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Construction Specifications Now Available by Metered Account

ATLANTA, GA, December 1, 2005 – Building Systems Design, Inc. (BSD) today announced the release of the winter 2005-06 edition of BSD SpecLink®, which introduces a new metered account purchase option. Previously, all construction guide specification systems sold in the United States had been offered only through annual subscription, so the new metered sales capability makes the BSD specifications product available to a broader market.

BSD SpecLink is a software tool used nationwide by thousands of architects, engineers, and other design professionals to produce detailed construction specifications for a wide variety of commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings. For many design firms, the unlimited use permitted by an annual subscription makes that option the best choice. However, a significant percentage of smaller firms complete a limited number of projects per year and find that the cost of an annual subscription exceeds their specifications budget. In addition, some BSD SpecLink subscribers from time to time would like to have the use of a small number of sections that are not included in their current subscription catalogs. The new meter account addresses both situations by allowing customers to buy only what they need at a particular time.

To take advantage of the new meter account capability, users must have an Internet connection. After downloading the product from the BSD website (www.bssoftlink.com) and installing it, customers pay by credit card for an initial meter amount. They then enter a unique Electronic Invoice ID (EID) in the software, which initializes the account for the purchased amount and allows access to the entire database of guide specifications. Subsequently, a predetermined charge is automatically deducted from the meter account whenever a final document is printed. Users may edit any document and may print unlimited copies of draft documents, which bear “Draft Copy” watermarks that do not obscure the text. An automatic Table of Contents and a number of automatically generated reports -- such as required shop drawing submittals and a list of all manufacturers specified -- also may be printed at no charge.

A meter account costs \$490 and may be replenished for the same amount at any time. SpecLink construction document sections cost \$7 each to print. PerSpective design criteria documents cost \$21 each, and Short Form sections cost \$35. Up to 50 users can use a single meter concurrently. When a meter reaches \$0, printing ceases and all sections become unavailable until the meter is replenished. Meter customers who also have a valid subscription to a portion of the database may continue to print documents within the catalogs included but will be unable to print documents that fall outside that range.

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About BSD: Building Systems Design, Inc. develops and sells innovative, state-of-the-art software tools for the architecture, engineering, and construction markets of North America. Founded in 1983, the company creates, maintains, and supports advanced cost estimating and specification writing products in use by thousands of design professionals and contractors nationwide.

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