - curtain walls/storefronts)	Not checked
(502.4.2(b) Air leakage - entry doors)	Not checked
(502.4.4 Outdoor air intake & exhaust)	Not checked
(502.4.5 Loading dock weather seals)	Not checked
502.4.6 Vestibules	Passed
502.4.7 Recessed luminaires	Passed
502.5 Moisture control	Passed
IECC 505 Electrical Power & Lighting Systems	
(505.2.1 Interior lighting controls)	Not checked
(505.2.2.1 Lighting reduction controls)	Not checked
(505.2.2.2 Automatic lighting shutoff)	Not checked
(505.2.2.2.1 Occupant override)	Not checked
(505.2.2.2.2 Holiday scheduling)	Not checked
(505.2.3 Sleeping unit)	Not checked
(505.2.4 Exterior lighting controls)	Not checked
(505.3 Tandem wiring)	Not checked
(505.4 Exit signs)	Not checked
505.5.2 Interior lighting power allowances	Issues
(505.6 Exterior lighting)	Not checked
(505.7 Electrical energy consumption)	Not checked



E-government Connection

- **Facilitate current processes and develop new processes based on application of IT**
- **Plans will evolve from hard copy to e-submission of 2Ds to BIMs**
- **Conduct virtual reviews in 3D and 4D automatically**

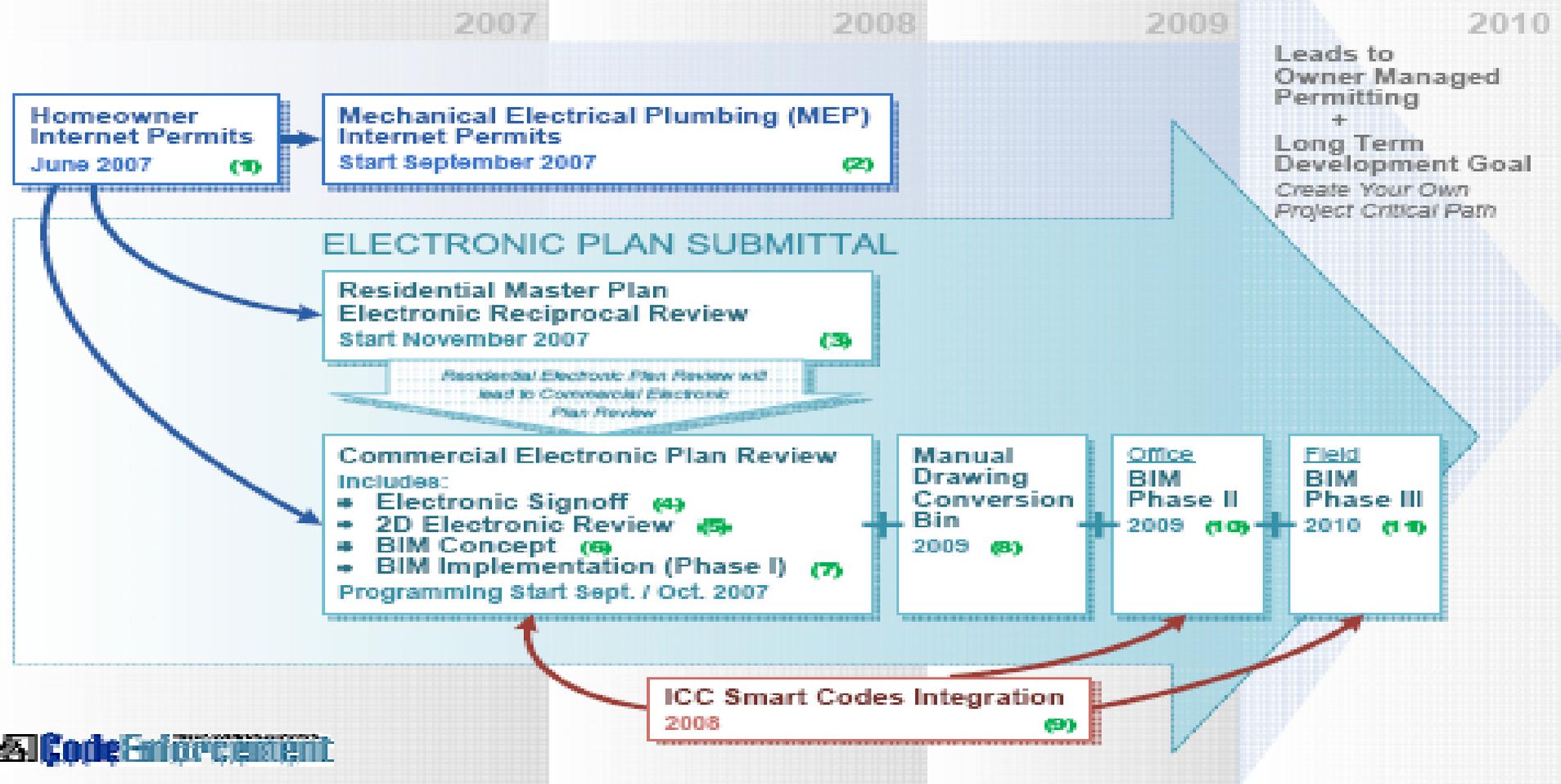


E-government Connection

- **Apply IT to facilitate construction inspection and availability of “as-built” data**
- **Government agency development and implementation of Strategic Plans focused on greater use of IT**
- **Apply IT to develop and implement new building regulatory methods and processes**

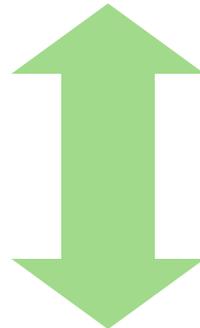
ePermitting Strategy Mecklenburg County, NC

Electronic Plan Submittal (EPS) Five Year Technology Strategy Including Building Information Modeling (BIM) Strategy



Summary

Availability of BIMs creates an opportunity for auto code checking and related products and services



Availability of SMARTcodes and auto code checking can drive demand for and use of BIMs

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