
B.C. BUSINESS SUMMIT PLANNED FOR THE FALL

Under the direction of the Business Council of British Columbia, a two-day B.C. Business Summit is planned for November 8 and 9 of this year. The Summit is intended as a conference for private sector leaders from throughout British Columbia to meet and develop a plan for improving the business environment within the province. Large and small companies, industry and trade associations, academics and other B.C. business interests will be represented. The effort will be non-partisan and aimed at exploring positive solutions to the economic challenges facing business in B.C..

The following objectives have been identified:

- 1 To foster and promote jobs and economic growth in British Columbia.
- 2 To unite British Columbia business interests for the benefit of all British Columbians.
- 3 To demonstrate that business is a legitimate stakeholder in public and political life in British Columbia, and a significant contributor to the economic and social health of the province and its people.
- 4 To inform the general public about business and economic issues, and how those issues affect them in their everyday lives.
- 5 To work with government and communities to restore B.C. to economic health and prosperity.

- 6 To ensure that government is accountable and works in the best interests of all British Columbians.

The B.C. Construction Association is a participant in the Summit, and we welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have on ways to reach these objectives. We encourage any of our members interested in improving B.C.'s investment and business environment to participate.

Further information on the Business Summit can be obtained through us, or through the Business Council

BCCA ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

A provincial committee has been struck for the BCCA Accreditation Program. Committee members are as follows:

- * Karl Laursen, Pinecrest Construction
- * Brian Savage, Wayne Watson Construction
- * Tim Harrington, Smith Bros. & Wilson (BC)
- * Bill Gyles, Kinetic Construction
- * Al Webster, Stuart Olson Constructors

The committee is in the process of determining the policies and procedures required for offering the accreditation program to members. September 1/98 is the target date for the initial reception of applications for accreditation.

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ELECTRONIC PLAN ROOM UNDER WAY

With businesses worldwide becoming more automated, the construction industry is joining the mix, revolutionizing the way architects and contractors share information by making drawings and specifications available on-line. In a joint initiative of the four Regional Associations, the members of the BCCA will soon be able to join in this revolution through our Electronic Plan Room, presently under construction.

Up until now, most subcontractors received information about bids and specifications for projects by going to their local plan room. However, the BCCA Electronic Plan Room will place project drawings and specifications onto a computer network, and members will have the option of viewing the plans on their own computer at their convenience, saving time and money. Upon entering the system, the member may choose to view the entire drawing or magnify sections for closer inspection. They can download and print portions of interest, and order copies on-line. The system will be designed to be user-friendly, employing the point and click method familiar to Windows and Macintosh users.

The need for paper plans won't be eliminated, and traditional plan rooms will remain in place. The Electronic Plan Room will be an additional service designed to assist our members in conducting their business more efficiently. On-line viewing represents an important technological stride for the construction industry.

Negotiations are well underway for the development and set-up of the Electronic Plan Room. It will be located in the Amalgamated Construction Association building, and managed by Mr. David Buckland, a new addition to the BCCA staff. We expect to have the system up and running in the near future, and will keep members informed as to its progress.

WHO'S WHO AT BCCA

Over the past few months there have been some additions and changes to the staff at BCCA. We would like to take this opportunity to let our members know "who's who":

DAVID BUCKLAND is our most recent addition. David will be managing the new Electronic Plan Room out of the Amalgamated Construction Association building in Vancouver. Questions regarding the day to day operation of the Electronic Plan Room should be directed his way.

RADHIKA CONROY (*Rod'i'ka*) has been with us since September of last year. Radhika is our administrative assistant and receptionist, wearing many hats as required.

ABIGAIL FULTON joined the staff in June of this year. Abigail's focus is on Government and Industry relations. She will be researching issues as they arise and assisting the President with his responsibilities. Questions and concerns regarding industry issues relating to government can be directed her way.

MAY GALBRAITH joined BCCA in May of this year. May is the executive assistant for the President, and is key to the management and organization of the office. Questions and concerns regarding the Buyer's Guide and Directory, the on-line directory, web page, or administrative issues should be directed her way.

WARREN PERKS has been the bid depository administrator for several years and handles all issues and questions surrounding this process. He will also be assuming the responsibilities of the Registrar for the Accreditation Program in the near future.

DAVE ROBERTSON, the President of BCCA, needs no introduction.