GSA's BIM CFR initiative selected as a Top 30 finalist for the 2015 Igniting Innovation Awards

Concord, California USA — Formtek, Inc. congratulates the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Public Buildings Service (PBS) for the selection of their BIM CFR initiative as a Top 30 finalist for the 2015 Igniting Innovation Awards. The Awards are presented by the American Council for Technology - Industry Advisory Council (ACT-IAC), the premier public-private partnership in the government IT community.

The 30 finalists have been chosen from a large pool of innovative industry solutions developed to address the government's biggest IT challenges. From these, one overall Igniting Innovation winner will be chosen on February 5, 2015, at the Igniting Innovation Showcase and Award event at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

As the landlord for the civilian federal government and one of the largest building owners in the nation, PBS acquires space on behalf of the federal government through new construction and leasing, and acts as a steward for federal properties across the country. In 2003, the GSA, through its PBS program, established the National 3D-4D Building Information Modeling (BIM) Program. A major component to GSA using BIM effectively for facility management is the establishment in 2014 of a Central Facilities Repository, or CFR.

The goal of the CFR initiative is to centralize all current building information, including BIM information, so that building data can interoperate with other business applications and be leveraged across the enterprise. The CFR will not just store BIM's, but will function as an active system that will be continually updated with usable information. A proof of concept has been successfully launched for 11 buildings in 2 Federal districts, in 2 regions. The data will be leveraged for various facilities projects including operations and maintenance, renovation, and additions.

Software provided to GSA PBS by Formtek supported the goal of bringing the 2D environment into the CFR. The software includes Alfresco One for the CFR User Interface (UI), and the Formtek Engineering Data Management (EDM) Solution for Alfresco – comprised of the EDM Module and EDM Connector for AutoCAD.

"This is exciting for all of us at GSA, and I am sure it's good news for the building industry and for the software community that enables BIM-CFR, including Formtek", said Charles Matta, FAIA, Deputy CIO, Public Buildings IT Services.

Additional information on the GSA's BIM Program can be found on GSA's website, at http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/102276

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