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Building Information Modeling (BIM)

BIM was the hot topic of the technical discussions last month at the Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP) annual meeting, held in Phoenix, AZ, at the site of The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) convention **CONSTRUCT2012**.

Spec writers who attended reported a number of large architectural firms are embracing BIM

as part of their new design projects. There was also general consensus on the prudence of having a "BIM Manager" on the project team to coordinate data, design and various other requirements. Said one participant, "The hard part about BIM is determining where each piece of information belongs and how much of the info goes there."

In the Next Newsletter....

.... **AAMA Standards:** Changes in the coatings industry involving Kynar-type coatings (PVDF coatings) – two significant AAMA standards have been changed (one deleted, the other revised). Also, according to Arkema, the manufacturer of Kynar 500, their product now has a new formula-

tion and a new name. So there are several new developments to bone up on before specifying your next curtainwall. More next issue...

.... **BIM, Tables and Property Sets:** An overview of how these BIM components relate to the Project Manual Specifications. More next issue...

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