



December Program

December 8, 2010

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

A Streetcar Named Desire?

Stella! Cincinnati is getting a streetcar!



Cincinnati City Council recently authorized moving ahead on a project that has dominated civic debate for the past three years. Whether you are for it or against it, the Cincinnati Streetcar will make significant changes in the urban environment of Cincinnati.

Join the Cincinnati Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute for our December program as **Michael Moore**, Cincinnati's Director of Transportation and Engineering, gives a presentation on what the Cincinnati Streetcar means to the city and learn the logistics of what it takes to make it happen, both financially and physically

Go to www.csicincinnati.org/chapter-program for more information and to register on-line.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 6 CSI Cincinnati Board Meeting
- Dec 8 CSI Cincinnati Chapter Program
- Dec 9 SMPS Holiday Program & Awards Gala
- Dec 9 CSI Webinar: BIM for Building Product Manufacturers
- Dec 11 IMI Masonry Day and Forum
- Dec 14 NAWIC Holiday Party
- Dec 14 CSI Webinar: LEED Ver. 3- New Const.: Mats and Resources
- Dec 16 ASCE Holiday Social
- Dec 16 Sustaining It All: Specifying Div. 01 for Sustainable Projects
- Feb 24 The CSI Academies
- Mar 9, 2011 **CSI Construction Products Showcase**
- Sep 13, 2011 Construct 2011 & the CSI Annual Convention

For more information on these events, go to the CSI Cincinnati Calendar of events www.csicincinnati.org/calendar.

On the Website

www.csicincinnati.org

Check the CSI Cincinnati Chapter Website often for new information

News and Views

- [PerSPEctives: A weekly article by Ralph Liebing](#)
- [Curmudgeon's Corner](#)
- [MasterFormat: What's New](#)

Product Show

- [Construct Cincinnati 2011 is just around the Corner](#)
- [Exhibitors – Reserve your booth now for the 2011 Product Show.](#)

Membership

- [Cincinnati Chapter Member Anniversaries and New Members](#)
- [Check out the Member Showcase...more information to come!](#)

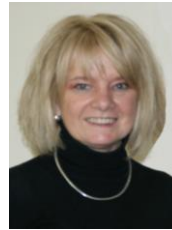
Committees

- [Want to be more active in the chapter? Go to our new committee pages and see what you have been missing.](#)

Certification

- [Key Dates for CSI Certification](#)

The Presidents View



We never stop investigating. We are never satisfied that we know enough to get by. Every question we answer leads on to another question. This has become the greatest survival trick of our species." -Desmond Morris

Seasons Greetings, construction professionals! It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. Many of us gobbled up the turkey (pun intended), then headed out the next day to begin shopping for presents. Those black Friday deals had hundreds lined up in the early morning hours to grab huge discounts for the items on their lists.

This is a stressful time, however, for many in the construction industry who are out of work. According to the Associated General Contractors of America, the industry lost 122,000 jobs in the last 12 months, and the industry's unemployment rate is 17.3%, nearly double the national rate of 9.5 percent.

The competition for jobs is stiff. It takes a lot more than in the past to stand out among so many applicants. University degrees are more commonplace, so employers are looking beyond traditional educational backgrounds and examining ways in which potential employees have integrated themselves within the industry. This is where involvement in CSI can make a difference. The networking and technical expertise available through CSI is incomparable, giving its members an edge in the job market and in their given field. Each month, construction professionals gather at CSI meetings, including potential employers, to learn about and discuss specific topics of interest to the construction community. Members have an opportunity to participate in industry events and contribute towards the advancement of the built environment, not to mention learning valuable leadership skills that will serve them well in their various occupations. These are just the type of extracurricular activities that employers look for, and becoming active in your field outside of work is a great way to spread your wings and fly professionally.

Speaking of flight, this month's technical program features Michael Moore, Cincinnati's Director of Transportation and Engineering, who will give a presentation on the specifics of the new streetcar system. Lauded by many as a potential boon to the local economy, but by others as a drain on already limited resources for the city, the streetcar project has polarized Cincinnati's like no other issue in recent history. Mr. Moore will clarify the project scope and update us on just where the project stands financially. Join us as we learn the truth about this controversial transit system, and enjoy what is sure to be a lively discussion among attendees afterwards. Being "in the know" about current projects within the city is another way that CSI brings value to its members, helping them to stay informed and on top of their game within the construction community.

CSI tours, technical presentations, and CSI's yearly product show are just some of the ways in which our members are able to network and expand their knowledge of construction means and methods. Through our group effort, CSI Cincinnati stays on the forefront of the rapidly changing science of construction, giving its members an advantage in today's tough economic climate and helping them to succeed in their careers. CSI national is currently sponsoring an "Everyone Counts" membership campaign with incentives and prizes for joining. It is a great time to become a member, recruit a member, and be involved in one of the most exciting times in the history of construction, and a wonderful way to learn and grow within your field. It will be good for you, and ultimately good for your career.

Beverly Jacquez, CSI, CCS, LEED AP
CSI Cincinnati Chapter President

"The common talk of the struggle for survival has obscured the plain fact that man rose in the world primarily by cooperating, not struggling with his fellows"
-Herman Muller





Register now for the CSI Academies <



Real Construction World Solutions

Product Representation Academy: Become a skilled product representative, who knows how to get into the spec, and how to stay there.

Construction Specifications Academy: Let CSI teach you the best practices in specifying, LEED specs, and BIM data management.

Contract Administration Academy: Gain skills for managing construction documentation, focused on front-end

documents, including general conditions. Understand the roles, responsibilities and contractual obligations of the entire construction team.

February 24-26, 2011 in Dallas, Texas

Go to www.csinet.org/academies for more information and to register.

Former Chapter President Passes Away <

Paul Raymond Finucan, of Cincinnati, passed peacefully November 25, 2010, age 84. Paul was the long time director of the Bureau for Lath and Plaster and was an active member of the Cincinnati chapter serving as chapter president in 1981 and 1982. Paul is survived by his loving wife Martha Sue and 3 children Beth Johnston (Finucan), Dr. Joseph Finucan, Amy Janszen (Finucan) and many wonderful grandchildren. The Cincinnati Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute expresses its deepest sympathy to Paul's family. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

CSI Endorses ConsensusDOCS Documents <

CSI has officially endorsed six ConsensusDOCS contract documents. CSI joined the ConsensusDOCS® coalition in spring 2010 to contribute in the creation of best practices for construction documentation and communication. CSI participated in drafting sessions as an equal member. The CSI Technical Committee reviewed six documents for adherence to CSI principles, and recommended endorsement of those documents.

"CSI is proud to actively participate in creating contract documents that adhere to CSI technical principles and can benefit our members," states Walter Marlowe, CSI Executive Director. "CSI's participation with the ConsensusDOCS coalition aligns nicely with our mission of advancing building information management and education of project teams to improve facility performance. We look forward to continuing our work with the coalition on behalf of the CSI membership."

"CSI's contributions as an organization of design and construction professionals interested in improving facility performance further diversify an industry-wide effort to get better project results through better contracts," says Brian Perlberg, Executive Director and Counsel of ConsensusDOCS. He added, "Their input helped write a better contractual foundation for today's evolving design and construction industry."

ConsensusDOCS will be publishing revised editions of its core agreement on January 19, 2011. CSI has endorsed:

- ConsensusDOCS 200 – Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Constructor
- ConsensusDOCS 221 – Contractor's Statement of Qualifications
- ConsensusDOCS 240 – Agreement Between Owner and Design Professional and General Conditions
- ConsensusDOCS 420 – Agreement Between Design-Builder and Design Professional and General Conditions
- ConsensusDOCS 703 – Purchase Agreement for Noncommodity Goods by a Contractor
- ConsensusDOCS 750 – Agreement Between Constructor and Subcontractor

CSI is a national association of more than 13,000 members (including specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, facility managers, product representatives, manufacturers, and owners) working collaboratively to improve facility performance. For more information, visit www.csinet.org.

[ConsensusDOCS](http://www.ConsensusDOCS.org) offers a catalog of 90+ contract documents covering all methods of project delivery, ConsensusDOCS contracts incorporate fair risk allocation and best practices to represent the project's best interests. ConsensusDOCS are the only standard contract documents written and endorsed by 29 Coalition members representing Designers, Owners, Contractors, Subcontractors and Sureties (DOCS). For more information, visit www.ConsensusDOCS.org.

FAQs on CSI Strategic Partnership with BSD <

CSI recently acquired Building Systems Design, Inc. (BSD). The acquisition provides for BSD's current management and employees to remain in place, and BSD will continue as a separate, for-profit enterprise. FAQs include: Why did CSI acquire BSD? Why BSD? How is this strategic partnership beneficial to CSI members? My office doesn't use BSD products -- what about me? Go to www.csinet.org to find out more.

Join a Practice Group <

Monthly, one-hour meetings conducted by webinar s that focus on current issues, challenges and opportunities affecting practice.

- [BIM Practice Group](#)
- [Contract Administration Practice Group](#)
- [Emerging Professionals Practice Group](#)
- [Product Representation Practice Group](#)
- [Specifying Practice Group](#)
- [Sustainability Practice Group](#)

CSI Certification <

"CSI Certified" means you've demonstrated attainment of best practices knowledge from the industry leader in construction documentation, specification preparation, product representation and contract administration. Add [CDT](#), [CCS](#), [CCCA](#), or [CCPR](#) to your name, and join an elite group of professionals who are the go-to source for employers, colleagues and clients.

Registration for Spring 2011 Exams Now Open!

March 28-April 9 Nationwide
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Wednesday, March 9, 2011

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and
The Build Green Workshops

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