

buildingSMART and openBIM Professional Certification Programme

Man and Machine is supporting the development of the buildingSMART Professional Certification programme and will provide buildingSMART approved training through its established BIM Ready courses.

buildingSMART Professional Certification is an international initiative that has been developed by chapters in Europe, Asia and the Americas and is expected to be adopted across the globe. As a recognized leader in the development of openBIM standards, buildingSMART will bring clarity and consensus in the definition and application of openBIM principles and provide a global benchmark for openBIM training and competency assessment.

buildingSMART CEO, Richard Petrie, believes the program will have a widespread impact across the global industry. "It will provide a stable reference point for professionals working in the field of Building Information Modelling. It will also assist employers in recruiting BIM professionals as well as providing transparency for project developers in procuring BIM competent consulting or contracting firms."

Mark Baldwin, Head of BIM Management at Man and Machine Switzerland is the international coordinator. "It is important to emphasise that buildingSMART will not be delivering training itself," says Mark Baldwin. "The programme exists to support and accredit training organisations, like Man and Machine, to deliver approved courses." buildingSMART will also provide an online qualification exam for individuals who have attended approved courses.

Man and Machine was the first organisation to sponsor the programme and is playing an active role in its development. Supporting Mark Baldwin's leadership role, Sarah Evered, Operations Manager at Man and Machine UK, is the program administrator. Man and Machine AEC Director Rainer Sailer is on the international advisory panel and is part of the workgroup implementing the programme in Germany. "As a member of buildingSMART International, we recognise the importance of promoting openBIM standards", says Rainer Sailer.

Phil Read, UK Managing Director at Man and Machine UK adds, "Our BIM Ready training, which has already been delivered to over 1,500 people in Europe, teach openBIM principles. We look forward to having our course participants recognised with this buildingSMART qualification."

The first phase of the programme, called "*Individual Qualification*", was pre-launched in June 2017. Man and Machine expect to have their first course approved by late 2017.

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