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Toward one world of building information: CSC, CSI, buildingSMART Norway and STABU sign letter of intent

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During the summit of IAI North American Chapter in Washington an important step towards a common standard for electronic exchange of information for the building industry has been made. Construction Specifications Canada (CSC), Construction Specifications Institute CSI (USA), buildingSMART Norway and STABU Foundation (the Netherlands) have signed a letter of intent. The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to share unified object libraries, under ISO 12006-3, as a structure of developing a controlled dictionary of construction terminology.

On the 26 Januari 2006 the Norwegian BuildingSMART project and the STABU Foundation signed a letter of intent to collaborate on the exchange of data in an ISO 12006-3 based dictionary. Seeing the potential offered by this collaboration, they wish to extend the collaboration by inviting other key national bodies to take part. This international collaboration will be based on the needs of future organisation, legal framework and sustainability.

In order to achieve this, the original signatories wish to establish an informal consortium open for organisations, each representing a geographic region (a country) that wish to adhere to the concept of harmonizing object libraries. The focus of this collaboration is long-term. Each member of the consortium, signatory to this document, shall adhere tot the following principles:

1. Preparing the work necessary to make national object libraries electronically available to the consortium.
2. Undertaking to assist in mechanisms for the harmonization of th Global Unique Identifier (GUID), as defined in the ISO 12006-3 (IFD) standard, in all databases.
3. Making unified construction terminology available to the consortium.



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Signing the 'Letter of Intent', from left to right Roger Grant (Construction Specifications Institute), Per Jæger (buildingSMART Norway), Maarten van Hezik (STABU), David Watson (Construction Specifications Canada). Standing from left to right: Inger Lindgren (Director General at the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development), Jacob Mehus (Standards Norway), Håvard Bell (Norwegian Building Research Institute) and Gerrie Mühren(PSIBouw/Regieraad, the Netherlands).