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BSD Completes PerSpective® Purchase

Building Systems Design, Inc. acquires all rights to PerSpective performance specifications product developed originally by CSI-DBIA joint venture.

ATLANTA and ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, September 1, 2006 – Building Systems Design, Inc. (BSD) of Atlanta and The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) of Alexandria announced today the completion of BSD’s acquisition of PerSpective, a software tool for creating building performance specifications. BSD developed PerSpective for a joint venture formed by CSI and the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) and has been managing the product for the last five years. Under the new agreement, BSD now owns the PerSpective intellectual property and maintains a strategic marketing relationship with CSI.

Originally a separate product, PerSpective has been integrated into the database of BSD SpecLink®, a software tool used by thousands of architects, engineers and other design professionals nationwide to produce and maintain detailed construction specifications. The PerSpective portion of the SpecLink database is used for producing performance specifications at the earliest stages of a building project, in addition to short form specifications for intermediate stages of project development. Detailed guide specifications for use in preparing final construction documents make up the remainder of the SpecLink database. Based on an underlying relational database structure, BSD SpecLink is unique in its breadth of content and its applicability to different methods of project delivery, including design-build. Updated quarterly, the product is sold to design professionals by annual subscription or on the basis of a metered account, which deducts the price of each document as it is printed.

Under the new agreement, CSI will continue to be involved with PerSpective and BSD SpecLink as a strategic alliance partner of BSD, working cooperatively to advance the technology and quality of building construction and to better serve the needs of CSI members and BSD customers. CSI will also provide resources for ongoing product review and maintenance, participating in a technical review committee of industry peers.

About BSD: Building Systems Design was founded in 1983 and currently produces the BSD SoftLink® suite of software applications for the architecture/engineering/construction market. In addition to BSD SpecLink, which now includes PerSpective for preliminary and performance specifications, BSD’s line of products includes BSD CostLink®/AE and BSD CostLink®/CM for project budgeting and cost estimating. For more information visit wwwbsdsoftlink.com.

About CSI: CSI is a national association of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, building materials suppliers and others involved in commercial and institutional building design and construction. The organization has 145 chapters and more than 16,000 members. CSI provides technical information and products, continuing education, professional conferences, and product shows to enhance communication among all disciplines of building design and construction, and to meet the industry’s need for a common system of organizing and presenting construction information. For more information visit www.csinet.org.

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