

The IPD Hearing Task Force is conducting a study to determine how architects can retain “responsible control” when using new technologies like IPD and BIM.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC IN THE FACE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

The rapid evolution of electronic technologies and alternative strategies for the delivery of building design and construction is increasing collaboration among design professionals, constructors, and owners. This is especially evident when the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) process is adopted and when Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology is used. While both IPD and BIM hold the promise of greater efficiencies and improved construction documentation, the public’s health, safety, and welfare depends on the architects’ ability to retain “responsible control” when using the new technologies.

“NCARB is taking a leadership role to ensure that the public is protected by any impact IPD and BIM may have on the profession,” said NCARB President Gordon E. Mills, FAIA.

The Board of Directors established the IPD Hearing Task Force (formerly the BIM Task Force) with the principal charge to determine how architects can exert “responsible control” as required by NCARB’s *Model Law* as these new technologies become more prevalent. The task force invited IPD and BIM experts to submit papers and testify at a hearing this fall. The results of this important study will be published in a white paper next spring. **DC**