

# BIM BASICS

Past, Present, Future



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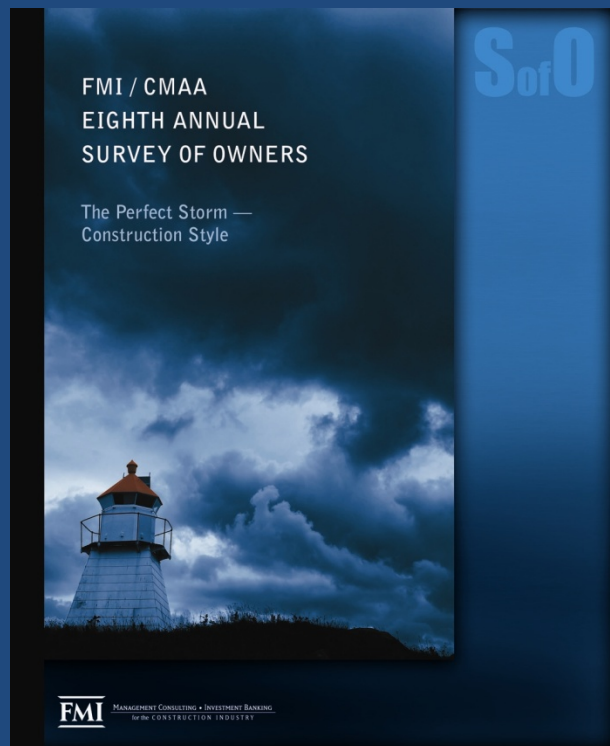
– *BIM very simply is “A digital representation of the physical and functional characteristics of a building that is shared/used by all stakeholders to eliminate waste and increase efficiency.”*

– ***BIM is not about the B and the M it is about the I = Information is the key***



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# What are Owners Saying about BIM?



“With BIM we have successfully increased labor productivity, thereby lowering its net cost, changed or reduced the amount of materials used and wasted on a job site to lower their net cost, and modeled construction costs are more accurate to the point that some of the more expensive site options available became financially viable.”

“Our team is so committed to the use of this tool that long time suppliers who were not or could not get onboard and demonstrate their readiness to use BIM were replaced in favor of new allies.”

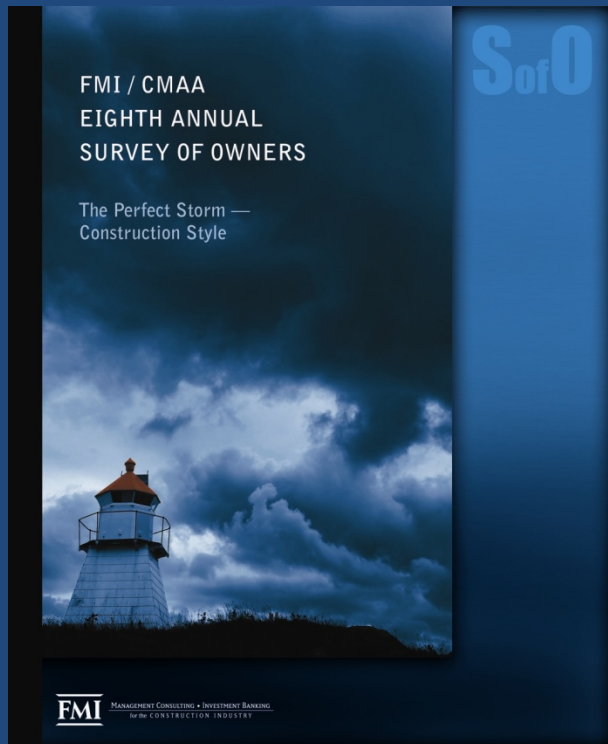
John Moebes, AIA  
Director of Construction  
Crate and Barrel

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“We pursued BIM because of efficiency. BIM has the potential to provide us with a far more efficient operation, not only as part of design and construction but also in operations and maintenance. Accuracy is another main reason. BIM appears to offer greater accuracy than what our current practices produce.”

Charles Hardy, AIA, CCM  
Deputy Director  
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)  
Office of Property Development

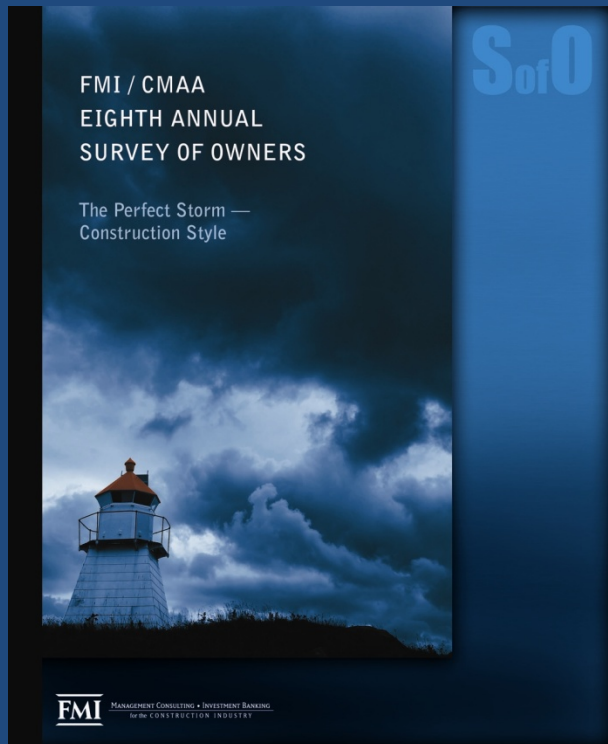
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# What are Owners Saying about BIM?



“Constructors develop models to enhance their coordination practices and product documentation, which are incorporated into a building database and ultimately used and cherished by the building manager in helping to maintain the facility at the lowest possible cost to the end owner. In the end, we should see better quality, plus increases in productivity and profitability.”

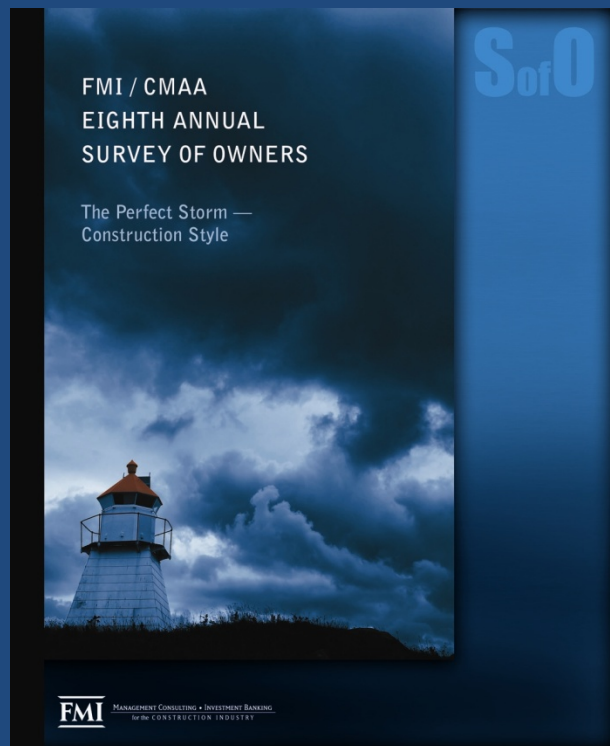
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# Summary of Significant Results



## Biggest BIM Adoption Hurdles

- Lack of BIM Expertise
- Lack of Industry Standards

## Greatest BIM Benefits

- Improved Communication
- Improved Collaboration
- Higher Quality Project Decision Making
- More comprehensive Planning and Scheduling

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# Why BIM?

## **The Problems:**

- Construction is a \$4.8T Industry Worldwide
- 1.25M Construction Companies in the U.S.
- “Mom and Pop” factor : 92% of those Cos. have less than 20 Employees
- 100's of IT Tools (Est, Sched, CAD, PM, Acctg, Document Imaging)
- Buildings have the longest Lifecycle of any Tangible Asset
- 90%+++ of our customers can't read or understand 2D drawings
- Construction industry is stagnant – We have been building the same way since the early 1900's
- Construction Productivity has decreased since 1964

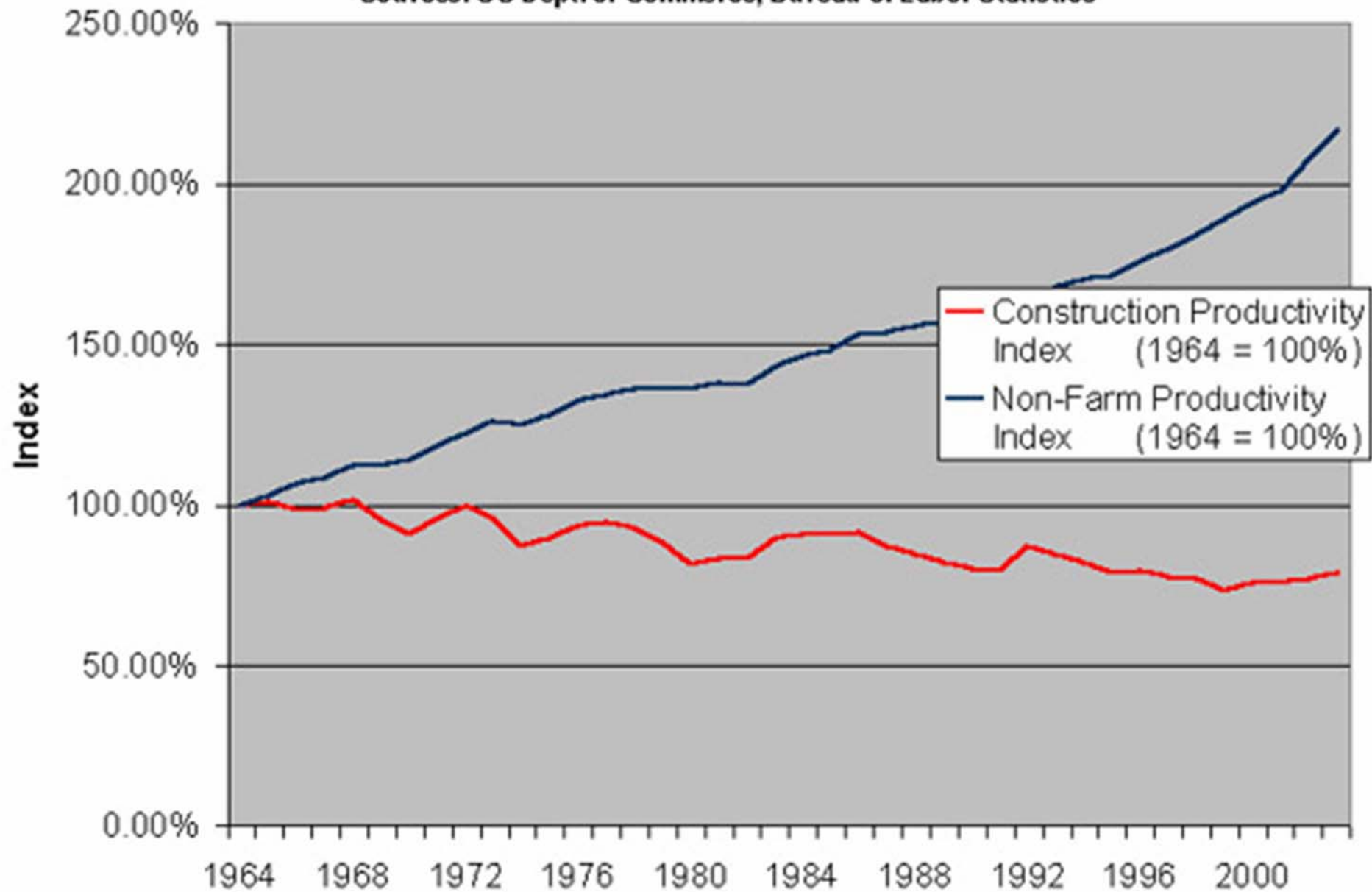


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## Construction & Non-Farm Labor Productivity Index (1964-2003)

Constant \$ of contracts / workhours of hourly workers

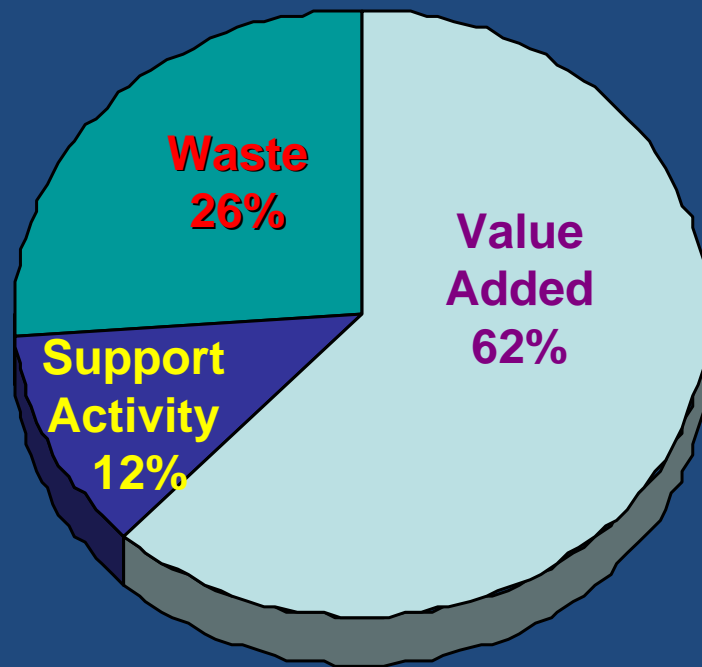
Sources: US Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics



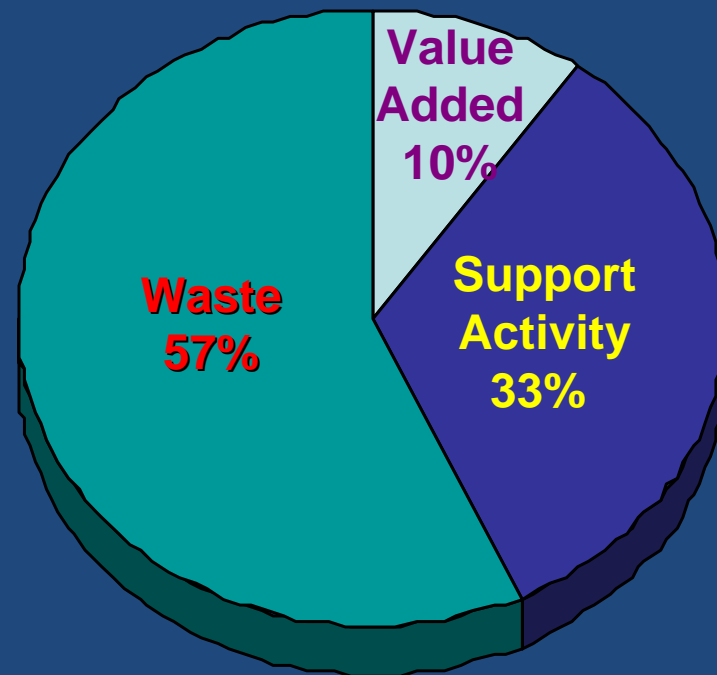
# Why BIM?

Figures from CII – Construction Industry Institute

Current Manufacturing



Current Construction



\*\*\*\* Difference in waste is 31%



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# Construction Waste Identified

(Owner's Perspective from CURT)

- Correction / Re-Work
- Performing Work out of Sequence
- Waiting for Design Review Comments
- Inefficient Construction Methods
- Moving Materials on site
- Redundant Design/Construction Processes
- Lack of JIT Construction Practices
- Lack of Teamwork/Communication
- Slowdown/Stoppages of Work Processes



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# The Math

- Worldwide Construction Industry 2008 = \$4.8T  
(Source ENR - Estimate)
- U.S. Construction Industry 2008 = \$1.288T  
(Source ENR - Estimate)
- 57% Waste (Construction) - 26% Waste (Manufacturing) = 31%
- 31% of \$1.288 T = \$399B More Construction Waste Annually
- If we eliminate 10% of waste = **\$40 Billion Savings to Owners**



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# Why BIM?

## **Examine dynamics of most construction projects**

- Owner has “clouded” vision of final deliverable
- Inaccurate/Incomplete Plans/Specs
- Trades are picked by Lowest Price (in most cases no “value added” assigned to competence)
- Nobody will share info because of Liability
- Everyone wants to shove Risk to someone else
- Every man for himself
- Schedule is irrelevant – Often times ignored
- Because the job is awarded on low price, subs need to make up money on change orders

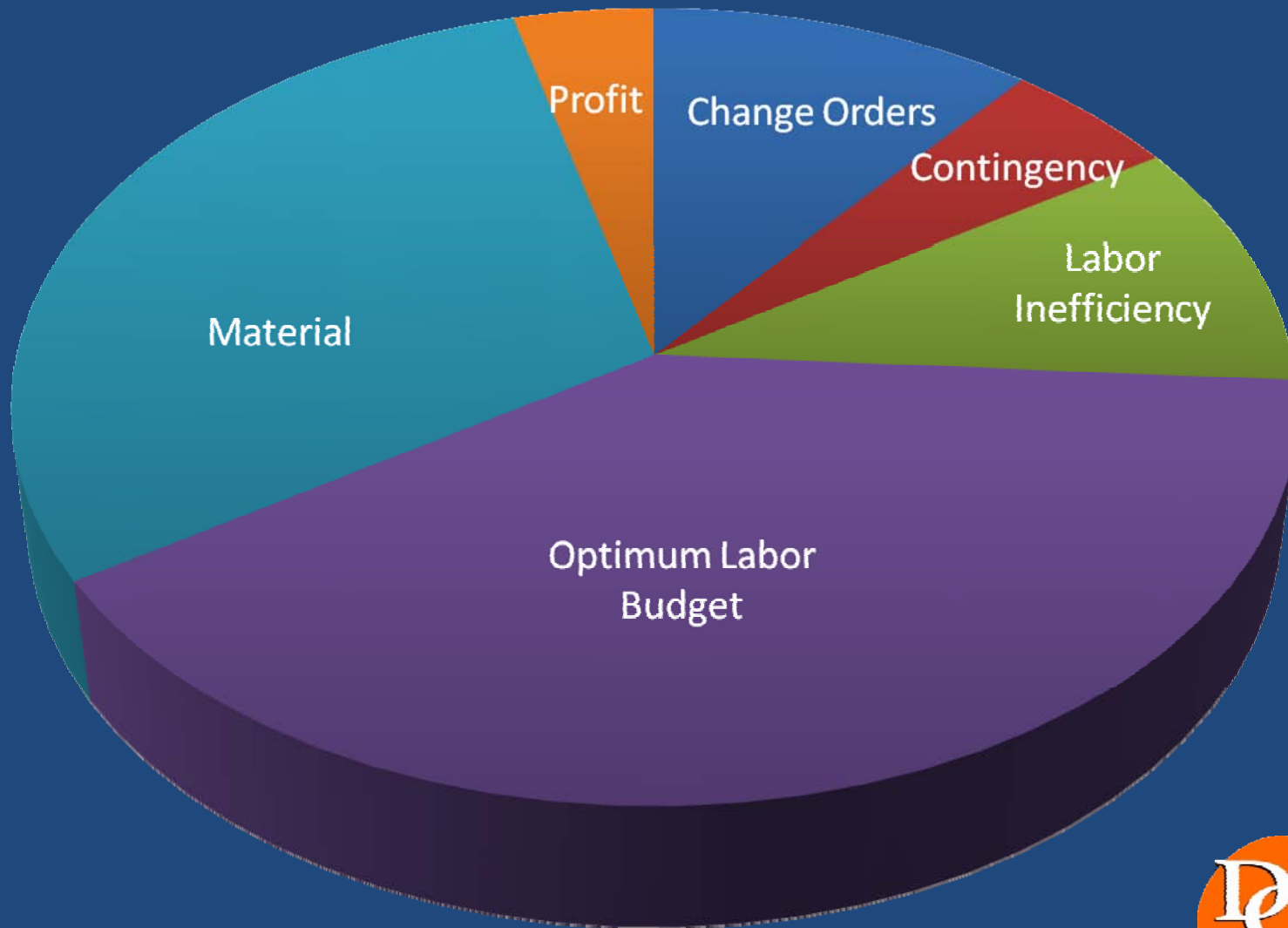


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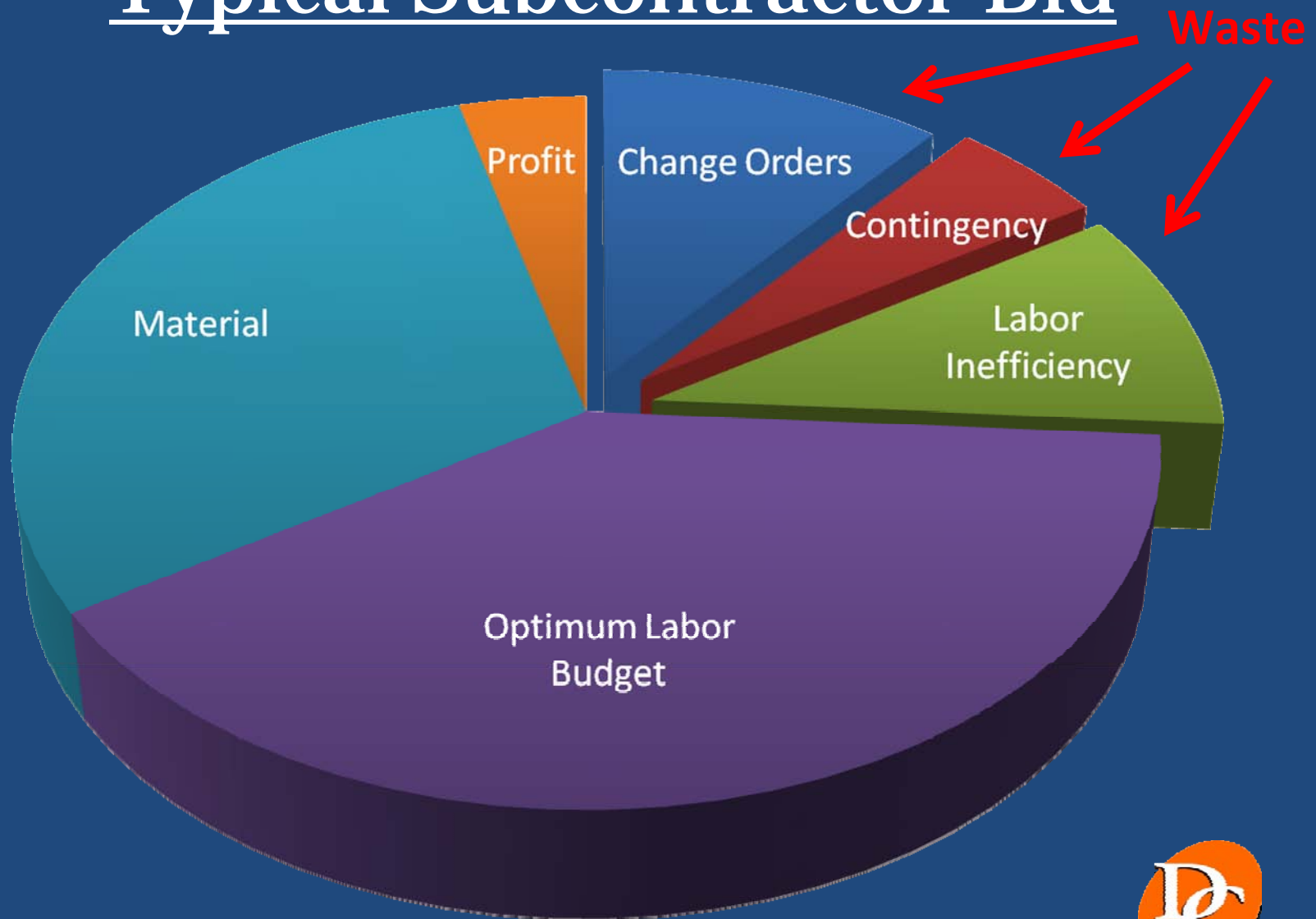


# Typical Subcontractor Bid



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# Key Concepts of BIM

- It is a Database – Not just 3D Drawings
- It is all about sharing info through a Model with all disciplines
- Refers to a “Model” but it is a “Process” not a Product
- Ultimate Communication Tool because it’s visual
- Connects formerly disconnected silos of info
- Collaboration to the Nth degree
- Process + Tools = Power of BIM
- Enabler for Lean Construction – can rely on Model to help facilitate prefabrication
- VDC + Analysis + Facility Information = BIM





# What are the barriers?

My costs will skyrocket if I get into BIM - FALSE

- There is a learning curve
- Payback is less than 6 months

Technology changes so fast it intimidates us - TRUE

\* 1992 First Commercial text message sent

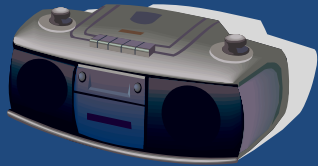
- Today the total number of text messages sent and received every day exceeds the population of the planet



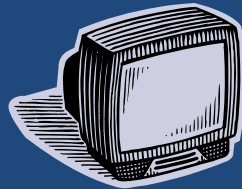
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# What are the barriers?

- \* In 2006 2.7 Billion Google Searches every month
  - Today there are 31 Billion every month
  - What did we do B.G.?
- \* Number of years it took to reach 50 Million Homes



Radio  
38 years



TV  
13 years



Internet  
4 years



IPOD  
3 years



Facebook  
2 years



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# What are the barriers?



“If you don’t like change, you’re going to like irrelevance even less.”

Eric Shinseki – 4 Star General  
Former Army Chief of Staff  
Currently US Secretary of Veteran Affairs



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# What are the barriers?



“The problem is never how to get new innovative thoughts into your mind, but how to get the old ones out.”

Dee Hock  
Founder VISA



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# Face Reality

“Companies not reacting quick enough to the changing demands of both technology and our economy will fail.”

Tom Schleifer, Ph.D.

Author - Construction Contractor's Survival Guide

Do you want to invest in?

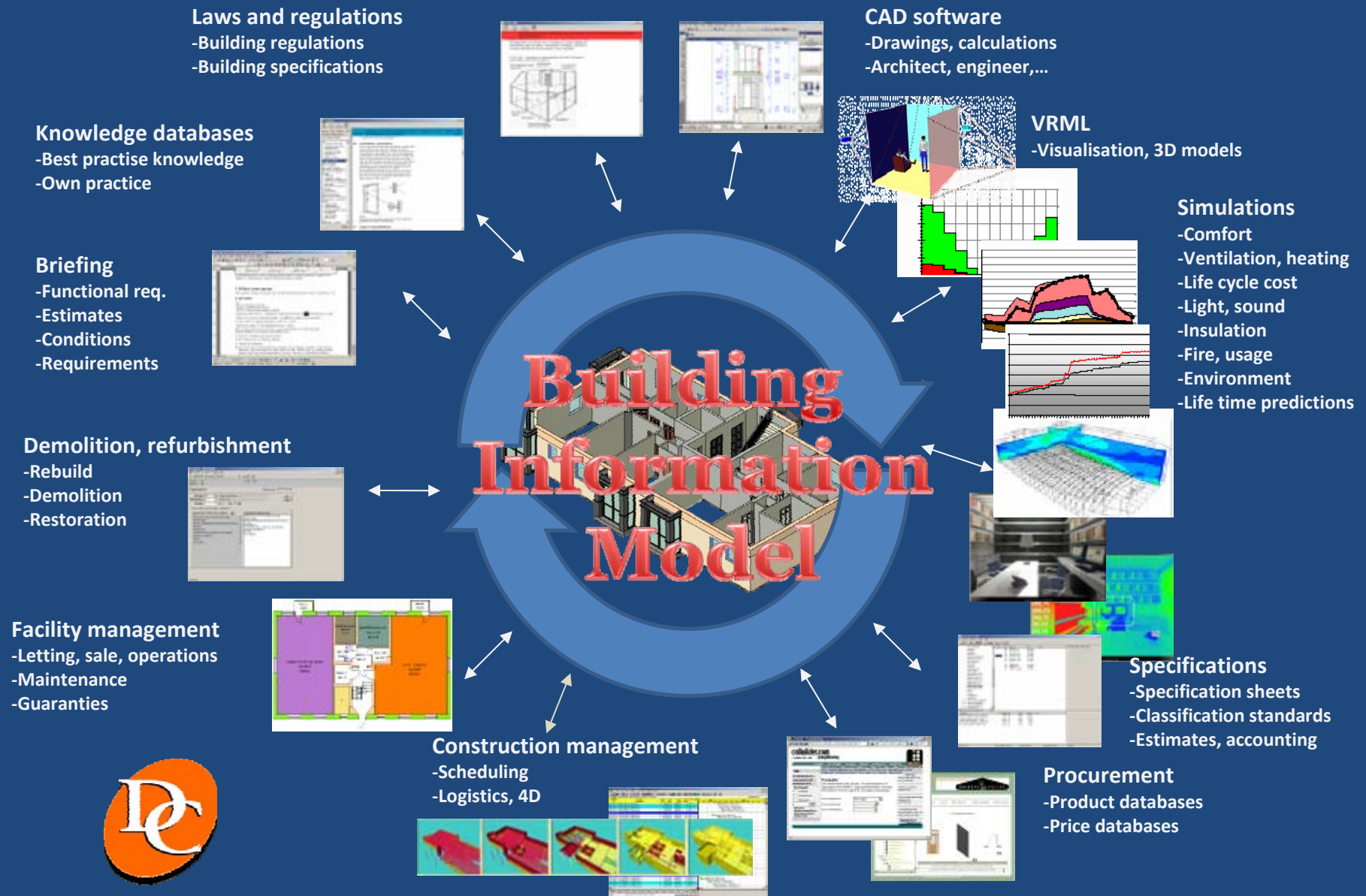
- Pay Phone Business
- Fax Machine Business
- Typewriter Business
- U.S. Postal Service

Our customers are demanding we implement BIM.



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# Large Scale BIM (Lifecycle Information View)



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# BIM Test – Is it BIM?

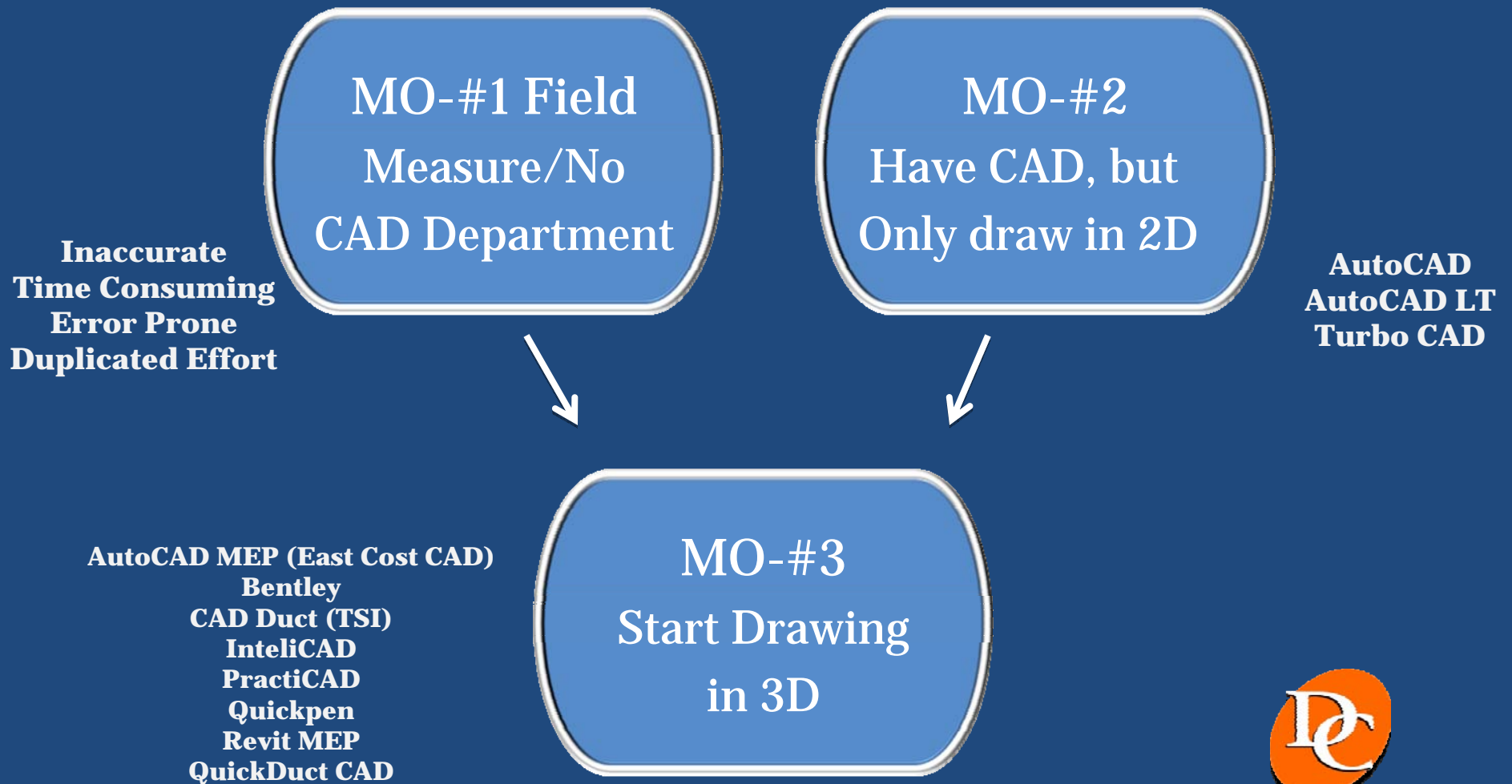
- Is Drawing in 3D BIM? - **No**
- Is Downloading CAD Drawings to Fabrication Equipment BIM? - **No**
- Is linking Schedule (Time) to a Model BIM? - **Yes**
- Is having product information in Model BIM? - **Yes**



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# Basics of BIM

## Mode of Operation – “MO”



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# Basics of BIM

## Mode of Operation – “MO”

MO-#4  
Download  
to Fab

MO-#5  
Upload to  
Estimating

CAM Duct (TSI CAD Duct)  
EC CAD Duct Maker (AutoCAD MEP)  
PractiCAM (PractiCAD)  
QuickDuct CAM  
Vicon (InteliCAD)  
Vulcan (Quickpen)

CAD EST (TSI)  
Fast Duct  
PractiCAM  
Quickpen Autobid  
Quote Express

“Now your ready to BIM”

6D Facility Management  
3D CAD                      4D Scheduling  
Revit                      NavisWorks                      5D Cost



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# Basics of BIM - Hardware

## Minimum Acceptable

### Processor:

Intel® Core™ 2 Duo P8400 (2.26GHz, 3M L2 Cache, 1066MHz FSB)

### Operating System:

Windows 7 with Business Downgrade to XP Professional

### LCDs:

15.4" Wide WXGA (1280x800) Display

### Graphics:

NVIDIA Quadro FX 770M, 512MB

### Memory:

2.0GB (3.0GB Recommended),  
DDR2-800 SDRAM, 2 DIMMS

### Approximate Cost:

Desktop: \$1,200 - \$1,500  
Laptop: \$1,500 - \$2,000

## High End

### Processor:

Intel® Core™ 2 Quad QX9300 (2.53GHz, 12M L2 Cache, 1066MHz FSB)

### Operating System:

Windows 7 – 64-BIT SP1, With Media

### LCDs:

17" UltraSharp™ Wide Screen WUXGA  
(1920x1200)  
RGB LED LCD Display

### Graphics:

NVIDIA Quadro FX 3700M, 1.0GB

### Memory:

16.0GB, DDR3-1066MHz SDRAM, 4 DIMMS

### Approximate Cost:

Desktop: \$1,500 - \$2,500  
Laptop: \$2,000 - \$3,000



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# Basics of BIM - Software

## **What to Look For in A Software Solution**

- Simplicity
- Functionality
- Interoperability
- Collaborativeness
- Vendor Longevity
- Support / Training
- Environment

**\$4,000 - \$7,000 (Single License)**

### **Base AutoCAD Packages:**

AutoCAD MEP  
Revit MEP Suite

**\$10,000 - \$12,000 (Single License)**

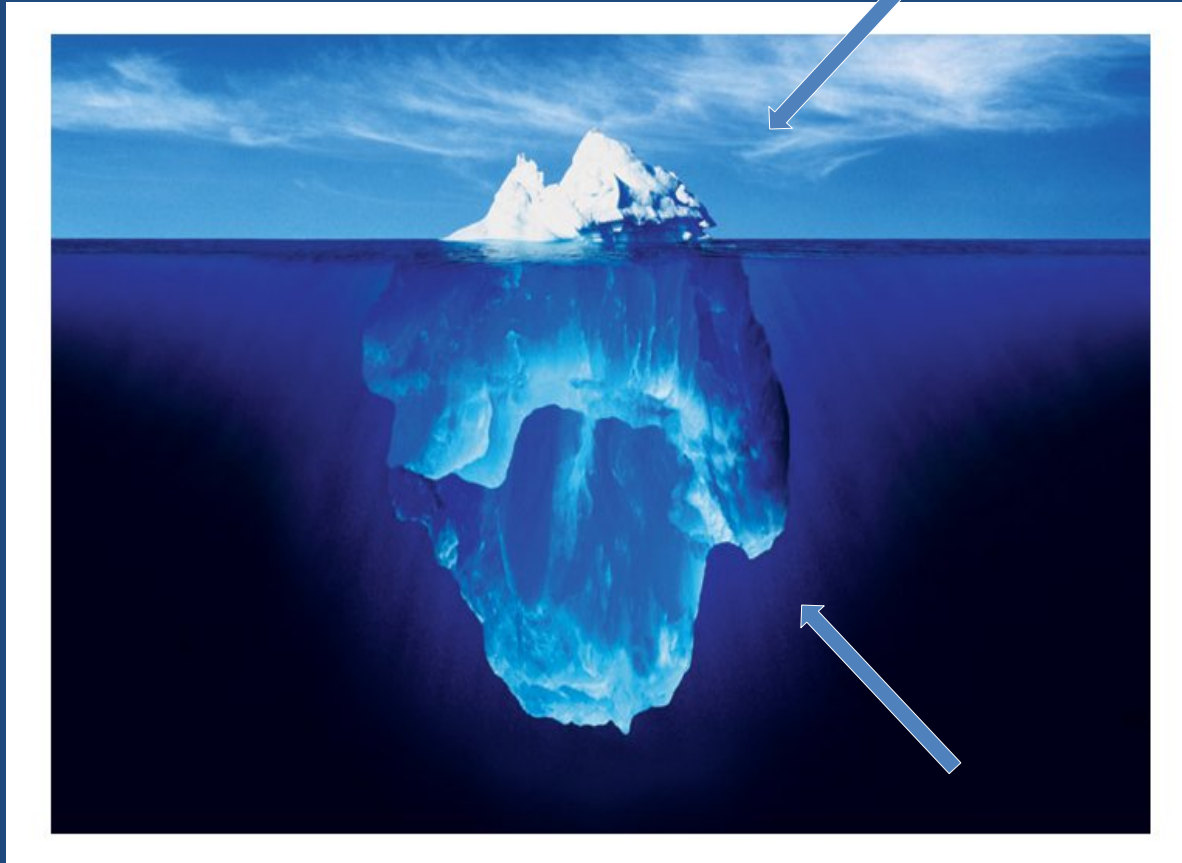
### **3<sup>RD</sup> Party Autodesk Add On Software Packages:**

Bentley  
CAD Duct  
InteliCAD  
PractiCAD  
Quickpen  
Shop Data



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**Small Scale BIM**

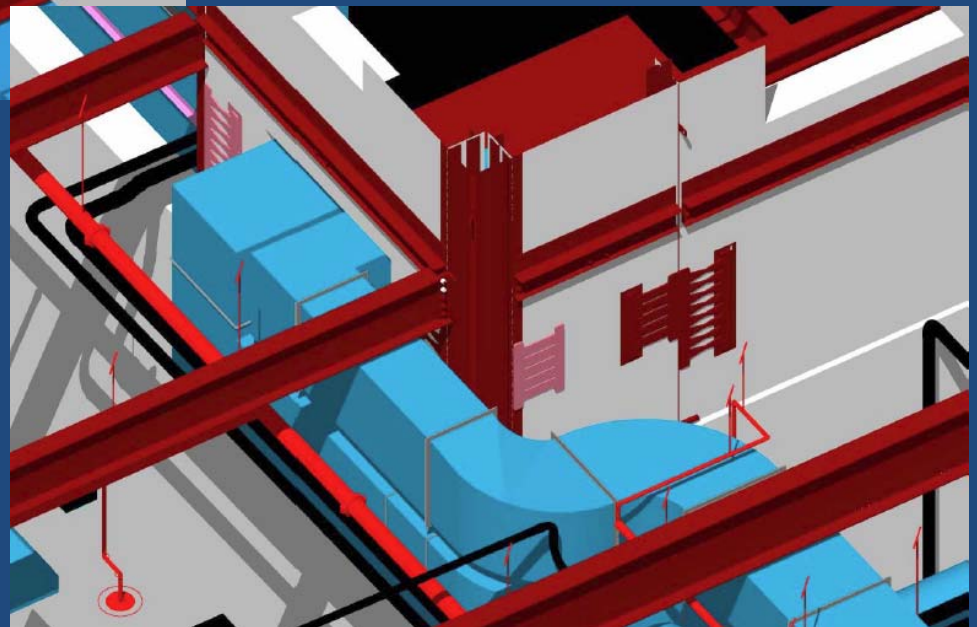
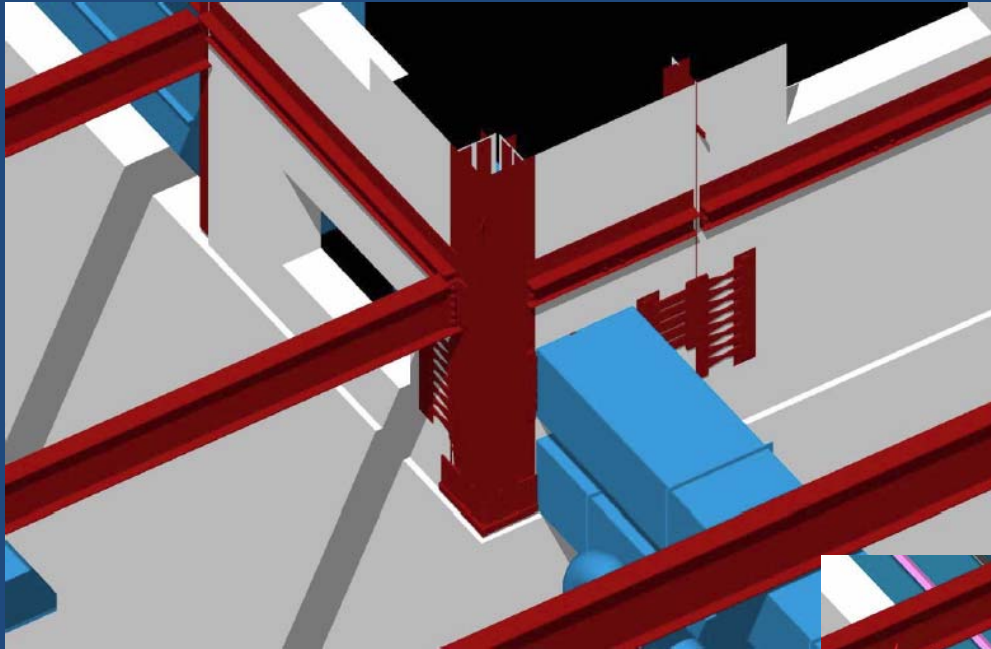


**Large Scale BIM**



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# Small Scale BIM = Eliminate Conflicts



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# “Old School” MEP Coordination



- Old School Coordination
- Isolated Drawing Process
- Weekly Coord. Meetings
- Overlay MEP Drawings
- Drawing Scale Conflicts
- Lengthy Non-Productive Coord. Meetings
- No on-time solutions
- Accuracy Suffers



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# “Old School” MEP Coordination



## Uses for Light Tables:

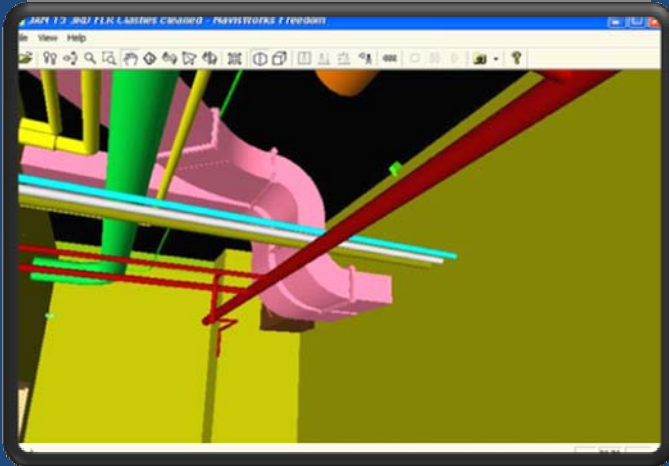
- Print Storage
- Storing Water Bottles
- General “Collect All”



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# Small Scale BIM Advantages



## Download Duct Direct to Fabrication Equipment

- \* Automated download – No “punch in”
- \* Eliminates human error in “punch in”

## BIM allows us to utilize JIT – Just In Time Practices



- \* Less Duct Storage on Site – Less Clutter, Safer Site
- \* Eliminates Waste of Material Handling
- \* Eliminates Lost Pieces which require rework

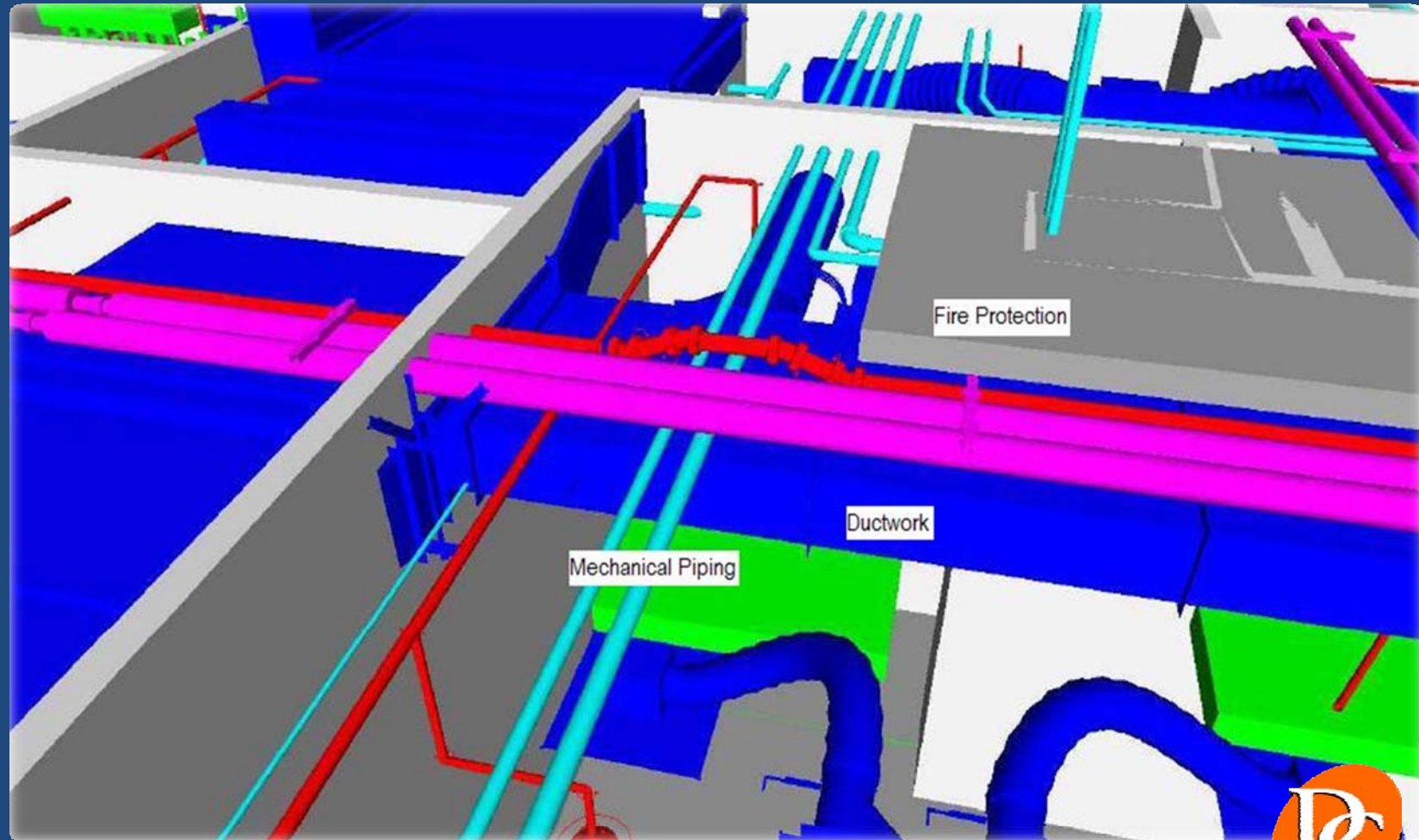


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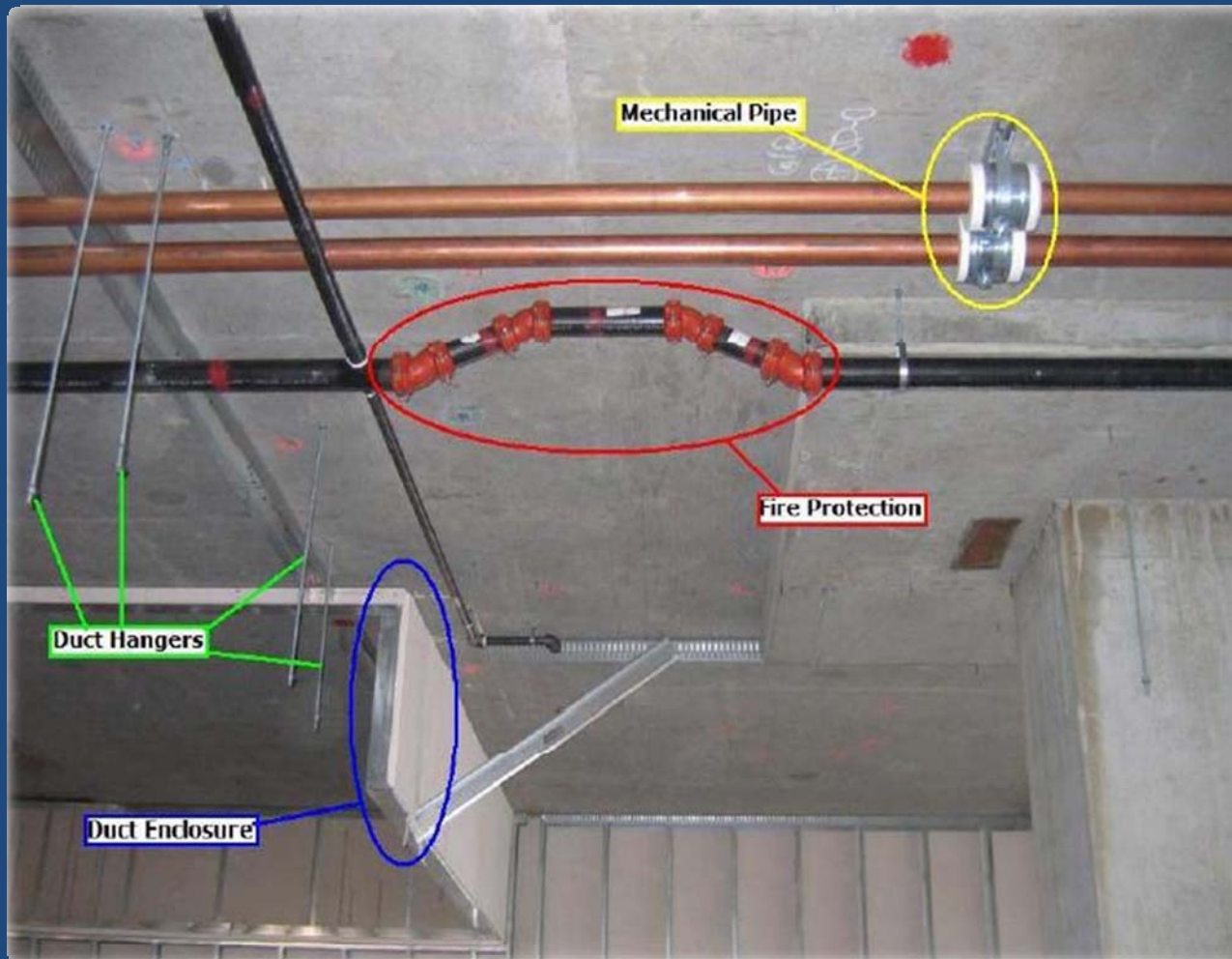
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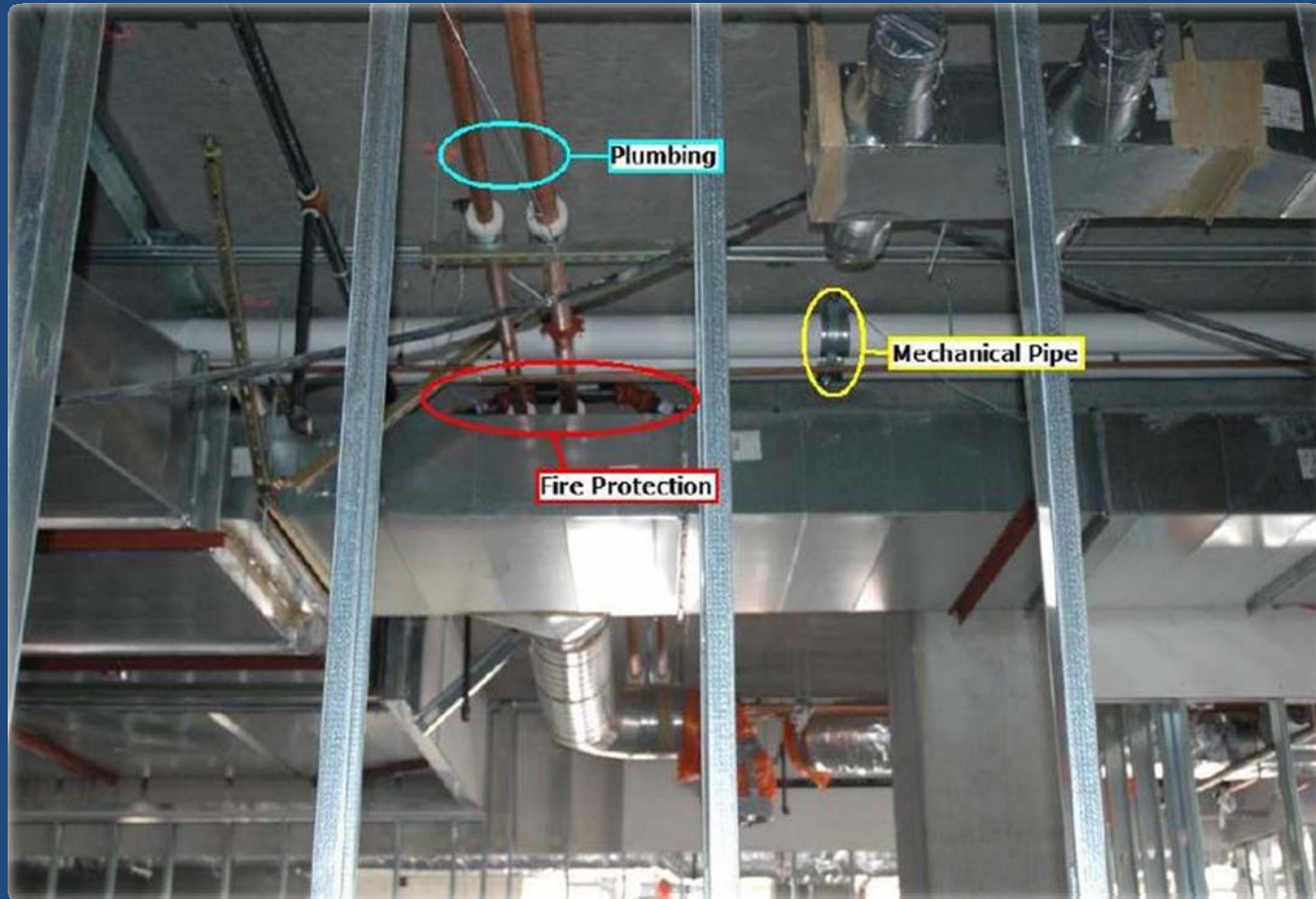
What in the world is the Fire Protection Contractor doing?



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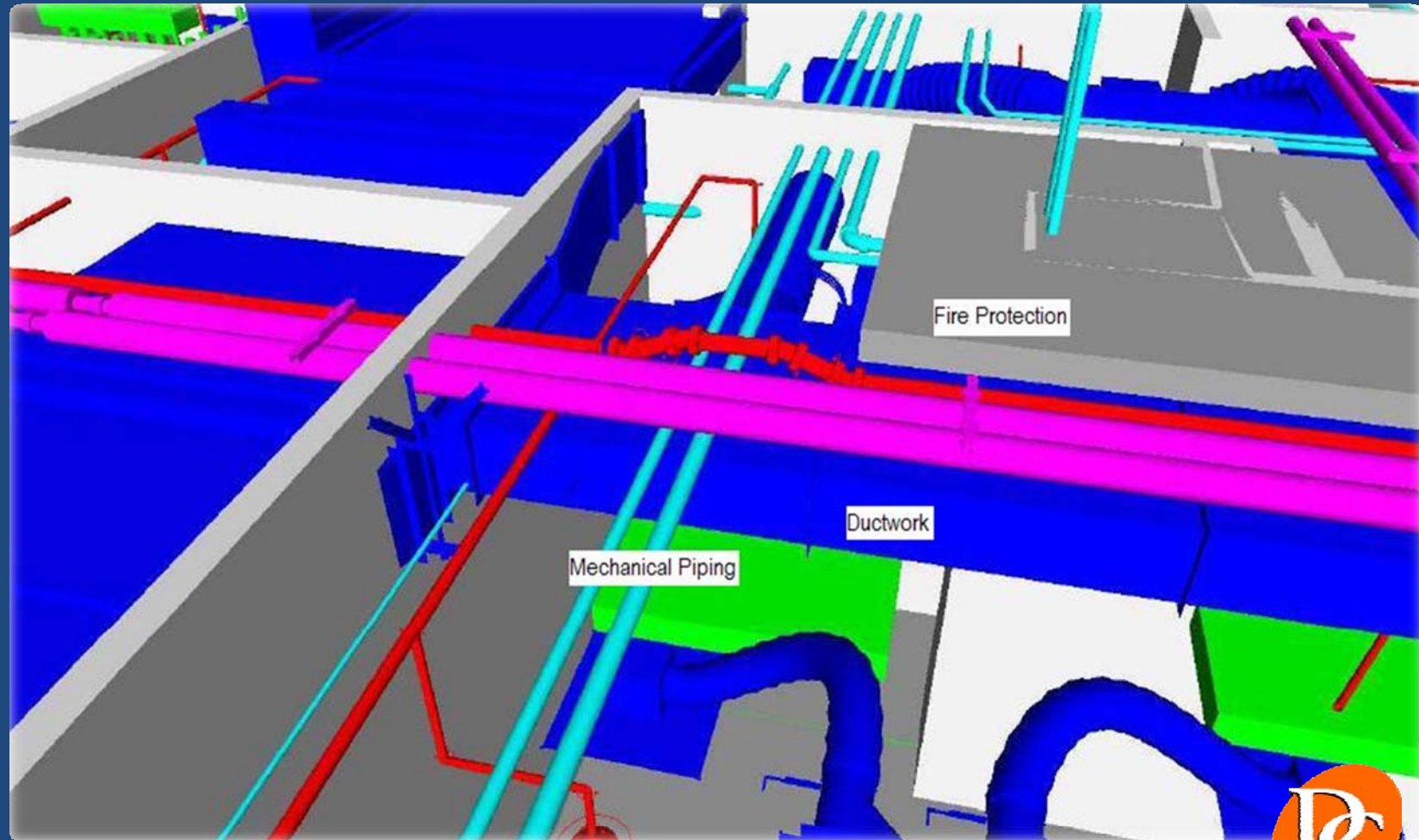


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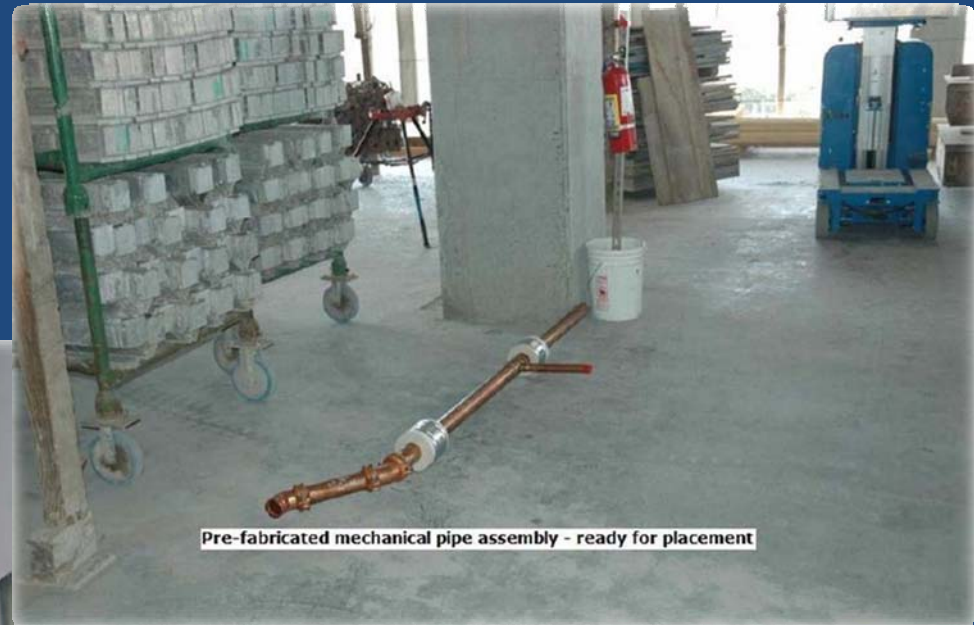


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Enabler for Lean Construction



Pre-fabricated mechanical pipe assembly - ready for placement

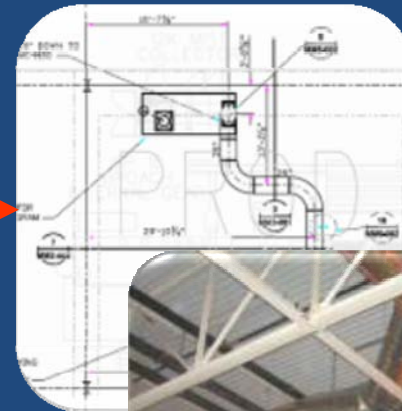
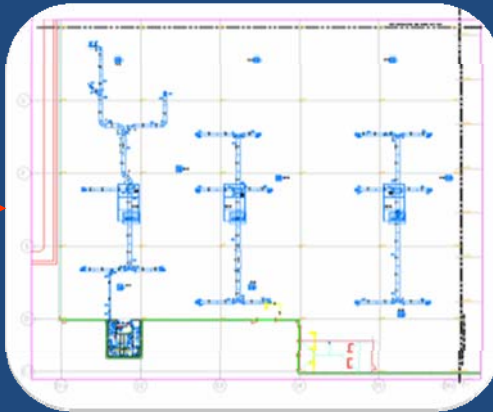


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# Lean Principles – Design for Manufacturing

## *HVAC Sheet Metal – JIT Delivery*

Fully coordinated  
HVAC model with  
steel and other MEP  
systems



Direct interface from fully  
coordinated 3D model to  
cutting table

Installation  
drawings from  
3D Model.

JIT delivery &  
installation  
without field  
changes



Potential to reduce raw material by up to 20%



Offsite  
fabrication in  
shop

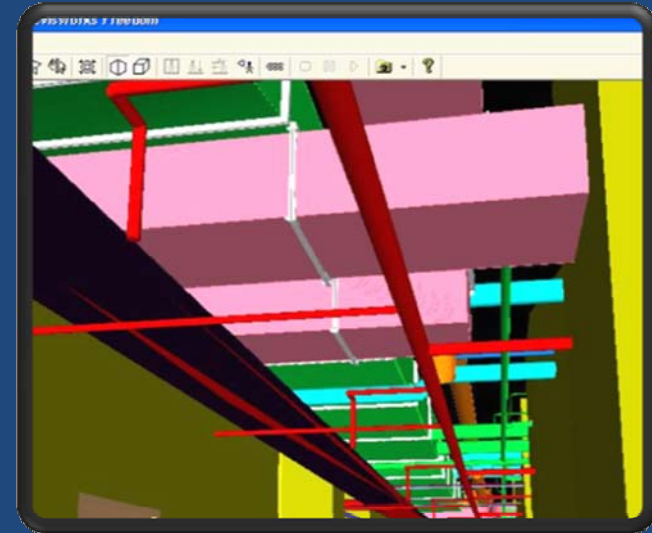


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# Small Scale BIM Advantages

## The Job Fits – The First Time

- \* Eliminates the need to field measure certain pieces due to collisions



- \* No Interferences = No Interruptions
- \* No Interruptions to work flow means higher productivity in the field
- \* Conflicts are resolved with less wasted time – check the model – little or no GC involvement



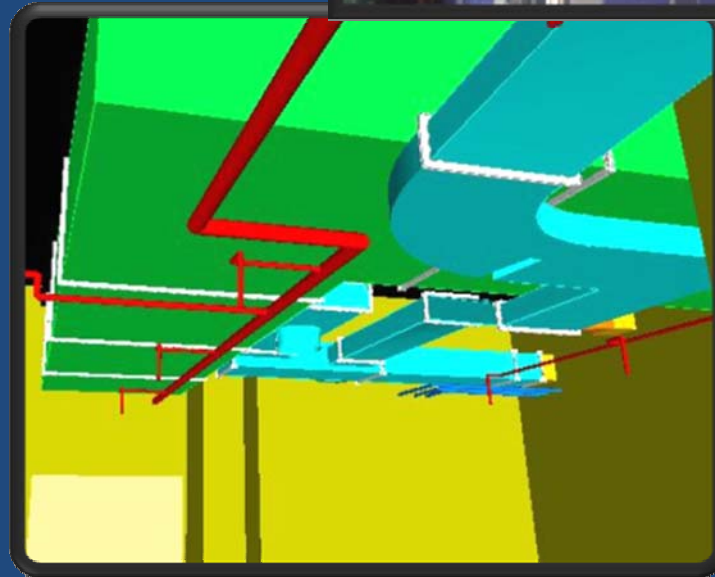
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# Small Scale BIM Advantages

## Eliminates Guesswork on Actual Productivity

- \* Subs Risk is in Field Labor
- \* If you eliminate uncertainties which negatively impact our productivity – there is less risk
- \* Less Risk = Lower Cost
- \* Hospital in Lansing – Increased productivity 18% in our bid due to BIM

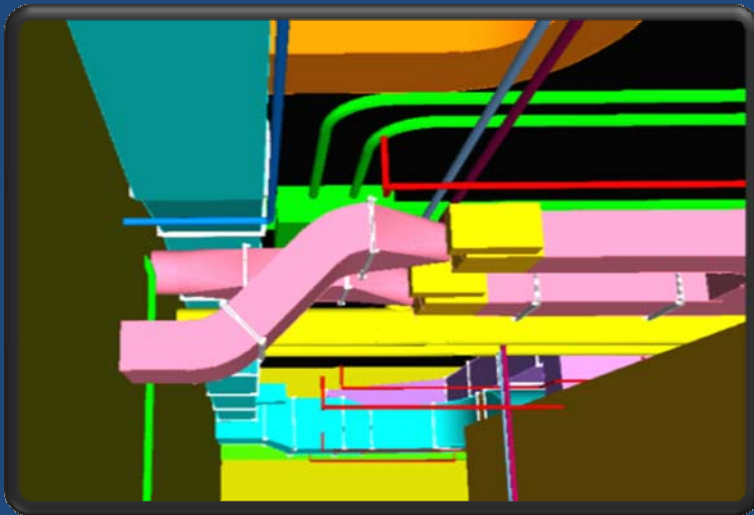


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# Small Scale BIM Advantages

## BIM makes Scheduling and Coordination Easier

- \* Phase the 3D Modeling with the GC's schedule for Construction
- \* Completed Model is like a puzzle – it's clear what needs to be installed first
- \* Smoother Jobs = Faster Schedule



- \* Eliminates unnecessary Change Orders due to interferences
- \* Eliminates the need to “redo” as builds based on actual installation



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# Small Scale BIM Advantages

## BIM Allows for:

- \* Less wasted materials and rework
- \* Less Interferences/interruptions to work flow which allows everyone to be more productive
- \* Less Risk = Lower Cost
- \* Fewer/No Change Orders
- \* Better Trade Coordination and Sequencing – Less Congestion of Trades
- \* Safer Job – Less clutter, fewer lifts, less congestion

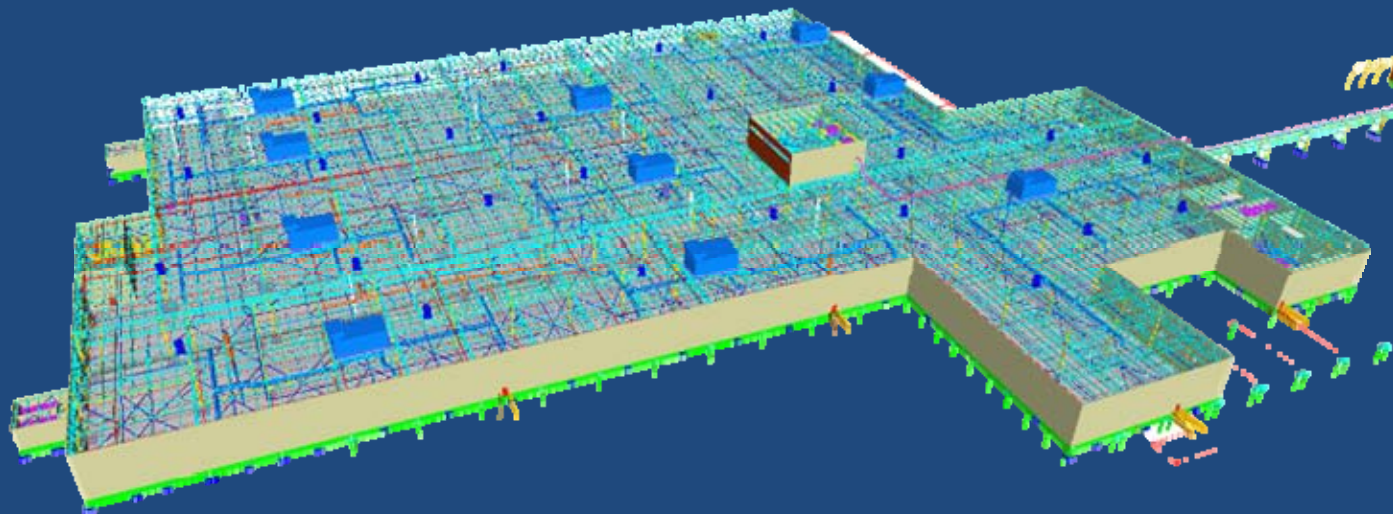


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# BIM Case Study

## Project Overview – GM Global V6 Engine Plant

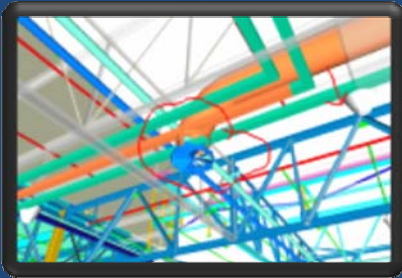
- 442,000 sq. ft addition
- 85 Week Design and Construction Schedule
  - 24 Weeks less than typical
- 36 Week Construction Schedule
  - Delivered in 31 weeks - complete
- Zero Change Orders from Building Component interferences



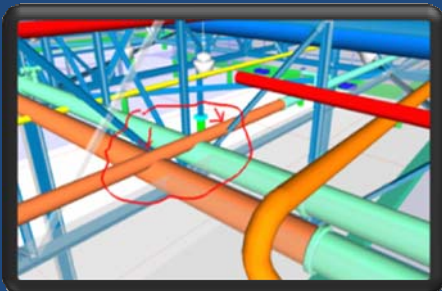
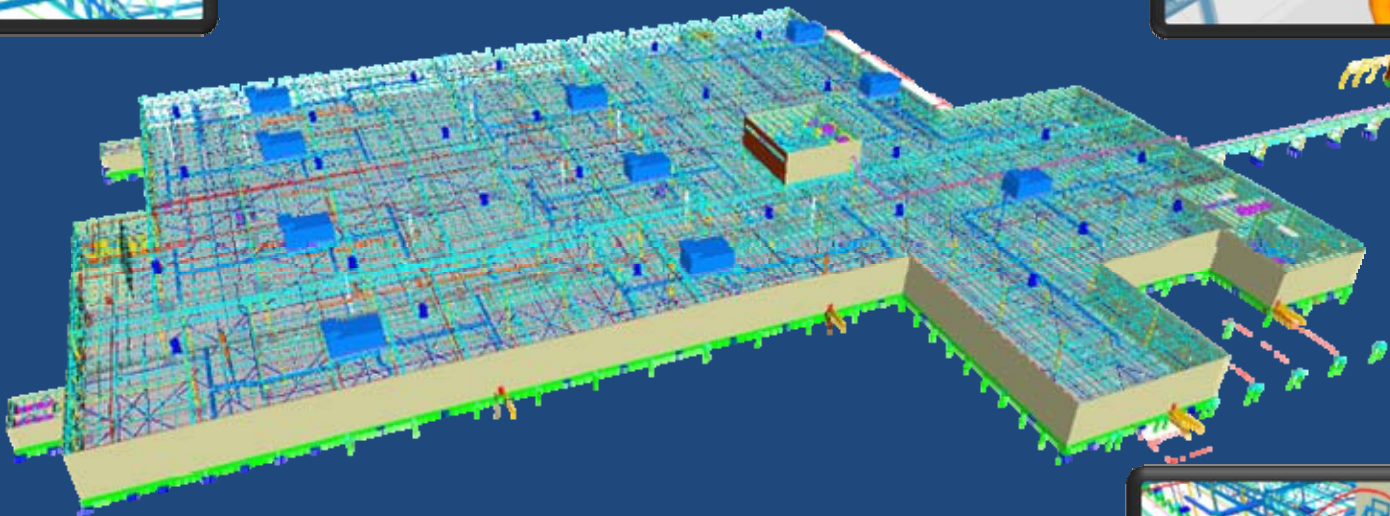
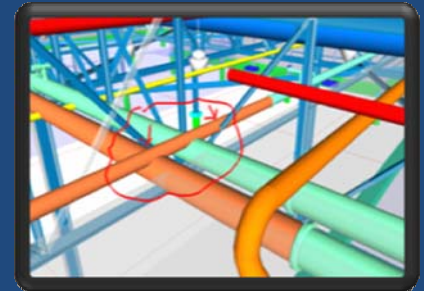
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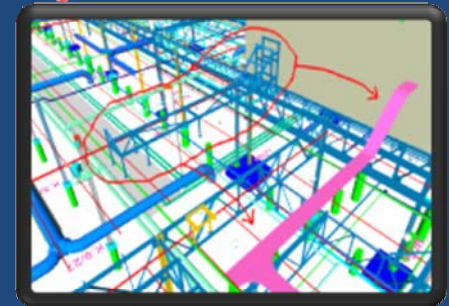
# 3D Enabled Interference Detection



Engine Facility

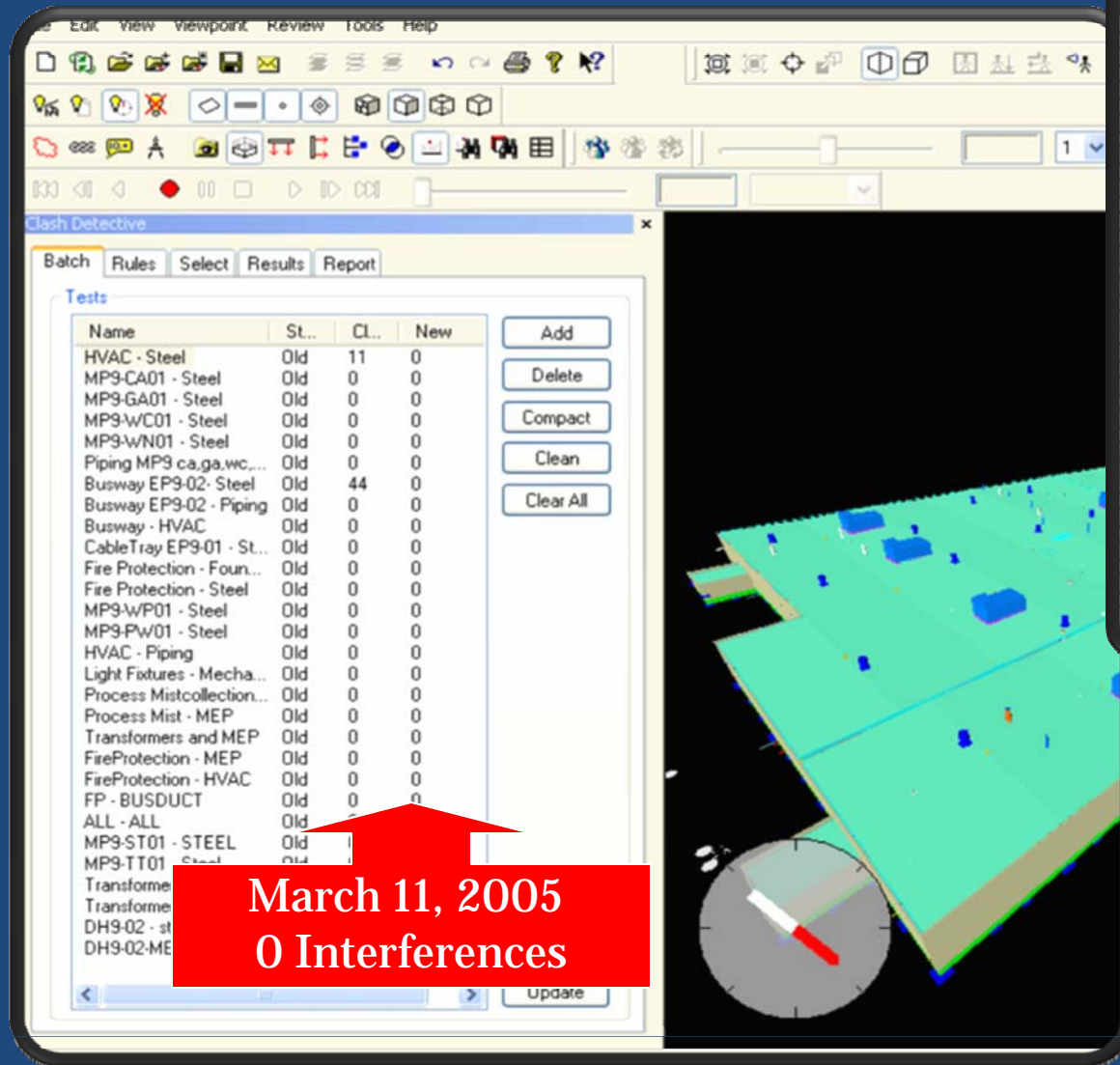


3000 - 4000 Initial  
interferences Jan. 11, 2005



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# Project Management Approach: Weekly Coordination Sessions



01-29-2004 - 3D Design Review  
02-06-2004 - 3D Design Intent Model Review  
01-06-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
01-10-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
01-18-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting - FAB Steel 50%  
01-25-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting - FAB Steel 80%  
01-31-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
02-07-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting - FAB Steel 100%  
02-14-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
02-17-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
02-22-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
02-24-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
02-25-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
02-28-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
03-03-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
03-08-2005 - 3D Integration Meeting  
03-10-2005 - GLOBAL V6 ENGINE FACILITY - IFC MODEL  
03-21-2005 - 3D Review Proposed ISS Platform Changes  
04-07-2005 - Proposed Process Changes  
04-14-2005 - 3D Review - DESIGN CHANGES  
05-02-2005 - GLOBAL V6 ENGINE FACILITY - IFC MODEL - R



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# BIM Case Study

## Project Overview

- 10 Story Hospital
- New Construction
- Phased at 2 Story Intervals
- Design - Bid - Build Delivery
- Each Phase 100% Complete prior to next phase bid date
- Phases almost Identical
- Low Bid Wins





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# BIM Case Study

## Productivity Achievements Summarized

Phase I  Phase II  
5% higher

Phase II  Phase III  
13% higher

Phase I  Phase III  
\*18% more productive due to BIM



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# BIM – What is next?

4D Schedule

5D Estimating

6D Facility Management

Total Station – Hanger & Pipe Sleeve

Layout

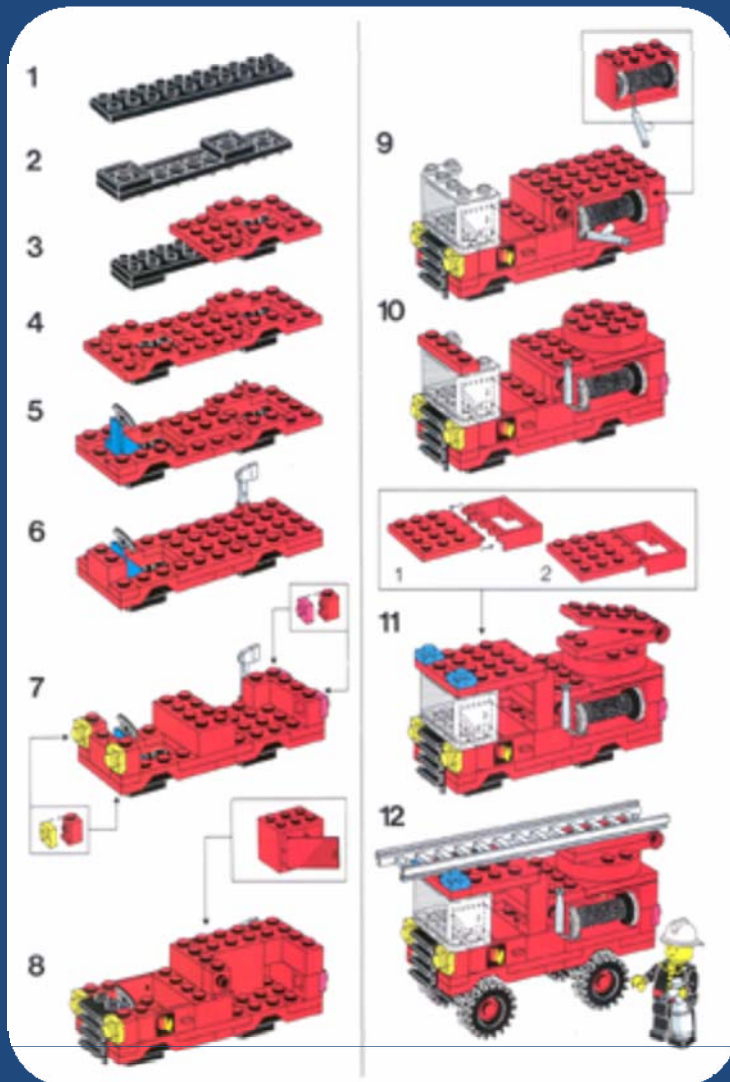
3D Scan to BIM

IPD



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# BIM – What is next?



Add 3D + Time = 4D

- Better Communication for Construction Sequencing
- Better Site Planning & Logistics
- Better Analysis for Project Management
- Uncovers flawed logic in the Schedule because it's visual

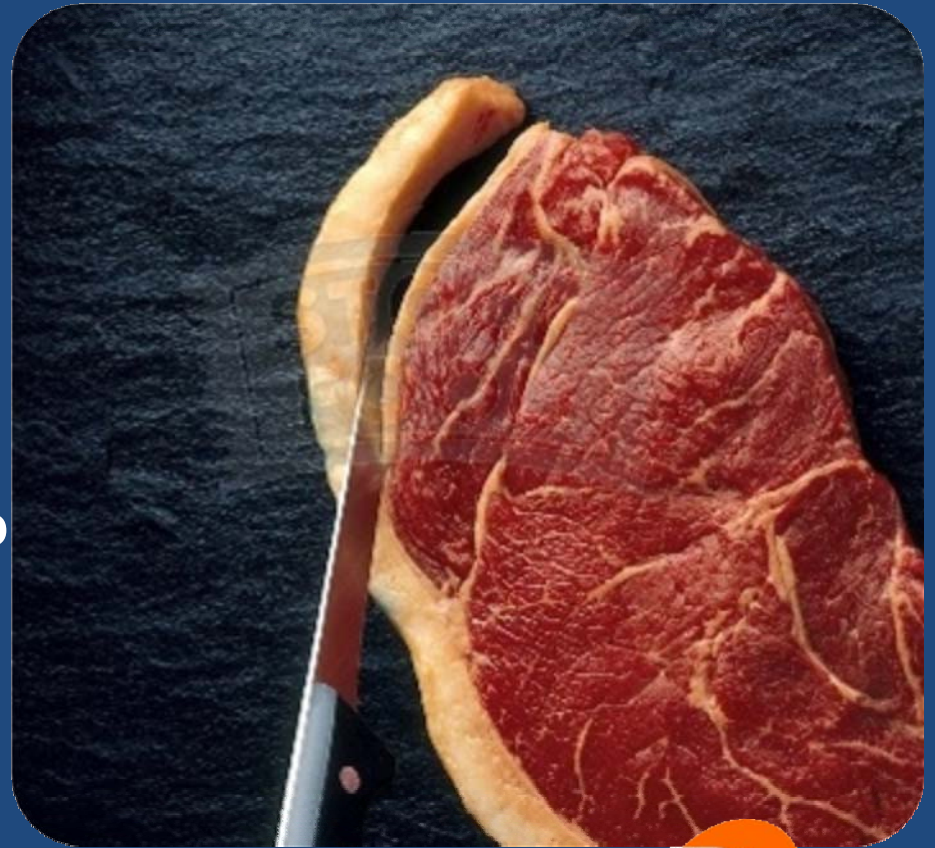


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# BIM – What is next?

Add 4D + Quantity + Cost = 5D

- QTO – Quantity Take Off
- Takeoff in Minutes
- Spot the Difference – track changing variables
- Quantify More quickly w/ auto search
- Maintain a Dynamic Document of Record



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# BIM – What is next?

Add 5D + Facility Information = 6D



- As builts are delivered as a Model
- O&M data -Technical product Info – Warranty Info – Maintenance Schedule/History – All exist in the Model
- Space Utilization Tool – Simplify remodels – lease and rental analysis tools



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# BIM – What is next?

## Total Station/Trimble



*Lay out pipe and duct hangers directly on the deck from below using a prism or laser pointer.*



*Accurately lay out points on the floor and transfer up using a handheld laser pointer.*



*Rapidly lay out points for sleeves and inserts on the deck using a prism.*



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# BIM – What is next?

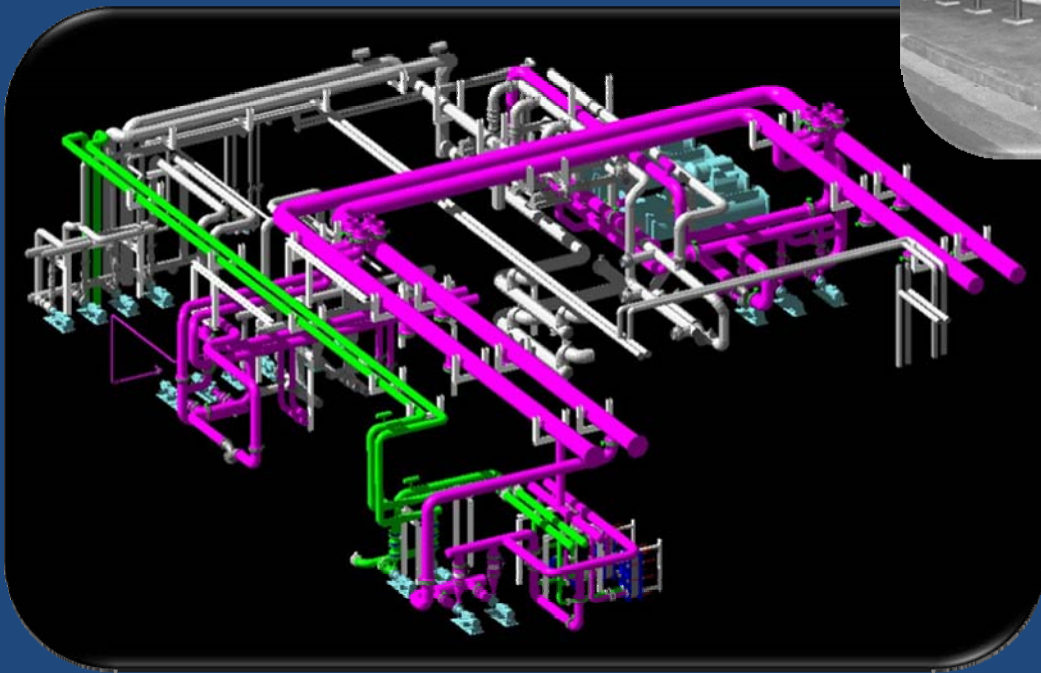
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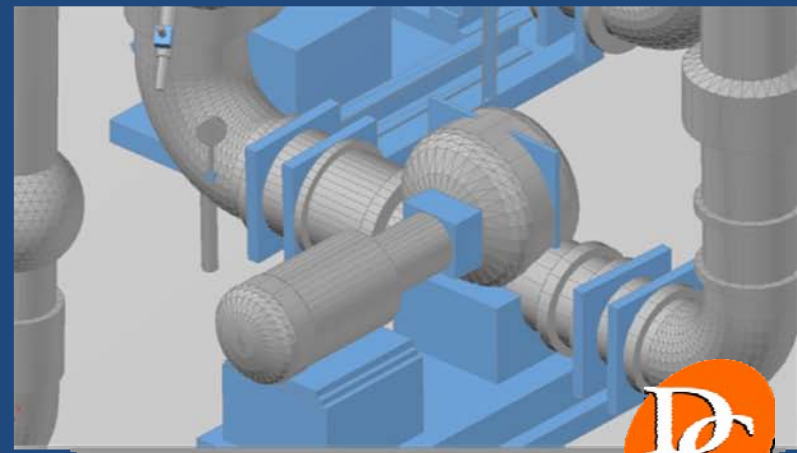
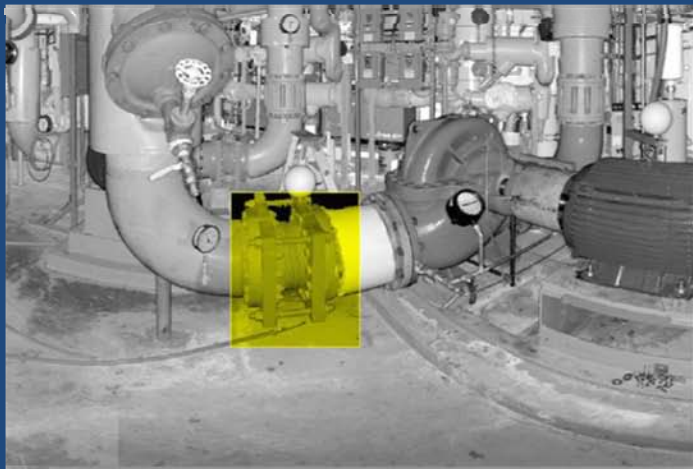
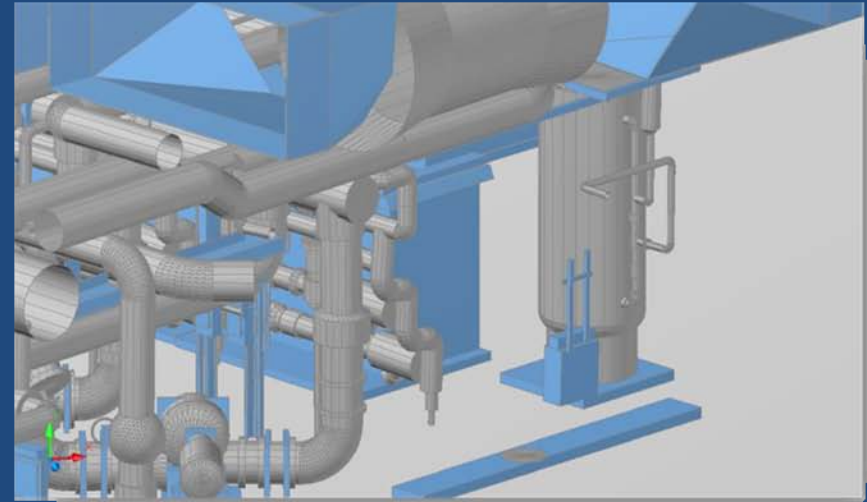
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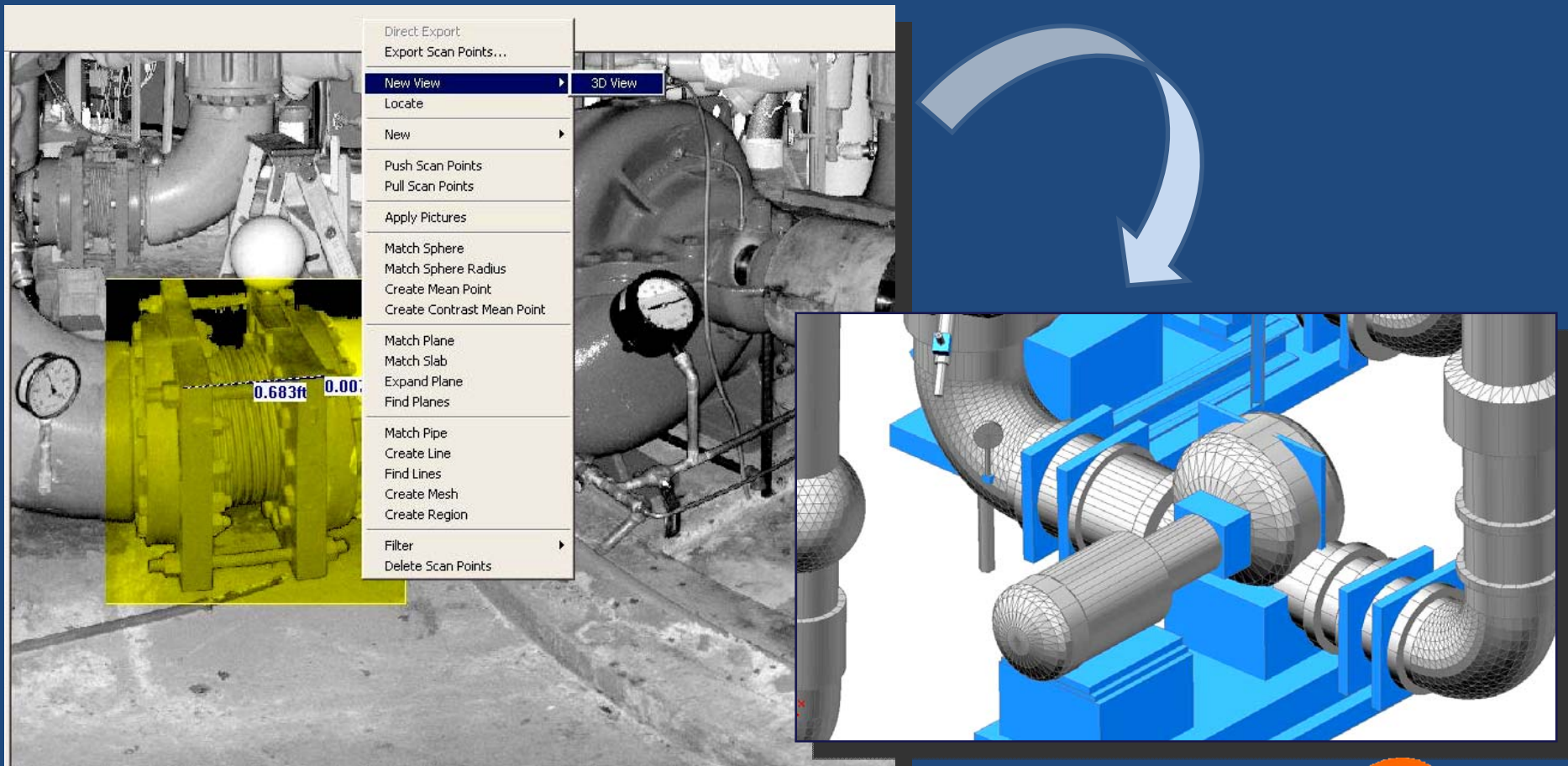


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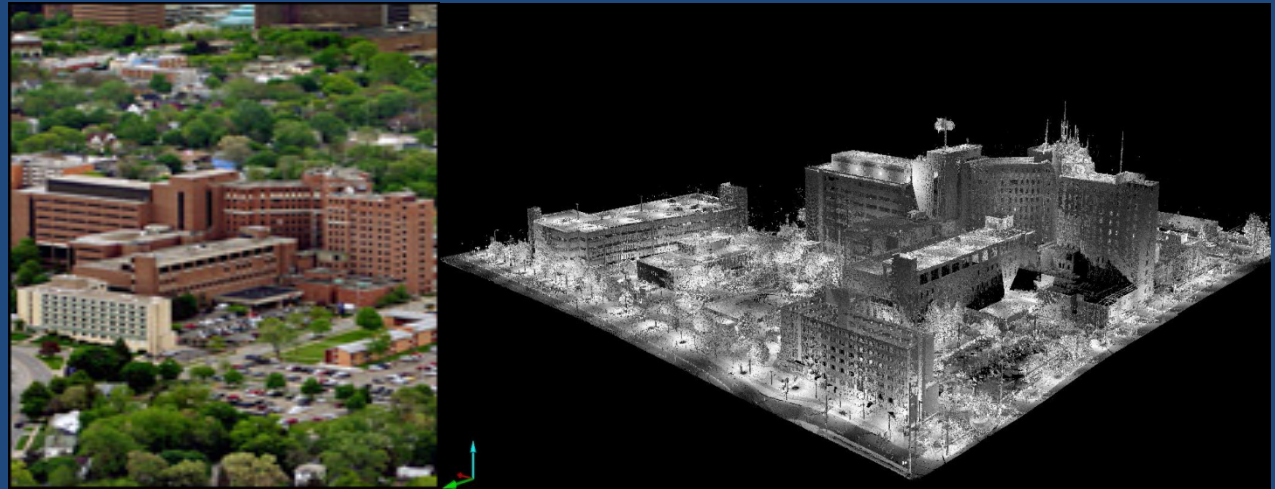


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## **Field Time**

4 Days (field time)  
234 scan positions  
10 Billion Points



## **Project Highlights**

1. *Decisive factor in winning the project contract for the contractor because of due diligence in preparing for the presentation.*
2. *Visualize the new ED from several different angles.*
3. *Completed 3D survey of the campus.*
4. *Completed the 3D survey without disrupting operations.*



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# BIM – What is next?

## Integrated Project Delivery - IPD

- Involve all Team Members in design meetings
- Identify key objectives up front
- Open Collaboration at all stages of a project
- BIM is utilized
- Minimize paper based processes and collaborate digitally
- Check for and manage interferences with 3D Clash detection
- Set up contract mechanisms that enable and reward achievement of key objectives
- Create a culture of trust and information sharing (win-win-win)

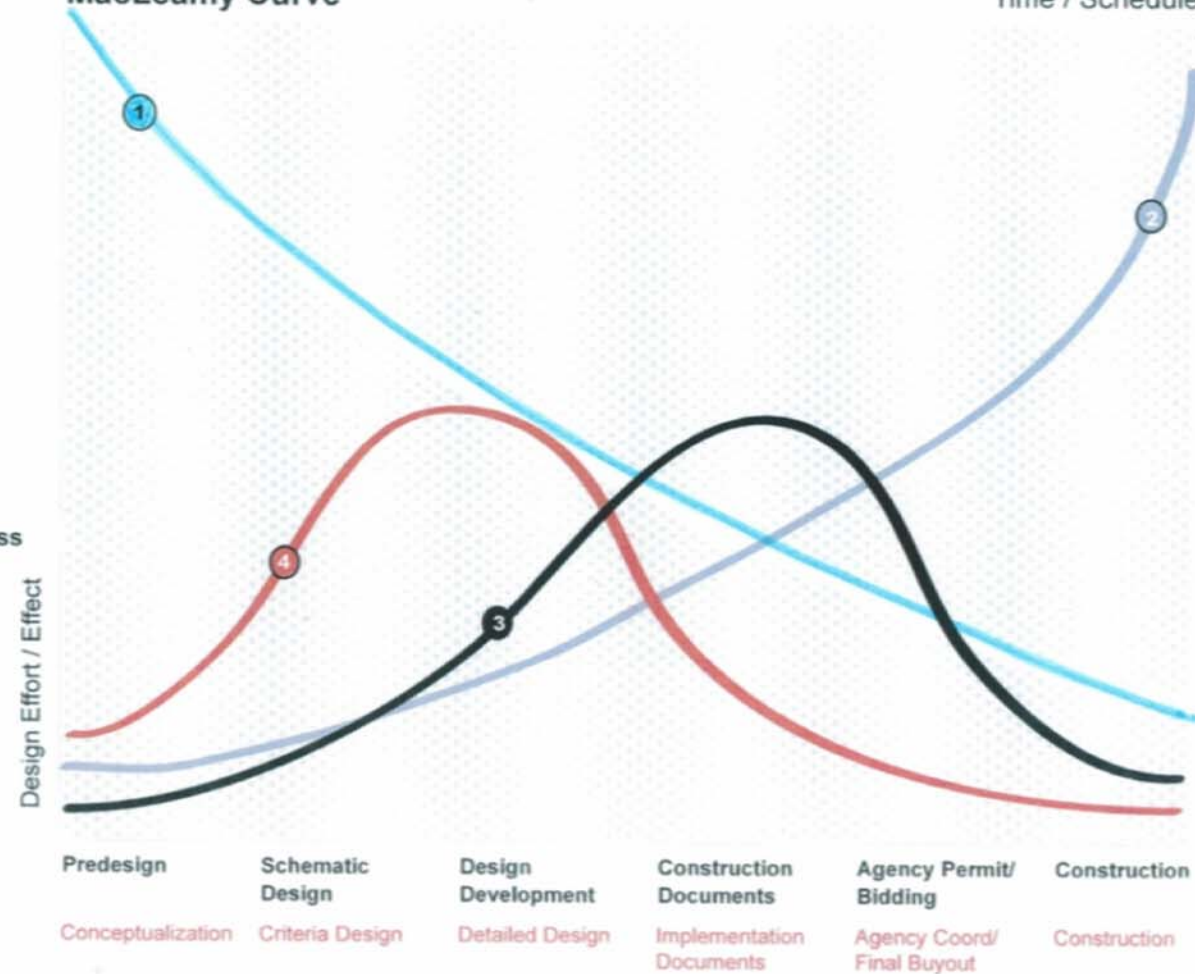


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## MacLeamy Curve

Time / Schedule

- ① ability to impact cost and functional capabilities
- ② cost of design changes
- ③ traditional design process
- ④ Integrated Project Delivery Process



Introduced in the Construction Users Roundtable's "Collaboration, Integrated Information, and the Project Lifecycle in Building Design and Construction and Operation" (WP-1202, August, 2004)", the "MacLeamy Curve" illustrates

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- In the Traditional Construction Process if you choose fast you can't have the other three
- “Fast” is a relative term



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# Traditional Project Delivery vs. IPD

<b>Traditional Project Delivery</b>		<b>Integrated Project Delivery</b>
Fragmented, assembled on “just-as-needed” or “minimum-necessary” basis, strongly hierarchical	Teams	Integrated team entity composed key project stakeholders, assembled early in the process, open, collaborative
Linear, distinct, segregated; knowledge gathered “just-as-needed”; information hoarded; silos of knowledge and expertise	Process	Concurrent and multi-level; early contributions of knowledge and expertise; information openly shared; stakeholder trust and respect
Individually managed; transferred to greatest extent possible	Risk	Collectively managed, appropriately shared
Individually Pursued; minimum effort for maximum return	Compensation/Reward	Team success tied to project success; value-based
Paper-based, 2 dimensional; analog	Communications/Technology	Digitally based, virtual; BIM (3D, 4D, and 5D)
Encourage unilateral effort; allocate and transfer risk; no sharing	Agreements	Encourage, foster, promote and support open sharing and collaboration

# Questions

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## *DCI Clash Detection 10 Commandments*

- 1) Thou shalt put your best foot forward when drawing your systems and utilize the most efficient layout the first time*
- 2) Thou shalt not post drawings that contain clashes with yourself*
- 3) Thou shalt always meet promised deadlines*
- 4) Thou shalt give notice to other team members if promised deadlines can't be met - ahead of the deadline*
- 5) Thou shalt notify other team members if the routing of your systems materially impacts another team members work*





6) *Thou shalt have other team members files attached and loaded while developing and drawing your systems*

7) *Thou shalt not make promises you know you can't keep - this severely impacts the team in an extremely negative way*

8) *Thou shalt always treat one another with respect and treat each other as you want to be treated as far as communication and collaboration are concerned*

9) *Thou shalt stay engaged and committed to continually update the Model (including Change Orders) throughout the life of the Project*

10) *Thou shalt always be committed to full collaboration and BIG BIM, not just little bim*

