



New electronic plansroom offers takeoff tools

The NWT Construction Association has moved its electronic plansroom to a new site that was specifically designed for this purpose by a former contractor, and is used by our sister associations in the four western provinces, among several others.

It will no longer be necessary to contact the Association for access to documents because the system itself prompts you to be listed as a planholder whenever you access a new project, and all planholders (or "subscribers") are notified automatically when addenda are posted. For the same reason, KopyKat no longer needs NWTCA permission to print whatever you require.

Developed by Infinite Source Systems Corp. of Vancouver, the site allows you to search for projects by a host of categories – a feature that admittedly will not be of much value until we persuade more owners to distribute most, if not all, of their documents electronically, which we trust will be soon. (On that score, please note that when we have projects electronically we say so

explicitly in the Bulletin; otherwise we have only the printed version.)

Contractors will have access on most projects to a variety of tools to perform takeoffs online if they so choose, including length and area measurements, counts, and various markup and note options.

For a demonstration of the site or to access it, go to the Electronic Plansroom page of our site at www.nwtca.ca. If you have not already received a login id and password, use the first initial of your first name plus your last name in one word (e.g. j + smith = jsmith) for login and the same password you use to access the Bulletin. This will only work for those who are listed as our main contact for your company (whose names you can see in the member listing on our website); all others should email director@nwtca.ca for access codes.

The NWTCA thanks the Economic Development Division of Indian & Northern Affairs, Yellowknife for funding most of this initiative.

All welcome to building bylaw, NBC forum Wednesday

Building contractors, subcontractors and all other interested parties are invited to a forum to discuss requirements of the City of Yellowknife's new building bylaw and major changes in the 2005 National Building Code to be held **Wednesday, April 30** at 7:00 pm in the main boardroom on the lower level City Hall. The main doors on the lower level will be open to the public at 6:45 pm. For more information, contact the Inspections Division at 920-5678.

Break-Away Drilling wins survey prize

Break-Away Drilling & Blasting of Yellowknife won two return tickets for two to anywhere Canadian North flies, when their completed safety survey form was randomly drawn by the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce.

The Northern Construction Safety Association thanks all who participated.

You're invited to a Women in Trades fete

The Status of Women Council of the NWT and the Northern Women in Mining, Oil & Gas Project invite all to a graduation ceremony and annual industry gathering (of mines, MVGP, etc.) on Friday, May 9 at 1:00-4:00 pm in Katimavik Rooms B and C of the Explorer Hotel.

Please **RSVP by May 1** to Annemieke Mulders at 920-8994 or am@statusofwomen.nt.ca.