



The following are some of the business highlights from the CCA Annual Conference held March 8 – 14, 2014 in Panama.

New Policy Adopted Opposing Restrictive Practice by Owners

The CCA Board of Directors passed a resolution supporting a new CCA Policy Statement opposing the practice by public owners of excluding from bidding or otherwise penalizing contractors with past or current claims or disputes with that public owner or other owners.

CCDC to Develop Standard IPD Contract Language

The CCA Board of Directors approved additional funding for the development by the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) of standard contract language for the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) approach.

CCA to Hold Workshops on the Quality of Project Documents

The CCA Standard Practices Committee received support and funding from the Board of Directors to convene, in conjunction with Partner Associations, a series of country-wide workshops on the quality of project documents.

CCA Supporting Development of National “One-Call” Standard

The CCA Board approved funding to support expert representation on the CSA Z247 Technical Advisory Committee charged with the development of a national standard for the management of sub-surface infrastructure.

CCA to Develop National Guiding Principles for Prompt Payment Legislation

Given the growing industry interest in so-called “prompt payment” legislation at the provincial level, the CCA Standard Practices Committee has been tasked to develop a set of national guidelines or principles for provincial prompt payment legislation.

CCA to Develop Model Lien Legislation Principles

The CCA Manufacturers, Suppliers and Services Council has developed a comparative chart of current provincial lien legislation. The CCA Standard Practices Committee has been asked to use this to create a set of model lien legislation principles.

CCA to Update Design Responsibility Guide for Trade Contractors

The CCA Trade Contractors Council is in the process of updating its 1986 publication entitled Design Responsibility and the Trade Contractor. The purpose of this document is to inform trade contractors of how they can unknowingly become legally responsible for design performance, even under a traditional stipulated price contract/subcontract.

CCA Human Resources Toolkit Newly Updated

The CCA Human Resources Toolkit has been updated, and the prospect of developing educational material for seminars on topics addressed in the Toolkit will be considered based upon the level of demand received. The Toolkit is an adaptation of the Saskatchewan Construction Association’s Human Resources Toolkit, which

was originally published in 2010 as a guide document, and subsequently edited and re-printed by the CCA with the SCA's permission. It has been expanded to include forms on various topics that are now available for downloading from the CCA website. The guide document remains unchanged. The new forms and templates address topics related to finance and administration, health and safety, conduct and discipline, employment, strategic planning, and promoting careers in construction.

CCA Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Policy Developing CCA Action Plan

A CCA Task Force is currently developing educational resources on drug and alcohol workplace policies and programs and is examining CCA's role in this area.

Naming of Subcontractors

As requested by the Trade Contractors Council, the CCA Standard Practices Committee will establish a Task Force to develop best practices for Owners to request the naming of subcontractors. This Task Force will include members appointed by each CCA Council.

E-Bonding

The CCA Standard Practices Committee endorsed a recommendation from the CCDC Surety Sub-Committee calling for the CCDC to issue an education bulletin on e-bonding. A draft copy will be circulated to Committee members for their review and comments.

ACQ Publication 'Towards the Perfect Project'

The CCA Standard Practices Committee discussed the ACQ's offer to share its publication 'Towards the Perfect Project'. The Committee will finalize the English translation of this document, confirm that it is consistent with CCA's recommended best practices, and circulate it to all CCA Partner Associations as a useful reference document.

CCA Supporting Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance

The CCA Board agreed to provide financial support to the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA). The CEEA is leading efforts on behalf of a coalition of like-minded stakeholders to amend existing tax policy to encourage the replacement and upgrade of dated building heating, cooling, lighting, and insulation systems with more energy efficient alternatives.

Task Force Looking at Proposed Indigenous Peoples Engagement Guide

The CCA Business and Market Development Committee has established a task force to discuss the prospective development of an Indigenous Peoples Engagement Guide, including the project parameters and budget.

New Standard Documents Endorsed by CCA Board

The CCA Board endorsed the new CCDC Performance Bond Form CCDC 221.

Task Force to Examine Corporate Social Responsibility

The CCA Business and Market Development Committee has established a task force to examine corporate social responsibility (CSR) and what role, if any, should be played by CCA in this regard.

New Board Members

CCA would like to welcome the following new Board members:

- David Bowcott;
- Bob Cooke;
- Phillippe d'Etcheverry;
- Yvan Houle;
- Dave Kinley;
- Ed Legrow;
- Rob Otway;
- Bradley Scott;
- Jason Sheldrick; and
- Boyd Woodard.

Retiring Board Members

CCA would like to thank the following retiring Board members for their service and contribution to the industry:

- Brent Crooks;
- Brad Diggins;
- Andy Dutfield;
- David Dykes;
- Tim Flood;
- Louis Fontaine;
- Hubert Fraser;
- Marie-Claude Houle;
- Les LaRocque;
- Neil McFarlane;
- Graham McIntosh;
- Adrian Morrison;
- John Schubert;
- Tim Smith; and
- Brian Swartz.

New Corporate Member

The CCA Board of Directors approved the following new Corporate Member:

- Northbridge Financial Corporation of Toronto.

The next CCA Board meeting will take place Tuesday June 10, 2014 in Victoria, British Columbia.