



buildingSMART Canada announces free membership for individuals to further engage Canadian industry stakeholders

buildingSMART Canada (bSC) has revised its membership structure to allow for free membership for individuals from the Canadian AECOO community to encourage and facilitate the adoption of BIM and open standards in Canada

bSC has revised its membership structure and is now offering [free membership](#) to individuals wanting to get actively involved in and contribute to the movement towards a better built environment for Canada as laid out in the [Roadmap to Lifecycle BIM in the Canadian Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Owners and Operations \(AECOO\) Community](#) published by bSC in January 2015. The call to action, issued through the IBC/bSC *Roadmap to lifecycle BIM*, involves a movement that must be undertaken with the full engagement, active involvement and continual support from the Canadian AECOO community. This will be done through the creation of a national community of excellence for the built environment which builds on the beliefs and capabilities of bSC's members and includes bSC's new [Affiliates initiative](#).

By joining buildingSMART Canada, individuals become part of a growing community that is implementing collaborative working best practices in Canada and around the world. Members can link up to a worldwide community of practitioners, owners and software developers that are shaping the future with BIM and participate in the development of standards, protocols and programmes through working groups centered on activities described in the *Roadmap to Lifecycle BIM*. They can also stay abreast of innovative practices and improved project delivery processes through the creation of a national community of excellence. Members will have access to this growing pan-Canadian support network, whose agenda is transparent and aimed at an ambitious yet achievable goal: promoting and enabling the movement towards a better built environment for Canada through the development and use of open standards for BIM.

To sustain the movement, buildingSMART Canada is relying on financial support from Sponsors and Supporters. Sponsors are integral to the operation and activities of buildingSMART Canada. These companies and firms are leaders in the Canadian BIM community, and showcase their commitment to open BIM standard development in Canada. Supporters help facilitate the operations and activities of buildingSMART Canada and are committed to the buildingSMART mandate to see BIM adopted alongside well established open BIM standards. If you are interested in becoming a supporter or a sponsor, please visit our [website](#).

About buildingSMART Canada

buildingSMART Canada, the Canadian chapter of buildingSMART International and the project delivery arm of the Institute for BIM in Canada, works in partnership with all Canadian AECOO community stakeholders including Canadian associations of architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors as well as public and private owners, government and industry to create standards, supporting programmes and tools to ensure that Canada will be successful in its movement towards a better built environment supported through open and internationally compatible standards for BIM. One of buildingSMART Canada's objective is to provide an open and transparent network to support the movement towards a better built environment for Canada through application of innovative project delivery practices based on open standards for BIM.