Clients Driving Innovation: Moving Ideas into Practice

2nd International Conference of the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Construction Innovation

12 – 14 March 2006, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Introduction

Today’s international business environment is becoming more competitive each day. The property, design, construction and facility management industry, with highly fragmented project activities and increasingly demanding clients is no exception. Clients Driving Innovation: Moving Ideas into Practice will provide the opportunity to hear and meet world-leading industry practitioners and researchers creating the edge in this highly competitive environment.

Clients Driving Innovation: Moving Ideas into Practice will bring together clients, designers, constructors and facility managers from around the world to focus on future opportunities and case studies of ‘clients driving innovation’ in constructed facilities, and will showcase technologies and practices developed by leading practitioners and researchers globally.

The Conference will coincide with the Commonwealth Games to be held in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia from 15–26 March 2006. For international visitors, your participation in the Conference presents an ideal opportunity for you to extend your stay in Australia and enjoy this exciting national sporting and cultural event.

Conference Themes and Topics

You are invited to submit a paper for this conference fitting the following themes:
1. Sustainable construction for the future
2. Industry development
3. Procurement and risk management
4. Facilities management
5. Information and communication technologies improving efficiencies
6. Meeting client needs
7. Occupational health and safety
8. Performance based building

Keynote speakers (at this early stage) include:
• Professor Peter Brandon, Director of Strategic Programs, University of Salford, UK
• Professor Martin Fischer, Civil and Environment Engineering, University of Salford, UK
• Dr Keith Futchet, Eastpoint Property Management Services, Hong Kong
• Mr Bill Wild, Managing Director, John Holland Group, Australia
Ms Janet Holmes á Court, Chair, Heytesbury Pty Ltd, Australia
Premier Peter Beattie MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for Trade (subject to Parliamentary commitments)

Timetable

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Location

The venue for our Conference is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Surfers Paradise which is located approximately one hour from Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland, Australia. For information on the beautiful Gold Coast region and its many attractions, visit: www.queenslandholidays.com.au/gold_coast, or www.verygc.com/things_to_see and do or www.goldcoastequide.com

Abstracts

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and should:
- nominate which of the Conference themes is being addressed;
- outline the evidence to be presented;
- summarise the likely findings; and
- indicate the benefits and implications of the work for the property and construction industry.

An abstract template is provided for download and completion from the Conference web site at www.2006conference.crcci.info/callforabstracts.html.

The template will seek the names, affiliation and contact details of authors and an indication of whether the paper is to be considered as a Full or Practice/Case Study paper. Email submissions are encouraged as either a Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format file attached to the message.

Please email completed submissions to conference@construction-innovation.info
We will inform you of acceptance of your abstract by 15 August 2005. Papers accepted as abstracts will be advertised in the provisional program, however the Review Panel reserves the right to refuse papers that are either submitted late or do not meet academic standard in the opinion of the panel

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Conference Website

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www.2006conference.crcci.info or www.construction-innovation.info