



# InSight

Summer 2007

## CITE Diary

### CITE AGM and buildingSMART Summer Event

21<sup>st</sup> June 2007 at:  
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CITE activities which will be featured include:

- CITE working with buildingSMART
- eTendering
- EdiBuild Europe
- Trading messages

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## CITE working with buildingSMART

For the past few years CITE and IAI UK have been collaborating on projects where they have a mutual interest, and the business management and administration tasks have been combined during most of that period to reduce costs.

Now that both CITE and IAI UK have developed international standards and are both to give their work a higher profile, buildingSMART has been put in place as an international brand with a dedicated budget under which our two organisations can promote what we have achieved and what is in the pipeline. A marketing and membership manager will be appointed to raise awareness of what we are about and to increase membership by encouraging international companies to join. New recruits will be encouraged to participate in project work and implementation of the results. The buildingSMART brand will also help us in seeking to secure project funding, particularly from the EU.

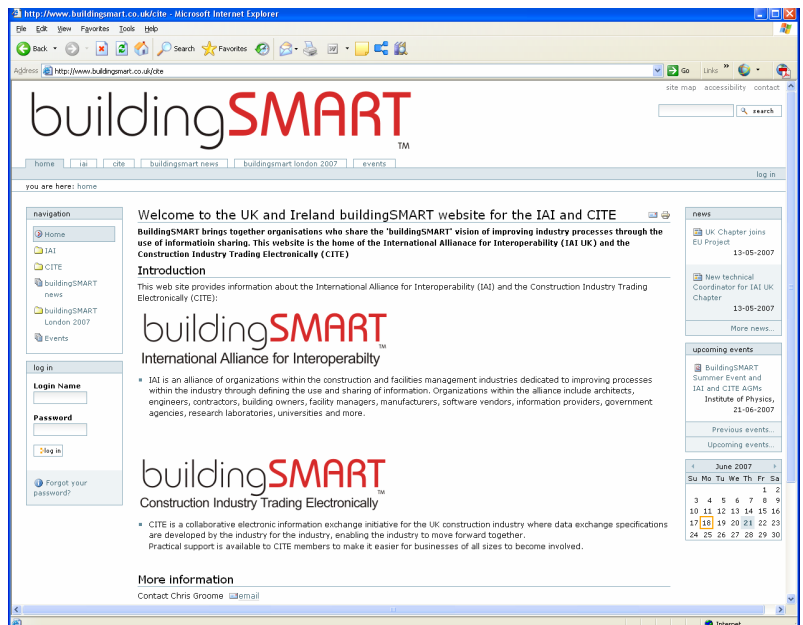
It is proposed to merger CITE and IAI UK under the buildingSMART banner. Membership subscriptions would remain unchanged, except for those with duplicate (CITE and IAI UK) memberships who would benefit from a smaller combined charge. It is intended that CITE membership subscriptions/sponsorship funds will be 'ring-fenced' for CITE activities.

I am sure you will appreciate that buildingSMART offers a unique opportunity for CITE to move ahead at a greater pace and to have a facility which will greatly increase its promotion and marketing capability.

I greatly appreciate the contribution you have made in the past and look forward to receiving your continued support. I feel confident that this new approach will help CITE to gain the wider recognition that it deserves.

## New web site launched

BuildingSMART brings together organisations who share the 'buildingSMART' vision of improving industry processes through the use of information sharing. A new website has been developed for the IAI and CITE at: <http://www.buildingsmart.org.uk>



## CITE Tendering User Group

### eTendering XML Standard

The draft CITE eTendering XML Schema standard is based on the UN/CEFACT eTendering XML Schema which became a Release Candidate set of Schema in October 2006.

The XML schema were updated in March 2007, after the Dublin Forum, and can be downloaded from:

[http://www.unece.org/cefact/xml\\_schemas/index.htm](http://www.unece.org/cefact/xml_schemas/index.htm)

This page also has a link to the Cross Industry Invoice XML Schema which was first published in March.

### Schema Pack

CITE are producing XML Schema Packs for the Draft CITE eTendering Standard that contain the whole set of XML Schema and associated files to enable development work and XML file validation against the schema. The schema packs include sample files and stylesheets. These are available on the new CITE web site.

To download the latest Schema Pack please go to the buildingSMART news page on the web site and follow the links from there. If you add the RSS feed to your news aggregator, by clicking the little blue button near the top of the page, you can be kept informed when new packs become available.

### Code Lists for the UK

As part of the schema development work we need to develop and publish a number of Code and Identifier Lists. The intention is that these lists will apply across Europe so we have been working with our European colleagues to define a core set of codes. However we need the involvement of more CITE members to make these lists as robust as possible.

You can download a spreadsheet with the current draft codes from the new CITE web site. To download the latest draft Code and Identifier List spreadsheet please go to the buildingSMART news page on the web site and follow the links from there. If you add the RSS feed to your news aggregator, by clicking the little blue button near the top of the page, you can be kept informed when new lists become available.

### Testing of the eTendering XML Standard

We are looking for software providers to take part in a number of trials using the new draft standard. Through EdiBuild Europe we expect that further sample and test files will become available. If you are interested in taking part then please contact Kevin Smith. Email: [kevin.smith@kjs.biz](mailto:kevin.smith@kjs.biz).

## Guide on using the eTendering XML Standard

EdiBuild Europe is putting together an Implementation Guide which will cover both European implementations and national ones through supplementary pages. Further information on this work is available on the new CITE web site.

## EdiBuild Europe

CITE is to become a member of EdiBuild Europe which will be a group of European standards organizations working in the construction industry. EdiBuild Europe's Terms of Reference are stated as follows:

**“EdiBuild Europe has a fundamental mission: «To offer a single point-of-contact for the European construction industry in the field of Electronic Data Exchange».**

This mission will be achieved through four principal objectives:

1. Promoting «best practices» in the Electronic Exchange of construction related information through joint activities, including European Implementation Guides, Web-based information, newsletters, national reports....etc.
2. Preparing, at a European level, data exchange standards for the Construction Industry, in liaison with other organizations: UN/Cefact, CEN/ISSS/eBES.....etc.
3. Establishing, progressively, components of a European Observatory for the Construction Industry Data Exchange best practice.
4. Launching, through consensus, action plans that further the above mission.”

## Trading messages user group

### Universal Business Language (UBL) standards

Following a Memorandum of Understanding between UN/CEFACT and OASIS (under which UBL is developed) there will not be a major release of the UBL standards, now at version 2, for at least the next two years. During this period the two organisations are working together on standards through the TBG1 group in UN/CEFACT.

### Trading message developments

Most of the trading message developments have been in the work of the UN/CEFACT TBG1 group. With the publication of the Cross Industry XML Schema Release Candidate work continues on other trading messages like Despatch Notes. Information about these will be posted on the CITE web site in due course.

### Other UN/CEFACT TBG6 activities:

There are currently two standards projects in TBG6, Project Schedule and Cost Performance Management (PSCPM) and Contract Financial Execution Management (CFEM).

The PSCPM project is about progress reporting (Earned Value). The data model has been 'harmonized' with other data models by TBG17 and is now awaiting XML Schema Production.

The CFEM project is at an earlier stage with work on process definitions and the identification of messages in the Interim Valuation and Payment stage of a construction project underway. CITE members are involved in this work.

## Membership Matters

### Subscriptions for 2007

Membership subscriptions for the period 1st January 2007 to 31st December 2007 are now overdue, and your continued support will be much appreciated.