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NYIEC Holds Tech Conference

The New York Interagency Engineering Council recently held its 14th Annual Technical Conference at the Frank Sinatra High School Auditorium in Long Island City.

The 2008 conference was themed "Planning & Building for New York City's Future" and as such, presentations were given on The New NYC Building Code, Graphic Information Systems, Building Information Modeling, Sustainable Streets, Extension of the 7 Line and The Next Generation of Electrical Power Distribution.

The keynote speaker Abhi Basu, principal of Basu Technology Inc. discussed how through Building Information Modeling, "the concept of 'building' is used as a noun by the architecture and engineering community to hold design information and is being expanded to include 'building,' as a verb as contractors discover multiple benefits of BIM in areas of constructability analysis, logistics, 4D scheduling, progress measurement and quality assurance," said a spokes person for NYIEC.

Accompanying Basu at the conference were guest presenters, NYC Building Department Deputy Commissioner and Chief Code Engineer Fatma Amir, NYC Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, MTA Capital Construction Vice President and Chief Engineer Joseph Trainor. Representatives from ConEdison, NYC Department of Design & Construction, NYC School Construction Authority, US General Services Administration, Port Authority of NY & NJ, and Langan Engineering also conducted presentations

The 2009 conference will be held in May or June and early discussions for the theme are centering on Construction Economics in the NYC region.