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CSI to Feature Webinar by International Code Council on Automated Code Compliance
Webinar will be available free to ICC Members

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (October 6, 2008) – The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) announced that it will feature a webinar hosted by David Conover, senior advisor with the International Code Council (ICC), titled "Automated Code Checking of BIMs in an e-Government Environment," December 16 at 2 p.m. EST.

Conover is leading ICC's efforts to automate the code compliance process and capture interoperability opportunities by putting codes into a "smart" format. During the webinar, Conover will discuss how initiatives such as Building Information Modeling (BIM) will change the design, construction and approval of buildings with respect to building codes, standards and regulations.

"CSI is continually adding new programs to our webinar series at the request of our members, and this program will be particularly useful as ICC has a great deal of expertise to share," said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter Marlowe. "Through an agreement with ICC, we'll offer this webinar free-of-charge to ICC members."

The webinar will:

- Describe how BIM and interoperability provide the foundation for the building industry to collaborate, and the key role of architects
- Explain a new design and approval process for buildings based on interoperability
- Conduct automatic code checking and help other design team members integrate their work into the project
- Cover how BIM and automatic code checking can be used with an e-government setting to facilitate plan review and approval

CSI's involvement in the development of BIM is growing. Earlier this year, CSI launched an AudioCast series called "bimWITS" in conjunction with the buildingSMART alliance™ (hear it at <http://audio.csinet.org>). CSI is also organizing a BIM practice group (join it at www.csinet.org/joinbim).

"CSI and its members have been at the forefront of the BIM effort and this is a great opportunity for ICC and CSI to work together," said Conover. "I encourage ICC members to listen in."

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About CSI Webinars

CSI webinars are 90-minute interactive telephone/internet sessions that connect participants with an expert instructor, access to materials and the opportunity to ask questions in real-time. Companies can use CSI webinars to train their entire team with a single registration fee. CSI will continue to expand its traditional course offerings, which cover areas such as sustainable design, architectural hardware and effectively submitting proposals. Many of these programs qualify for CSI's Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) and the American Institute of Architects Learning

Units (LUs). Participants can customize their CEUs to meet unique career goals or to learn about new aspects of the trade. Registration details and a complete listing and description of CSI's upcoming webinars can be found at www.csinet.org/webinar.

About CSI

CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross-section of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers. The organization has 146 chapters and more than 15,000 members. Monthly chapter meetings allow members the opportunity to communicate openly with their counterparts and exchange information for successful project management. CSI is renowned in the industry for its rigorous certification programs for professionals seeking to improve their knowledge of accurate and concise construction documents. CSI provides continuing education, professional conferences and product shows. For more information, visit www.csinet.org or call 800.689.2900.

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