

## ***Nurturing Statement for BIM Transition Guide***

The UK's decision to trigger the move from BIM Level 2 as a National Standard to an international standard is rooted back to 2011 and the 'Report for the Government Construction Client Group – BIM Strategy Paper.' This report encouraged the greater adoption of BIM within the UK domestic construction sector and at the same time recognised that BIM would become a disruptive and 'game changing' way of working which would have a profound effect on global construction, further, that BIM technologies and processes transcended national or geographic borders. Therefore, during the development of the UK BIM Programme there was growing consensus that BIM globalisation would inevitably push towards international norms and standards.

**BS EN ISO 19650-1** and **2** are founded on UK's standards for information management using BIM - namely, [BS 1192:2007+A2:2016](#) and [PAS 1192-2:2013](#). The principles remain as per these standards with terminology changes explained via the National Forewords and National Annex to these new standards.

Making a smooth transition to the ISOs is important for the UK industry and the journey is being supported by the collegiate working between the British Standards Institution (BSI), the Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB) and the UK BIM Alliance as reinforced by the following joint statement

*"We are committed to a co-ordinated approach to creating and communicating an international wrapper for UK BIM and ensuring a smooth transition in the integration of BS EN ISO 19650-1 and 2 within our suite. Collectively we will develop and champion one single set of guidance in a clear and concise manner to support industry understanding and message how to make the shift without confusion"*

With a view to supporting the smooth transition to the ISO standards, in January 2019, BSI will be publishing new "Transitional Guidance" - PD 19650-0, alongside the new ISO standards. This guide along with the National Forewords and Annex will help the existing users of BS 1192 and PAS 1192-2 understand any changes made between the UK's existing standards and the ISO documents.

Whilst [BS 1192:2007+A2:2016](#) and [PAS 1192-2:2013](#) will be withdrawn immediately upon publication of **BS EN ISO 19650** parts **1** and **2**, these standards will remain available from BSI, and free to download.

BSI is aware that the UK industry has benefitted from free downloads of the BIM Level suite of standards; this has been due to government sponsorship to enable the faster adoption of BIM Level 2 in the UK. However, ISO standards do incur a charge, and to assist companies in their transition to the new ISO standards, BSI will be offering the **PD 19650** free with the purchase of either **BS EN ISO 19650** part **1** and **2**.

Also, if a purchaser buys both standards at the same time, in addition to the free PD, a further 20% discount will be applied to the total cost.

BSI members will continue to receive their 50% discount.

For further information on the role of standards and guidance in this area please visit the BIM Level 2 Portal: <http://bim-level2.org>