



Issue Update

BCCA & PCC Address Standard Documents

The recent release by the Ministry of Finance of the *Capital Asset Management Framework* guideline opened a door towards establishing a set of public construction standard documents and guidelines for use by all government ministries when using the traditional capital procurement delivery method (design-bid-build). The Framework guideline releases the ministries from the requirement to use the previously established BC Stipulated Price Construction Contract and Guidelines, but recommends the use of the CCDC2 and outlines appropriate procedures to follow. However, the onus has now shifted to the individual ministries and agencies to clarify their policies for construction procurement. At present, some ministries have indicated that they are maintaining the status quo until such time as new standard procedures can be developed.

The BC Construction Association has contacted the various ministries and agencies involved with public construction and requested the opportunity to meet with their representatives in order that a common approach to construction procurement may be determined. In a similar manner, the Public Construction Council of BC has approached the ministries as well as BCBC recommending that government initiate a joint effort with industry to develop a mutually agreeable framework applicable to all public construction. Standard industry-accepted practices and documents are important elements to achieving successful construction projects. Familiarity by all parties with the construction procurement process will lead to less conflict down the road, and less paperwork and red tape up front.

Murray MacLeay, president of BCCA, met recently with the Honourable Gary Collins, Minister of Finance on this issue outlining the concerns of industry. Further discussions have been planned with the Ministry, and BCCA is looking forward to working with government to ensure that all ministries and agencies endorse industry-accepted standard practices for public construction in the near future.

The *Capital Asset Management Framework* guideline can be viewed on-line at:
www.gov.bc.ca/fin/

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