

BirdDog Jobs Partners With BA

As a member of Builders Association, your company will receive a discount on the services provided by the best online recruiting and applicant tracking system in the construction industry: BirdDog.



BirdDog is known as a leading provider of online recruitment solutions for the engineering, construction and facilities industries. This service provides employers ample recruitment opportunities to reach prospective employees in the construction industry.

BirdDog is industry focused, centered on construction building and non-building, engineering and facilities jobs, and on residential, commercial and industrial fields. This service is highly cost effective, and filters out non-industry professionals, allowing employers to receive the applicants they want. In addition to these benefits, BirdDog allows employers to cross-post to other sites, and browse through an organized and dynamic resume database of

approximately 25,000 professionals.

This service also provides BirdDog ATS (Applicant Tracking System), which allows employers to store data about applicants efficiently and effectively. BirdDog ATS provides businesses with “Employer Profile” pages to post existing job openings for potential applicants to peruse, as well as an “Applicant Manager” where applicants and recruitments can be organized and processed.

Association President Albert Leitschuh has noted that it is “critical to have a system in place that will not only increase the flow of skilled industry job seekers but help screen and track them as well,” and BirdDogJobs.com does just that.

More information about the Builder Association’s partnership with BirdDogJobs.com can be found by clicking on the new Careers tab on the Builder Association’s website (www.bldrs.org). You may also contact Mike Schultze at the Builders Association (mschultze@bldrs.org) or Bryan May at BirdDog (bryan@birddogjobs.com).

ConsensusDocs Turns Three

BY JENNA FLOYD

ConsensusDocs celebrated their third anniversary in September, a milestone for the AGC of America-backed set of contract documents also endorsed by close to 30 other leading construction industry associations.

The documents are constantly updated, easy to use, fair and balanced, and allow users to save time and money. Users are given a concrete contractual foundation, which will further enhance the success of the project.

Carrie Ciliberto, Director of Contract Documents Programs, said that usage of ConsensusDOCS increased by 20 percent from 2008 to 2009 and that there was an increase of new coalition members by 45 percent. Currently, over 4,300 subscribers have gained access to ConsensusDOCS.

“We definitely try to stay relevant and cutting edge,” Ciliberto said. “One of our goals has been to be an open and transparent project to fairly balance risk. In these documents, the focus is on the project’s best interest, not on the interest of any particular party.”

A desire to stay on that cutting edge spurred recent improvements in the catalogue, such as a Green Building



Addendum and a Building Information Modeling (BIM) Addendum. The BIM addendum is particularly exciting, as the only standard document to address the legal ramifications of using new technologies.

Another first: The Electronic Communications Protocol, which specifically addresses how parties handle electronic communication and allows administration and management flexibility.

According to Ciliberto, the AGC and the Construction Owners Association of America (COAA) have folded their own contract program in order to endorse *ConsensusDOCS*.

The documents are constantly open to comments from the American Bar Association, competitors and users.

As AGC members, Builders Association companies can receive ConsensusDOCS through annual subscription with unlimited access, or through Meter Mode, which provides a nonrefundable debit account. Visit consensusdocs.org for more information.

AIA Documents Release Updates

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has released new and updated documents for regional or urban planning, single-family, and mixed-use residential projects. These documents address the unique requirements of urban planning, single family residential development, and multi-family and mixed-use residential projects.

You can see the press release online at <http://www.aia.org/press/AIAB086229>

“The AIA Contract Documents Committee understands and supports the shift toward effective regional and urban planning, and mixed use and residential project development,” said Ken Cobleigh, Managing Director and Counsel for the AIA Contract Documents content team. “We have updated and created these documents to provide a framework that clearly delineates the roles and responsibilities of parties involved in these projects.”

For more information, or to get dates of availability, view the Reference Material section of the AIA Contract Documents website (<http://www.aia.org/contractdocs/referencematerial/index.htm>).