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McGraw-Hill Construction and Meridian Systems Partner to Deliver Integrated Project and Document Management Tools

Collaboration provides cost-savings and interoperability to AEC firms and building owners

NEW YORK, NY (February 12, 2009) - [McGraw-Hill Construction](#), part of The McGraw-Hill Companies (NYSE: MHP), today announced an alliance with [Meridian Systems](#), the market share leader for construction project management software, that will provide more streamlined tools for managing digital program and project controls, project documents, and construction information.

Lack of interoperability is estimated to cost the U.S. construction industry \$15.8 billion every year; thus, getting systems to work together is a top priority for architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) firms and owners. McGraw-Hill Construction and Meridian are determined to solve interoperability issues faced by AEC clients, starting with connecting their software solutions.

McGraw-Hill Construction's [Project Document Manager](#) (PDM) is a document management system that pulls content from the McGraw-Hill Construction Network[®], powered by the Dodge database. Meridian provides [program and project management](#) (PPM) software, including Prolog[®] and Proliance[®]. As part of the alliance, the companies' will integrate Meridian PPM software with the McGraw-Hill Construction Network[®] and PDM, creating the only connected and interoperable construction information and project/document management solution available today.

"The design and construction industry is experiencing an unprecedented information and technology transformation," said Norbert W. Young, Jr., president, McGraw-Hill Construction. "The goal of our collaboration with Meridian is to help AEC stakeholders effectively integrate the multitude of disconnected information sources and software applications used across our industry. Construction is a team sport, and now it's going to be easier to share critical information with all project team members."

"By leveraging our industry and thought leadership, Meridian and McGraw-Hill Construction can better address industry program and project management interoperability issues," said John Bodrozic, Meridian president and cofounder. "Through the integration between Meridian solutions and PDM, our customers gain value with better business efficiencies both internally and with their external supply chain."

McGraw-Hill and Meridian's integrated PDM and PPM systems equip users with a more efficient way to manage the entire workflow process, from design development to bidding, project management, project close-out, and operations— saving time and resources. PDM also integrates with local, on-demand reprographic services, so documents can be easily routed to nearby printers for printing and shipping. Other key benefits include:

- Increased project intelligence through McGraw-Hill Construction Network news, plans and specs
- Reduced project start-up time and simplified processes in Prolog and Proliance
- Easier communication with non-users and universal access to bid packages, RFIs and submittals

- Improved bidding process accuracy and reduced costs by ensuring all subcontractors have correct information
- Easy, quick and intuitive access to project documents
- Secure tracking and digital management of transactions which reduces risks
- Increased overall efficiency and reduced hard copy distribution costs
- Improved business relationships by offering integrated PDM and PPM as a differentiator

To learn more about McGraw-Hill and Meridian integrated project and document management tools, visit www.meridiansystems.com/PDM to attend a webinar and download case studies from current customers, such as Austin Commercial, Bovis and Skanska. To learn more about these products, call 1-800-393-6343.

About McGraw-Hill Construction

McGraw-Hill Construction connects people, projects and products across the design and construction industry. For more than a century, the Company has remained North America's leading provider of construction project information, plans and specifications, product information, industry news, and industry trends and forecasts. In print and online, the Company offers a variety of tools, applications, and resources that easily integrate with its customers' workflows. Backed by the power of Dodge, Sweets, *Architectural Record*, *Engineering News-Record (ENR)*, *GreenSource* and 11 regional publications, McGraw-Hill Construction serves more than one million customers within the \$4.6 trillion global construction community. To learn more, visit www.construction.com.

About The McGraw-Hill Companies

Founded in 1888, The McGraw-Hill Companies (NYSE: MHP) is a leading global information services provider meeting worldwide needs in the financial services, education and business information markets through leading brands including Standard & Poor's, McGraw-Hill Education, BusinessWeek and J.D. Power and Associates. The Corporation has more than 280 offices in 40 countries. Sales in 2007 were \$6.8 billion. Additional information is available at www.mcgraw-hill.com.

About Meridian Systems

Meridian Systems, a Trimble Company (NASDAQ: TRMB), is the Plan-Build-Operate technology solutions leader for project-based organizations (PBO²). Building owners, construction and engineering firms, and public agencies use Meridian software to effectively manage capital building programs and facility assets. Meridian offers construction project management and infrastructure lifecycle management solutions that reduce project costs and schedules across the plan-build-operate project lifecycle. To learn more about how project-based organizations are benefitting from Meridian solutions, download a user study from FMI by visiting: www.meridiansystems.com.

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