



Trimble Joins buildingSMART Alliance to Support Industry-Wide BIM Standards Initiatives

Alliance Develops New BIM Standards and Policies for the Building Construction Industry

SUNNYVALE, Calif., April 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ:TRMB) announced today that it has joined the buildingSMART alliance™ to help develop industry standards to streamline the collection and use of construction data in support of Building Information Modeling (BIM). Trimble will join a small group of owners, designers, contractors, educators, and solution providers as part of the alliance.

The buildingSMART alliance is a council of the National Institute of Building Sciences, which serves as a liaison between the public and private sectors, working with government, building industry and manufacturing stakeholders to advance building science and technology. The buildingSMART alliance develops the National BIM Standard as well as initiatives that provide a more efficient flow of construction data from concept to completion and facilities management.

Joining the buildingSMART alliance is a logical next step for Trimble after recently spearheading the BIM to Field alliance, an organization of solution providers with the charter of educating the building construction industry on the effective use of extending BIM data to the field. "The next several years are pivotal in the future of the building construction industry," explains Pat Bohle, general manager of Trimble's Building Construction Division. "With the adoption of BIM growing every year, we believe the industry needs standards to help ensure that these new technologies have the opportunity to leverage a common thread that can be utilized across the industry at every level."

Trimble has been accepted as a National Building Information Modeling standards (U.S.) project committee member with the opportunity to help establish industry standards and processes for BIM workflows.

About Trimble's Building Construction Business

Trimble's Building Construction Division is a leading innovator of productivity solutions for the building construction contractor. Trimble's solutions target site prep, general, concrete, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractors on large and small commercial, industrial and residential jobsites. Trimble is focused on delivering solutions that tightly link office based process and information with the field crew—including taking Building Information Modeling (BIM) and other design data to the field for highly accurate positioning and layout of foundations and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Trimble solutions provide a high-level of process and workflow integration from the design phase through to the finished project—delivering significant improvements in productivity throughout the building construction lifecycle.

About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring positioning or location, including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user in the field and to ensure communication between the field and the office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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