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INNOVATORS WANTED FOR INDUSTRY SHOWCASE

The CRC for *Construction Innovation* invites industry researchers and practitioners to present at a major international conference on innovation in the building, infrastructure and facilities management industries.

The third in a highly successful series which attracts hundreds of delegates from Australia and overseas, the *Clients Driving Innovation: Benefiting from Innovation* conference will be held 12-14 March 2008 on Australia's Gold Coast.

Leading industry practitioners and researchers are invited to participate in the program and showcase the results of their research and innovation, with a focus on implementation of innovative practices and technologies.

Keynote speakers include Dr Dennis Sheldon, Chief Technology Officer, Gehry Technologies; Mr Mike Wilke, Chief Executive Officer, Americas, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Mr Greg Paramor, Managing Director, Mirvac; Brendan Crotty, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Australand Holdings Ltd; Professor Peter Brandon, Director of Strategic Programmes, The University of Salford; Professor Martin Fischer, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University; and Dr Keith Futcher, Chief Executive Officer of the EastPoint Property Group.

The *Clients Driving Innovation* conference series attracts a varied audience of industry representatives and researchers, including construction clients, designers, constructors, civil and infrastructure engineers and contractors, facility managers, facility owners, financiers, property developers, engineering consultants, manufacturers, technology specialists, cost management consultants, construction industry regulators, research and development educators and specialists and industry consultative organisations.

Abstracts for papers are sought for the following themes:

- Sustainable construction for the future
- Industry development
- Procurement and risk management
- Facilities management
- Information and communication technologies improving efficiencies
- Meeting client needs
- Occupational health and safety

The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday 22 June 2007. More information is available at www.2008conference.crcci.info.

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The CRC for *Construction Innovation* brings together 21 industry, government and research partners in a collaboration to find innovative solutions to improve the economic, environmental and social benefit of the design, property, construction and facility management sectors as well as the Australian community. Website: http://www.construction-innovation.info