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## Call for Member Update Topics for TWN 2006

*We call for topics for the TWN 2006 Member Updates and Work Group Discussions. Our aim is to make TWN 2006 as interactive as possible. We would like to get your topics for the member updates and group sessions. Please let us know (before March 24<sup>th</sup>) what You would like to share with the TWN network in Helsinki in May.*

### 1) Workplace

Strategic workplace discussions have opened up new arenas for government real estate owners to interact with building user organizations. Strategic thinking and design techniques allow us to work with our customers to define their needs and to deliver workplace solutions supportive of their business objectives. Through consulting our customers, public real estate owners can build the business case based on future needs, helping to define the project or even to avoid building, if that turns out to be the best solution. The aim is to enable the customer's business to perform better.

Member updates may deal with cases and topics such as:

- Analytical change management techniques that support organizational changes and new ways of working
- Workplace solutions that support mobile and distributed work
- Customer organization brand building
- Workplace performance measures

### 2) Virtual Building Environment (VBE) and use of IT in Real Estate

Public real estate owners have played an important role as leaders in implementing modern modeling technology. What are the lessons learnt from using building models instead of traditional techniques? Are we still in the piloting phase or are we ready for broader implementation? What are the strategies for utilizing modeling technology in the TWN Member Countries? Have there been or are there any plans to make an overall commitment to require building model based processes.

Member updates may deal with topics such as:

- The status of Building Information Models - use in your country or in general
- VBE initiatives and implementation in your organization
- Practical results from VBE projects
- Main obstacles in implementing VBE on a broad basis

In addition to issues dealing with building models, member updates may deal with more general IT issues such as:

- The use of IT to increase productivity in real estate and facilities management
- Information and knowledge management
- IT infrastructure and integration
- Use of open standards
- Intranet, extranet and other systems to increase productivity
- Space management systems

### 3) Architecture and Sustainability

Public Buildings play an important role in every society. The design of public buildings is usually under close scrutiny. In many cases TWN member organizations strive to provide national leadership in setting standards in architecture and design. What are the challenges and insights from managing old and new public buildings?

Member updates may deal with some of the following issues:

- policy direction, and standards in different areas of architecture
- historic preservation, construction services, and project management.
- sustainability and environment
- accessibility

### 4) General Management Issues

In addition to issues dealing with the above topics, member updates may deal with more general management issues such as:

- Structure of the organization, staffing, focus and range of services
- Portfolio and Asset Management
- Ownership, funding and other financial information.
- Key metrics and performance measures.
- Human Resources

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