



# Evaluation of the Cost Impact of Florida's Specific Changes to 2015 I- Codes “Prescriptive Code Changes”

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# BIM: What is Building Information Modeling?

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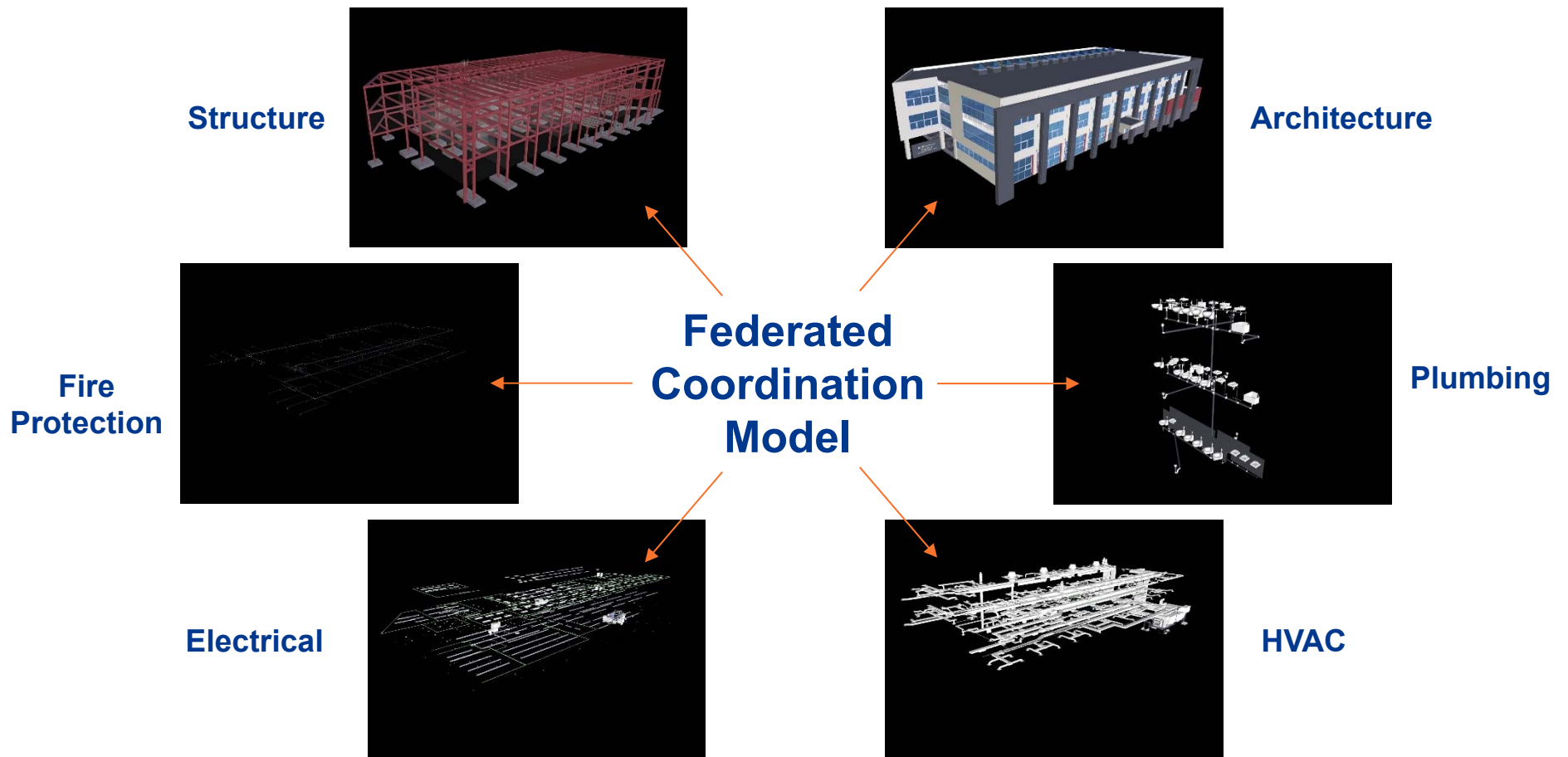
1. An intelligent 3D model with embedded **information** and specifications for all the material and system selections of a project, as well as their associated properties.
2. Virtual collaboration resource which aids in the decision making and information exchange process throughout the lifecycle of a building from conception to facilities management.

# BIM: Benefits of BIM?

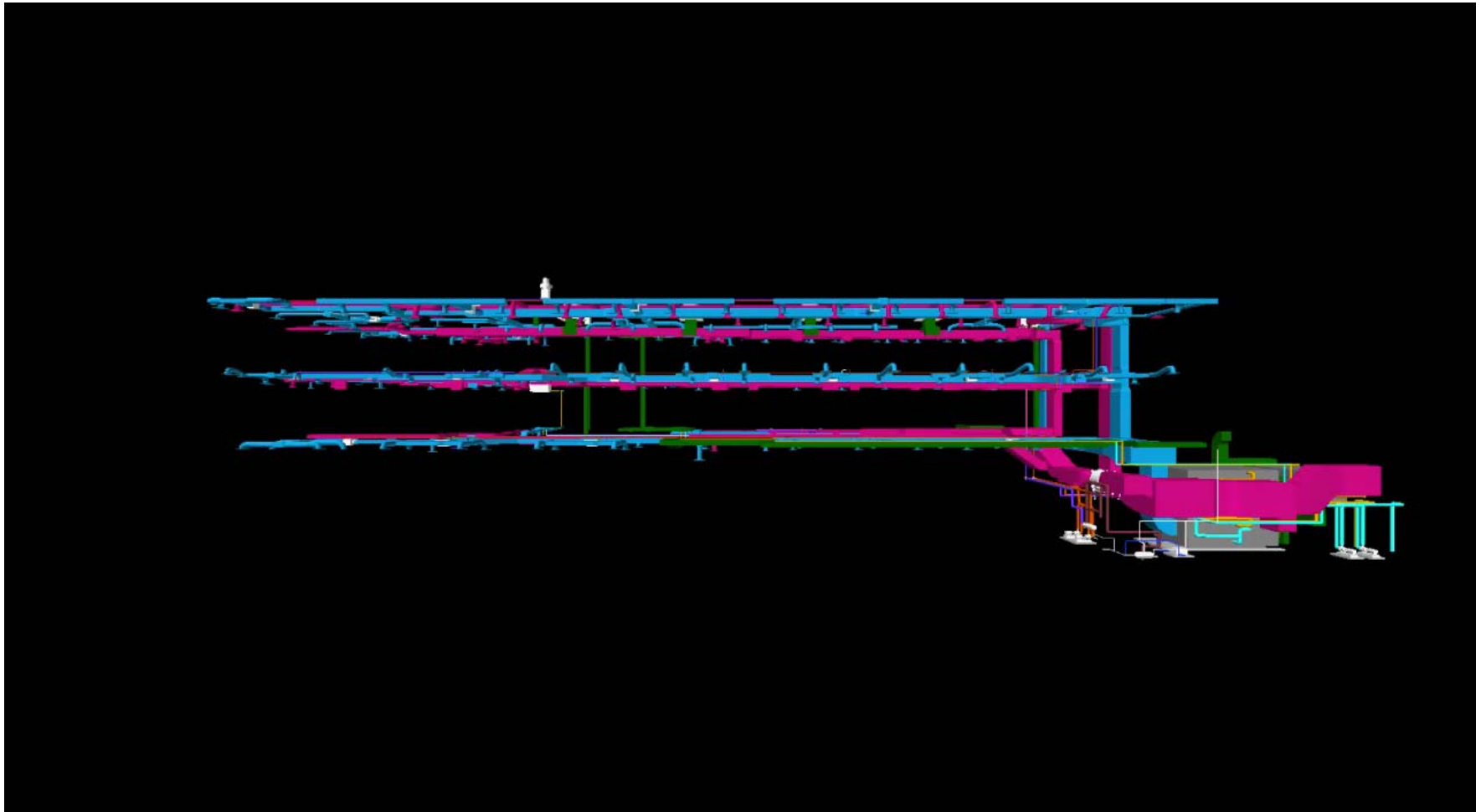
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1. Enhanced collaboration capabilities among all members of a project team.
2. Coordination of all building systems and the testing of design alternatives prior to construction.
3. Ability to tie model to schedule for visualization and quality assurance purposes. (4D BIM)
4. Greater access to live data regarding building material quantities for more accurate cost estimates. (5D BIM)
5. Creation of more accurate and thorough as-built documents.

# BIM: Collaborative Platform



# BIM: HVAC Model of Rinker Hall

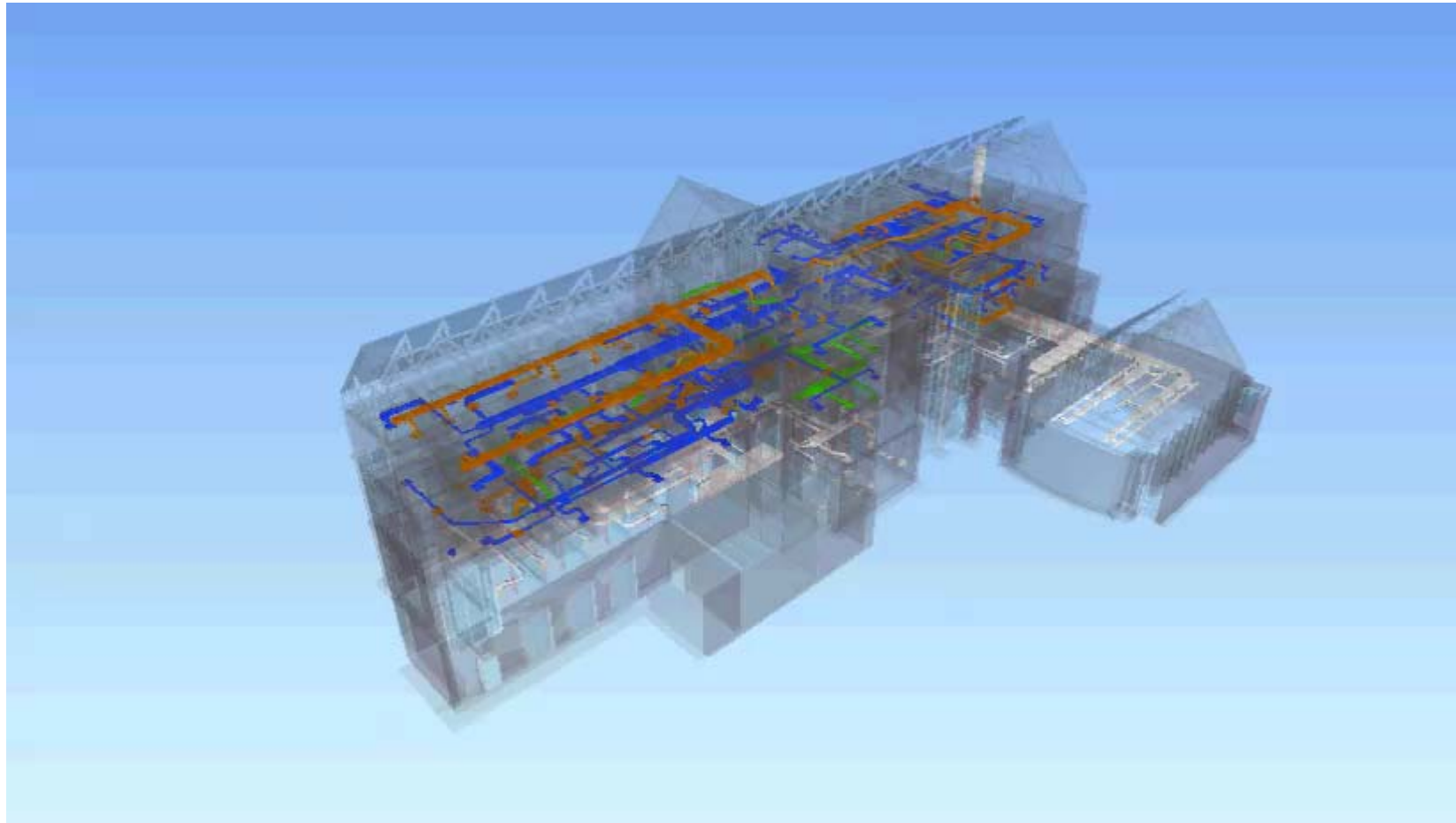


# BIM: Building Information Modeling

- Federated Multi-Disciplinary Model

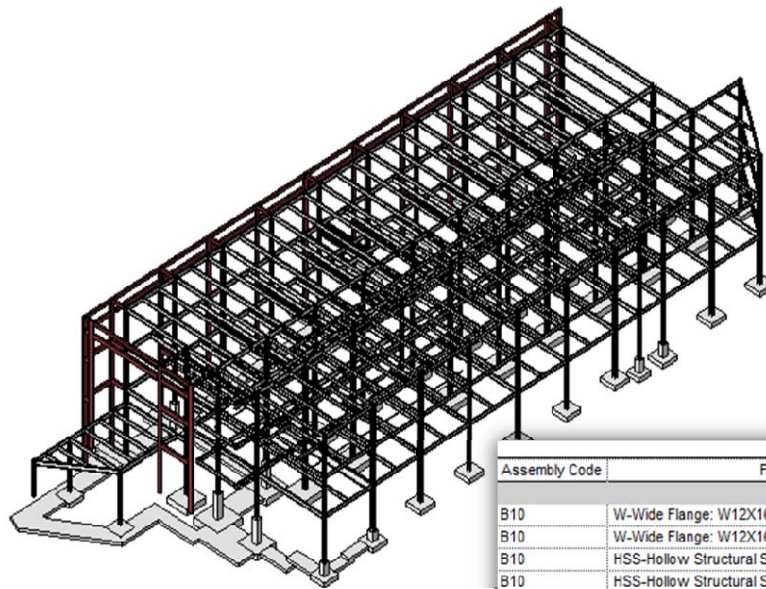


# BIM: Embedded MEP Model of Gerson Hall



# BIM: Quantity Surveys

- Material quantity data built into model for instantaneous updates as the project changes.

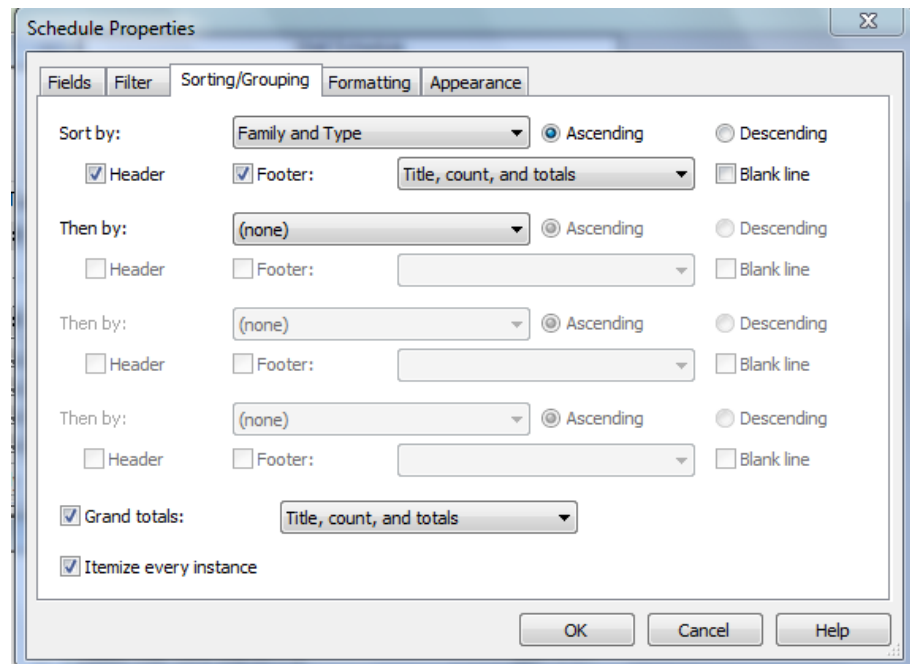
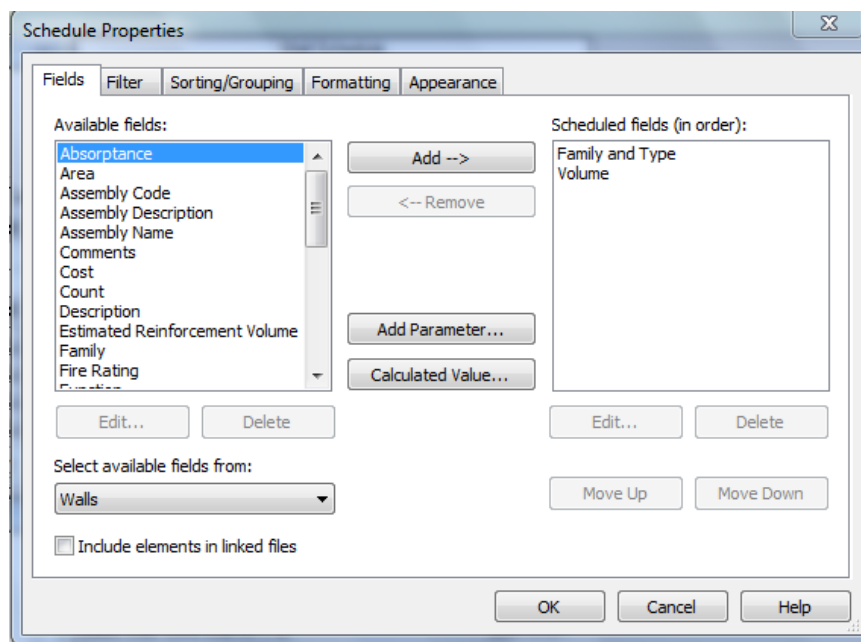


| F7-84"x84"x18"     |                     |                |         |         |    |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|---------|----|
| A101010            | Footing-Rectangular | F7-84"x84"x18" | 6' - 0" | 6' - 0" | 1  |
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| F7-84"x84"x18": 10 |                     |                |         |         | 10 |

| Structural Steel |                                                     |       |               |       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Assembly Code    | Family and Type                                     | Count | Length        | Cost  |
| B10              | W-Wide Flange: W12X16-Rinker                        | 1     | 12' - 11"     |       |
| B10              | W-Wide Flange: W12X16-Rinker                        | 1     | 12' - 11"     |       |
| B10              | HSS-Hollow Structural Section: HSS12X8X.3125-RINKER | 1     | 5' - 0"       | 10.00 |
| B10              | HSS-Hollow Structural Section: HSS12X8X.3125-RINKER | 1     | 18' - 9 5/16" | 10.00 |
| B10              | HSS-Hollow Structural Section: HSS12X8X.3125-RINKER | 1     | 18' - 8"      | 10.00 |
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| B10              | HSS-Hollow Structural Section: HSS12X8X.3125-RINKER | 1     | 11' - 7"      | 10.00 |
| B10              | HSS-Hollow Structural Section: HSS12X8X.3125-RINKER | 1     | 26' - 11"     | 10.00 |

# BIM: Quantity Surveys

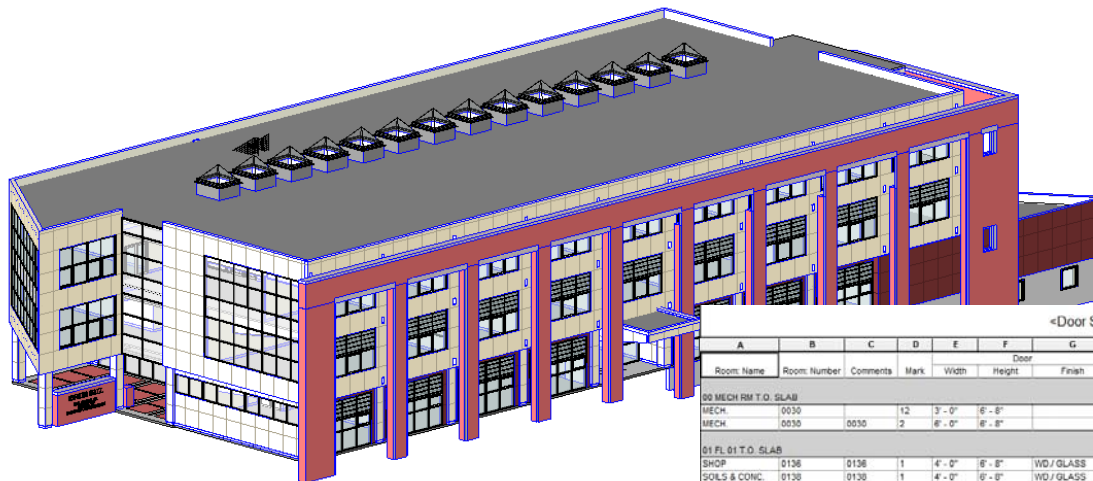
- A wide range of data fields within the BIM environment can be accessed and exported to show the specific information needed.



# BIM: Quantity Surveys

- Quantities can be exported from the model of any system and used to calculate cost.

| <Room Schedule> |                   |         |              |             |             |                |                |          |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| A               | B                 | C       | D            | E           | F           | G              | H              | I        |
| Room Nu         | Room Name         | Area    | Floor Finish | Base Finish | Wall Finish | Ceiling Finish | Ceiling Height | Comments |
| 0030            | MECH.             | 1420 SF |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0030A           | ELEC. ROOM        | 251 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0106            | MEDIUM CLASSROOM  | 908 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0110            | LARGE CLASSROOM   | 1750 SF |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0110A           | ELEC.             | 65 SF   |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0115            | STUDENT LOUNGE    | 471 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0125            | M.E.P STUDIO      | 1611 SF |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0134            | SHOWER            | 75 SF   |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0136            | SHOP              | 274 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0138            | SOILS & CONC. LAB | 706 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0140            | STRUCTURES STUDIO | 1292 SF |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0140A           | STORAGE           | 418 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0141            | INTERVIEW         | 100 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0143            | INTERVIEW         | 100 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0145            | MEN               | 224 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0146            | WOMEN             | 253 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0146A           | MECH. ROOM        | 66 SF   |              |             |             |                |                |          |
| 0201            | BM LAB            | 845 SF  |              |             |             |                |                |          |



| <Door Schedule>      |             |          |       |       |        |             |             |              |             |          |      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|------|-------------------|
| A                    | B           | C        | D     | E     | F      | G           | H           | I            | J           | K        | L    | M                 |
| Room Name            | Room Number | Comments | Mark  | Width | Height | Finish      | Type        | Frame Type   | Fire Rating | Hardware | Cost | Level             |
| 00 MECH RM T.O. SLAB |             |          |       |       |        |             |             |              |             |          |      |                   |
| MECH                 | 0030        |          | 12    | 3'-0" | 8'-8"  |             | 36" x 60"   |              |             |          |      | 00 MECH RM T.O.   |
| MECH                 | 0030        |          | 2     | 6'-0" | 8'-8"  |             | B           |              | 45          |          |      | 00 MECH RM T.O.   |
| 01 FL 01 T.O. SLAB   |             |          |       |       |        |             |             |              |             |          |      |                   |
| SHOP                 | 0136        |          | 1     | 4'-0" | 8'-8"  | WD / GLASS  | A           | H.M./PTD.    | 60 min      | 9        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| SOILS & CONC.        | 0138        |          | 1     | 4'-0" | 8'-8"  | WD / GLASS  | G           | H.M./PTD.    |             | 4        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| SOILS & CONC.        | 0138        |          | 2     | 8'-0" | 8'-8"  | ALUM./GLASS | D-Double    | ALUM.        |             | 4        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| STORAGE              | 0140A       |          | 140   | 2     | 8'-0"  | 8'-8"       | ALUM./GLASS | D-Double     | ALUM.       | 6        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| INTERVIEW            | 0141        |          | 141   | 1     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | ALUM./GLASS | C            | ALUM.       | 5        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| CORRIDOR             | C1990       |          | 143   | 1     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | ALUM./GLASS | C            | ALUM.       | 5        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| MECH. ROOM           | 0146A       |          | 146A  | 1     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | H.M./PTD.   | L-FIRE RATED | H.M./PTD.   | 45 min   | 4    | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| CORRIDOR             | C1990       |          | C196A | 4     | 3'-0"  | 8'-9 11/16" | ALUM./GLASS | D-Left       | ALUM.       | 1        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| CORRIDOR             | C1980       |          | C196A | 5     | 6'-1"  | 8'-9 11/16" | ALUM./GLASS | D-Double     | ALUM.       | 3        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| CORRIDOR             | C1990       |          | C196A | 6     | 3'-0"  | 8'-9 11/16" | ALUM./GLASS | D-Right      | ALUM.       | 2        |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| MEDIUM CLASS         | 0106        |          | C1998 | 1     | 8'-0"  | 8'-8"       | WD / GLASS  | K            | H.M./PTD.   | 10       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| LARGE CLASS          | 0110        |          | C1998 | 2     | 8'-0"  | 8'-8"       | WD / GLASS  | K            | H.M./PTD.   | 10       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| ELEC.                | 0110A       |          | C1998 | 3     | 6'-0"  | 8'-8"       | H.M./PTD.   | B            | H.M./PTD.   | 45       | 21   | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| ELEC.                | 0110A       |          | C1998 | 4     | 6'-0"  | 8'-8"       | H.M./PTD.   | B            | H.M./PTD.   | 45       | 12   | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| LARGE CLASS          | 0110        |          | C199C | 1     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | H.M./PTD.   | A - 6'8x30   | H.M./PTD.   | 45 min   | 13   | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| WOMEN                | 0146        |          | C1990 | 1     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | H.M./PTD.   | E            | H.M./PTD.   | 14       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| MEN                  | 0145        |          | C1990 | 2     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | H.M./PTD.   | E            | H.M./PTD.   | 14       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| STRUCTURES S         | 0140        |          | C1990 | 3     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | WD / GLASS  | G-6'8x30     | H.M./PTD.   | 15       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| STUDENT LOUN         | 0115        |          | C1990 | 4     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | WD / GLASS  | G-6'8x30     | H.M./PTD.   | 15       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |
| M.E.P STUDIO         | 0125        |          | C1990 | 5     | 3'-0"  | 8'-8"       | WD / GLASS  | G-6'8x30     | H.M./PTD.   | 15       |      | 01 FL 01 T.O. SLA |

# ISSUES

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- The proposed research assesses the cost impact of Florida's Specific Changes to 2015 I-Codes that are prescriptive in nature and that have the potential of adding cost to construction.

# STATEMENT OF WORK

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- **1. Review/analyze the Florida's specific changes to the 2015 I – Codes to identify those code changes/provisions that are prescriptive in nature and have the potential of adding cost to construction.**

# STATEMENT OF WORK

- **2. Use the standard set of baseline residential and commercial building designs previously used to evaluate the I-Codes prescriptive changes to estimate the potential cost of Florida's specific changes.**
  - **Develop modified building information models**
  - **Generate material quantity surveys**

# STATEMENT OF WORK

- **3. Estimating the additional construction cost of those provisions that are not covered under (2) using good engineering judgment and feedback from general contractors and consulting engineers.**
  - **Generate cost estimates**
  - **Perform overall cost impact analysis**

# DELIVERABLES

- A report providing technical information on the problem background, results and cost implications of the prescriptive Code changes.
- An analysis of individual code changes will also be provided in the Appendix.

# Florida Specific Changes to 2015 IPC Cost Impact

## Disclaimer - Probable Construction Costs Opinions

### Assumptions

- This Estimate is not a guarantee of Final Bid Cost or of Final Project Cost.
- This is an Opinion of Probable Cost of Mechanical, Electrical, and Piping (MEP) Systems for the proposed buildings.
- The estimate was compiled using documents provided by various sources.
- The estimate is representative of average unit pricing and labor from historical job costs of similar type, cost and labor data from Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), CostWorks 2015 Qtr. 2 (Change Date and Qtr) by R.S. Means Company Inc, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and Sheet Metal Estimating by Wendes.
- The subcontractor unit rates include the subcontractor's overhead and profit, unless otherwise stated.
- The mark-ups included in the unit prices cover the cost of field overhead, home office overhead and profit, and range from 15% to 25% of the costs of a particular item.
- Since we have no control over the cost of labor, material and equipment, or the contractor's method of carrying out the work and determining the price, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, this opinion of probable construction cost provided is made on the basis of experience and qualifications. This opinion represents our best judgment as professional construction consultants with the Construction Industry. However, we cannot and do not guarantee that proposals, bids or the construction cost will not vary from the opinions of probable cost in this estimate.

# Florida Specific Changes to 2015 IPC Cost Impact

## Disclaimer - Probable Construction Costs Opinions

### General Assumptions:

- "Allowances" are considered to be an allotted sum of money for a particular system or scope of work for which sufficient detail is not available to determine a definitive cost.
- These cost allowances are included to project a final cost to include labor, material, equipment and any subcontractor costs.
- The owner receives the savings for any amount under the allowance and is at risk for any amount over the allowance.
- The estimate is in today's dollars, and has been adjusted to the local area.
- This estimate does not include any fees or permits.
- This estimate is intended to reflect construction costs only.
- This estimate is intended to reflect normal construction schedules only.
- Variations in material costs, labor efficiencies, wage rates, union practices, and bid climate will effect final costs.
- Workers will report to the actual job site.
- Materials delivered to the actual job site will need to be scheduled.
- No premium or overtime has been included.
- No General Construction costs have been included.
- All utilities have sufficient capacity for the added loads.

# Excerpts – Florida Specific Changes to 2015 IPC Cost Impact Analysis

**APPENDIX D - Table 4. Florida Specific Changes to the 2015 I-Codes- Plumbing Cost Impact Analysis**

| CODE<br>CHANGE # | Florid Specific Changes to 2015 IPC CHANGE SUMMARY                                                 | ESTIMATED<br>AMOUNT* |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| P6416            | Restores in Section 614 of the 2010 FBC Plumbing code which regulates private potable water wells. | Permit Fee.          |

\*For prescriptive Code changes only.

# Excerpts – Florida Specific Changes to 2015 IRC Residential Cost Impact Analysis

| APPENDIX D - Table 4. Florida Specific Changes to the 2015 I-Codes- Residential Cost Impact Analysis |                                                                                                                                                            |                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| CODE CHANGE #                                                                                        | Florid Specific Changes to 2015 IPC CHANGE SUMMARY                                                                                                         | ESTIMATED AMOUNT*                        |
| <b>F6822-R1</b><br>(Residential)                                                                     | Reinstates exception for zero lot line fire separation distance and substitutes reference to Table R302.1 for reference to Tables R302.1(1) and R302.1(2). | Decreases unit cost by \$2000 to \$3000. |
| <b>F6823</b><br>(Residential)                                                                        | Modifies definition of Fire Separation Distance in Section R202 to include zero lot line.                                                                  | Decreases unit cost by \$2000 to \$3000. |

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# QUESTIONS ?