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Building Information Modeling(BIM) The Standard for Healthcare Design

Chicago, IL—Advances in technology are playing an important role in healthcare design today. Randall Bacidore, AIA and partner of [Matthei & Colin Associates](#)(M&CA), and Rosanne Siegal, LEED AP of [Matthei & Colin Associates](#)(M&CA) talk about the clear benefits of Building Information Modeling(BIM) software to the Owner and where it is headed in "[Chicago Hospital News and the Healthcare Report.](#)" [Full article>](#)

BIM software is a tool used to generate the design of a space, while enabling a high level of coordination of the building elements between users-architects, engineers, and owners. The benefits of utilization are enormous and Hospital Owners are catching on today.

In 2006, the United States Government Services Administration (GSA) initiated a BIM mandate which requires the utilization of BIM technology for all new government building projects. Now, Wisconsin, Texas and Ohio require the use of BIM for all new construction, addition and renovation projects with total project funding value of around \$2.5-\$5 M or greater; as well as "encouraging" but not "requiring" BIM on all other projects. Using BIM, we are experiencing the many advantages that government projects and a few states enjoyed for the past five years. Will the growing trend become the standard for healthcare building design? [More details>](#)

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