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RAIC VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR COMMITTEES

The RAIC Board of Directors requires RAIC member volunteers to be considered for nomination to serve on the following three committees;

- CGSB Committee on Air, Moisture and Vapour Control
- National Steering Committee for Innovation in Construction
- Canadian Construction Association Task Force on Toxic Mould

All committees will be meeting in Ottawa. There is no honorarium, however some expenses will be covered.

For more information please contact Judy Scott at jscott@raic.org

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS - NOVATOR: CUSTOM WEB SITES FOR ARCHITECTS

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) is offering you *Site Builder*, a product that gives you a professionally-designed, feature-rich, customized Web site for as little as \$25 per month!

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PWGSC: SOURCING AND PROCUREMENT SYSTEM MODERNIZED AND REPLACED

SPEC and ACCORD, the existing sourcing systems, have been modernized and replaced by a single system known as SELECT. SELECT is a database of approved suppliers providing construction, architectural and engineering services as well as related maintenance and consulting services. It is used by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) to invite firms to bid on real property opportunities for consulting up to \$84,400 and construction up to \$100,000. For more information, please click [here](#).

BEIJING PREPARES FOR THE OLYMPICS

Beijing is preparing for a US\$23 billion "complete rejuvenation" and across-the-board upgrades over the next six years. International bidding has already begun for contracts totaling US\$14 billion in the environment, transportation, telecommunications, construction, and tourism sectors.

Click [here](#) to review a detailed report.

THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Natural Resources Canada's Commercial Building Incentive Program (CBIP) offers a financial incentive for the incorporation of energy efficiency features in new commercial/institutional building designs. This program aims to encourage energy-efficient design practices and to bring about lasting changes in the building design and construction industry in Canada. A financial incentive of up to \$60,000 will be awarded to building owners whose designs meet CBIP requirements. These requirements are based on two documents: the Model National Energy Code for Buildings (MNECB) and the CBIP Technical Guide. An eligible building design must demonstrate a reduction in energy use by at least 25% when compared to the requirements of the MNECB. The duration of the program is from April 1, 1998, to March 31, 2004. Click [here](#) for more information.

TWO NEW TECHNICAL REPORTS ON INDOOR ENVIRONMENT

Ozone Interactions with Carpet: Secondary Emissions of Aldehydes:
Ozone-induced formation of aldehydes was studied on the surface and in the gas phase above carpets and on carpet components. To view the entire report, click [here](#).

VOCs and ODORS: Key Factors in Selecting "Green" Building Materials:
Architects of "green" buildings usually consider indoor environmental quality (IEQ) a crucial element of design, particularly during materials specification. To date, the design focus has been on reducing emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and avoiding odorous substances. Perhaps it is time to reflect on the rationale for this approach. To view the entire report, click [here](#).

CANADIAN HOUSING SYSTEMS IN SEATTLE

The Canadian Consulate General in Seattle, knows that seeing is believing, which is precisely what they had in mind when they invited building code officials from the Pacific Northwest region to see for themselves Canada's progress in the "green building" sector. Helping to convert 30 building planners and inspectors in the region into believers in the Canadian systems approach to designing energy efficient and healthy homes.

For more information, please click [here](#).

CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE (CCDC) NEWS UPDATE

Click [here](#) for a complete report on all the latest CCDC activities.

One last thing...

“And I believe that the issues (housing and urbanisation) they represent are central to architecture...It reminds one of the days when architecture was not confined to one-off buildings for a special client, but was also the domain of public housing, of town-planning, in short: of making the everyday habitat in which we live. In fact, from the polemics of the debate on these issues came the energy that fuelled the extraordinary architecture with which this century began. It is only in the last few decades, alas, that we have ignored these issues, run out of energy, and lapsed into the *ennui* of arbitrary fashion.”

–Charles Correa, Hon. FRAIC

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