#### OPENBIM FOR A NORDIC SUSTAINABLE BUILDING INDUSTRY

#### Sustainability by openBIM

Use of openBIM on the new Iceland National Hospital to achieve strict sustainability requirements



- Originally the architect and the engineer were the same person. Therefore co-ordination was easy.
- When more complex building projects were introduced, specialization developed within the design sector.
- This specialization meant a separation of disciplines, which called for a change in communication.
- > The separation started approx. 500 years ago.



- The flow of information and knowledge between disciplines was inadequate and pushed for new approaches.
- A need for increased integration became obvious, both in the technical and organizational fields.
- The concept of "design teams", "project teams" or "project offices" was introduced in an attempt to solve this problem.





- With the introduction of "The Cloud" physical project offices might be replaced by "virtual site offices".
- Emphasis on sustainability and life cycle costing also pushed for increased collaboration, especially in the early stages of design.
- > A new approach was needed.
- Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Integrated Planning and Design (ID) were introduced.....



# **Definition of BIM**

Within the context of this presentation

**Building Information Modeling – BIM:** 

- BIM is a process of generating and managing building data during its complete lifecycle, from conceptual design through maintenance and operation of the building.
- The process is based on the involvement of all stakeholders from the earliest stages where decisions are made with all the information shared – up front.
- The product is a three-dimensional virtual model that contains detailed information about the layout of the building, its components and materials and their main characteristics.



#### **Definition of ID** Within the context of this presentation

#### Integrated planning and design – ID:

- ID is a collaborative approach to building design marked by the qualities of early participation by all team members.
- ID involves all stakeholders from the earliest stages where decisions are made with all the information shared – up front.
- ID stems from the environmental arena in its pursuit to create high-performing facilities, streamlining and going lean.



#### Integrated Planning and Design The three drivers of change







#### **BIM and ID - Excellent partners**

- The life cycle costing approach calls for decisions at a very early stage in the design process.
- Energy calculations, daylight considerations and other environmental issues also call for analysis to be carried out at an early stage in the design process.
- Before the introduction of BIM these demands were difficult to meet at an early stage in the design process, since there were no "common" models.
- For different disciplines to be able to transfer information between different software and receive feedback, openBIM with the IFC standard is a must.



### **Iceland National Hospital**



65.000 m<sup>2</sup> new construction

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## The Design Team SPITAL

- The design team was composed of several smaller architectural firms and one larger engineering firm.
- The team used many different software packages in their design (however, same within each building):
  - MicroStation from Bentley
  - ArchiCAD from Graphisoft
  - Wectorworks from Nemetschek
  - > TEKLA
  - Revit Structural and MEP from Autodesk
  - …and some more





#### **The Design Contract**

- The contract was for a 20% design which is now completed.
- All design was to be carried out in BIM from the very start – using BIM requirements from either Statsbygg or Senaatti. SPITAL chose Statsbygg's requirements.
- All BIM model delivery to the owner was carried out using the IFC format.
- The owner performed model checking with Solibri, using the IFC files.
- Contractual specifications were based on rules and forms published by the Danish bips.

#### **Treatment center – First floor**



#### **Environmental Certification**

- The owner made a decision before the design work started – to seek a BREEAM environmental certification.
- The goal is quite ambitious the score "Excellent" which means 4 stars out of 5 possible (70% score).
- BREEAM has not been adopted to the Icelandic conditions, so we are using BREEAM International.
- Each one of the five buildings will have a separate environmental certificate.



## Model for space analysis



- At the completion of the 20% design, a BREEAM prescore table was delivered to the owner, indicating that the "Excellent" score can be achieved.
- Each line item in the prescribed BREEAM requirements – for the score of Excellent –has been studied, some with the aid of the BIM models.
- The BREEAM requirements have formed the basis for the general requirements set forth in the project specifications for the contractor/design team.





#### Model used for trafic studies



#### Management (environmental)





























#### The BREEAM final score

- A score of Excellent (4 stars out of 5) in the BREEAM certification system calls for at least 70% achievement.
- The pre-score defines 62% as required points and 33% as optional points. The contractor and his design team can select the "missing points" from the different categories. It is their choice.
- This method leans more towards performance specifications than prescriptive specifications.



#### **The Construction Site**

- It is vital for the development of the openBIM technology – to involve the contractors. Their feed– back is extremely important.
- Before 2003 GCCA delivered printed drawings as a part of every tender document package. Since then we have only delivered CDs containing all documents – including drawings in the pdf format.
- From now on we will stop delivering drawings in a pdf format, but instead we will deliver them in "richer formats", where the contractors can retrieve more info from them – using standard free viewers downloadable from the Internet.

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- Our first project to go this route is the Center for Icelandic Studies – a 6.100 m<sup>2</sup> building now in the tender stage.
- All "drawings" are delivered in a "rich format", derived from the BIM model.
- Free courses are offered to the bidders, where they are taught how to use this new technology.
- When a contract has been signed, GCCA will assist the contractor in taking his first steps in using these "rich drawings" for his benefit during the construction phase.

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- The design team issues in the tender documents the most useful or relevant "rich drawings".
- During the construction phase the contractor can ask for additional sections or views, all in this "rich format".
- The BIM model itself will not be delivered to the contractor – at least not yet – since the knowledge how to make use of it is very limited.
- The BIM model will be updated to "as built" by the design team.

End.