UT5413 - It's the "V" in "BIM" A Vision for BIM for Electric & Gas Utility Engineering Design

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Class summary

Transformation of an organization's legacy engineering design systems first requires a vision. This class discusses the vision for transforming SDG&E's Electric Transmission and Substation Engineering design and construction process using BIM for 3D intelligent design. The transformation includes the implementation of a number of Autodesk solutions in an integrated mosaic of engineering design workflows, starting with conceptual design using Infraworks, followed by detailed design and analysis with Civil3D, Inventor, ACAD Electrical and SDS (Substation Design Solution). A fundamental concept is the adoption of 3D model components for engineering design standardization and construction standards publishing and training. The transformation will be complete with the implementation of BIM 360 for construction QA/QC management. A strategic multi year plan will be discussed and visuals will be demonstrated that are being used to convey the vision and build consensus across the organization.



Key learning objectives

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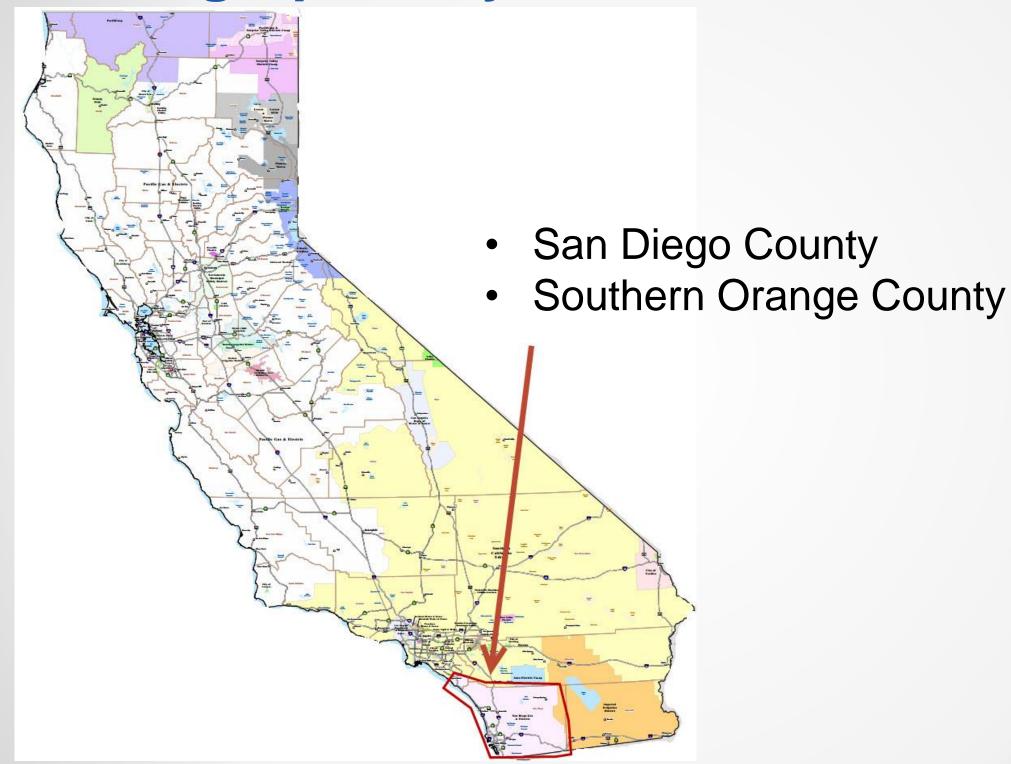
- Describe methodologies for gathering requirements and strategic planning
- Understand how Autodesk tools can be used to collaborate
- Understand how Vault can improve workflows and data management
- Develop a vision to develop requirements, solution design, implementation plan and business case



San Diego Gas & Electric – About US A Sempra Energy Utility



SDG&E Geographically





SDG&E Background

Founded 1881

Sempra Energy – Our Parent Company

- 5,000 SDG&E Employees
- Population Served = 3.4 M
 - Electric Meters = 1.4 M
 - 4,100 square-mile service area
 - 2 Counties & 25 Communities
- Distribution Voltages = 12kV, 4kV, and 2.4kV
- Transmission Voltages = 69kV, 138kV, 230kV, and 500kV



http://www.sdge.com/aboutus

Note - Numbers above are approximate





Intelligent Model Design (IMD) – Possibilities of BIM At An Electric Utility



IMD Project

- Today's Challenges at an Electric Utility
 - Old process built on traditional 2D technology & paper processes
 - Resistance to change (Culture)
 - Competition in the energy market (Solar Rooftops)
 - Regulatory changes
 - Doing more with less
 - Communication between all stakeholders
 - Engineering, Regulatory, Environmental, Land, Consultants
 - Risk Reduction
 - Streamlining process & procedures (efficiency)



IMD Project

Business Objective

 Develop Intelligent 3D/2D Database to provide more accurate drawings and standards (BIM – Building Information Modeling) and leverage model & drawing database throughout the project lifecycle

Project Summary to Date

- Mapped As-Is & To-Be State
- Gathered Requirements
- Identified Autodesk products that can reduce risk and project cost, and accelerate project design by using off-the-shelf products
- Define Implementation Strategy (Scope, Schedule & Costs)



Understanding who is Autodesk?

Software Offerings

- AutoCAD
 - Flagship Product, introduced in 1982)
 - 82 Other Software Products... and counting
- Civil 3D
- Map 3D
- Raster
- Inventor
- ReCAP
- Autodesk Utility Design (AUD)
- Infraworks
- Navisworks
- Vault
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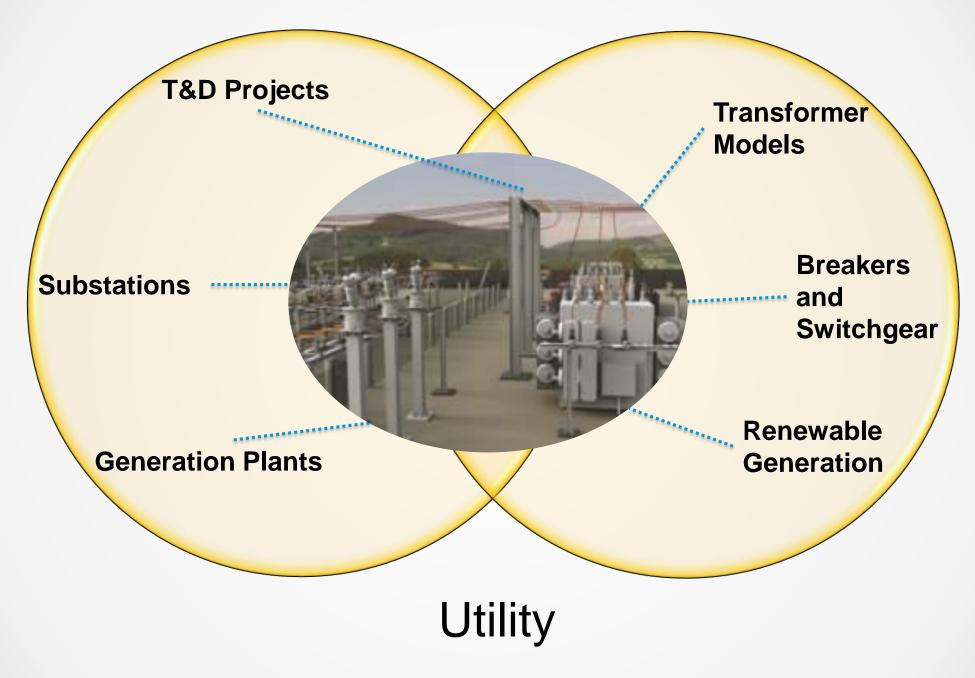
Industries

- Manufacturing
- Automotive
- Architecture
- Engineering
- Construction
- Entertainment



Leveraging Industry Partnerships & Industry Leaders

Engineering & Design Consultants



Manufacturers



IMD Requirements & Planning Schedule

November 2013

- Kick-off
- Design Workshops

December 2013

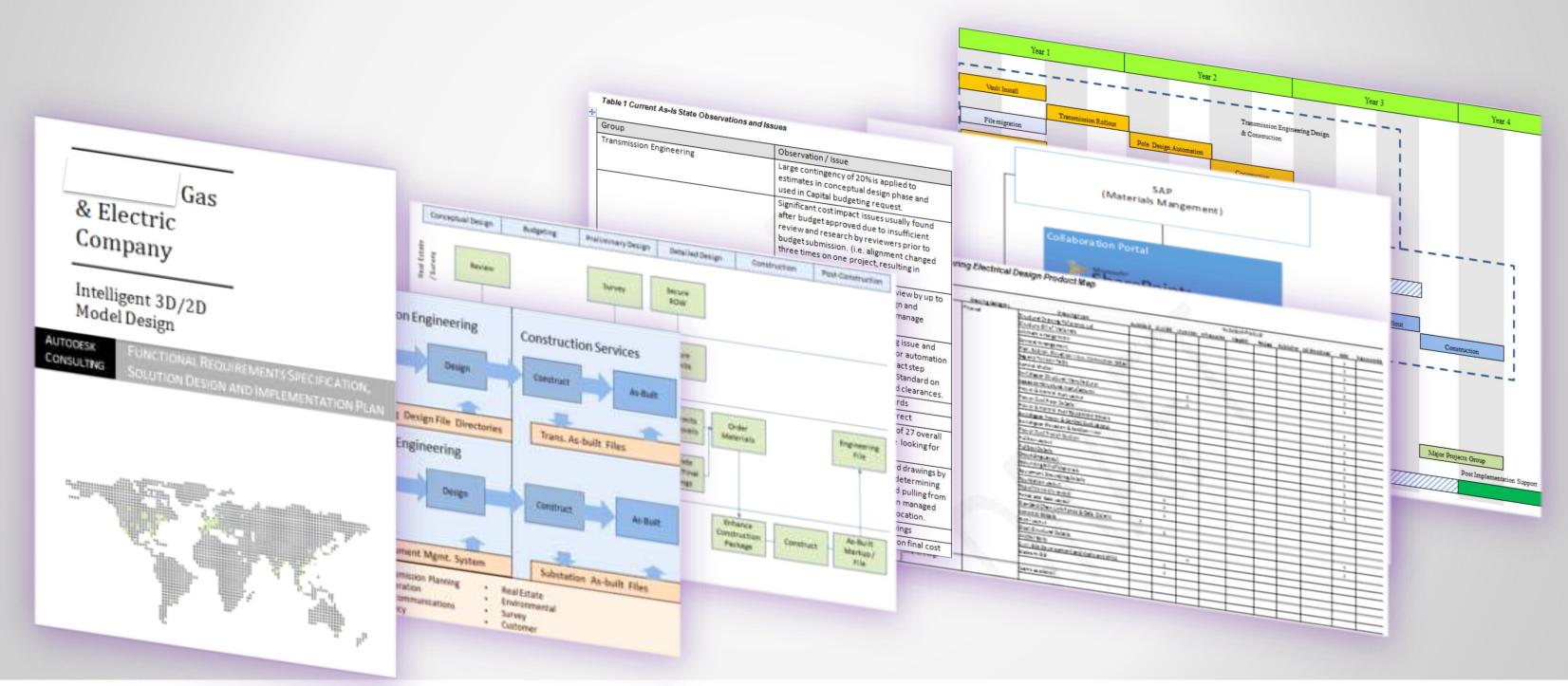
- Interface Workshop
- Architecture Workshop
- Hi Level Spec/Tech Requirements

January – May 2014

- Initial Findings Workshop
- POC Development
- Implementation Plan/Schedule



Requirements, Solution Design, Strategic Planning

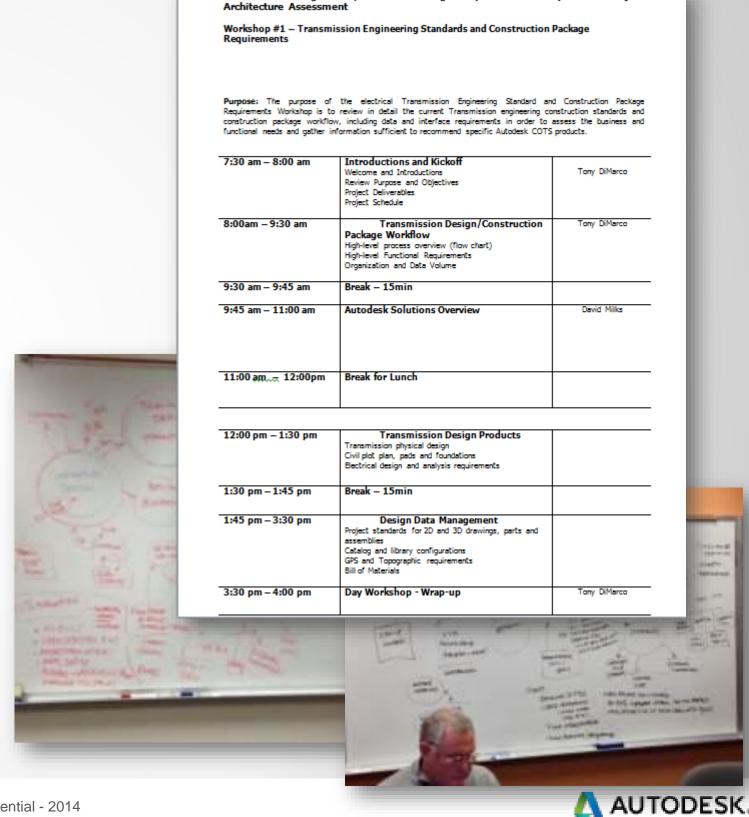




Requirements Gathering Workshops

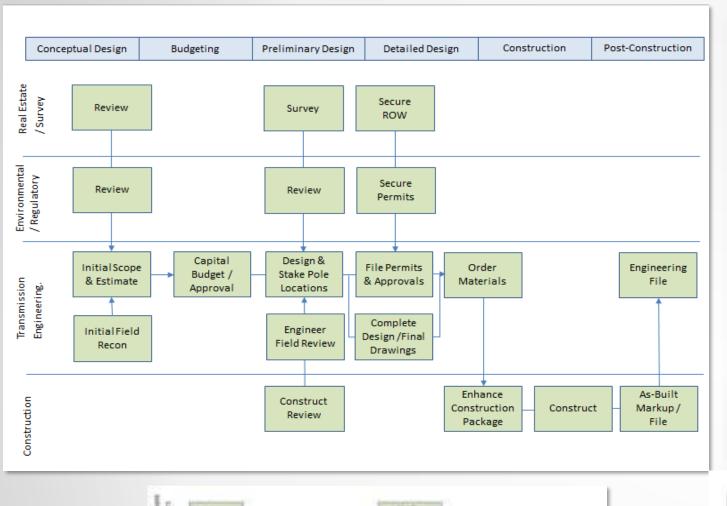
- Engineering
 - Distribution
 - Transmission
 - Substation
 - System Protection & Controls
 - Civil/Structural
- Construction & Maintenance
 - Transmission Construction & Maintenance
 - QA/QC Programs
- Major Projects Group
- IT
 - Technical Architecture and Interfaces

8 Workshops/ 40 interviews

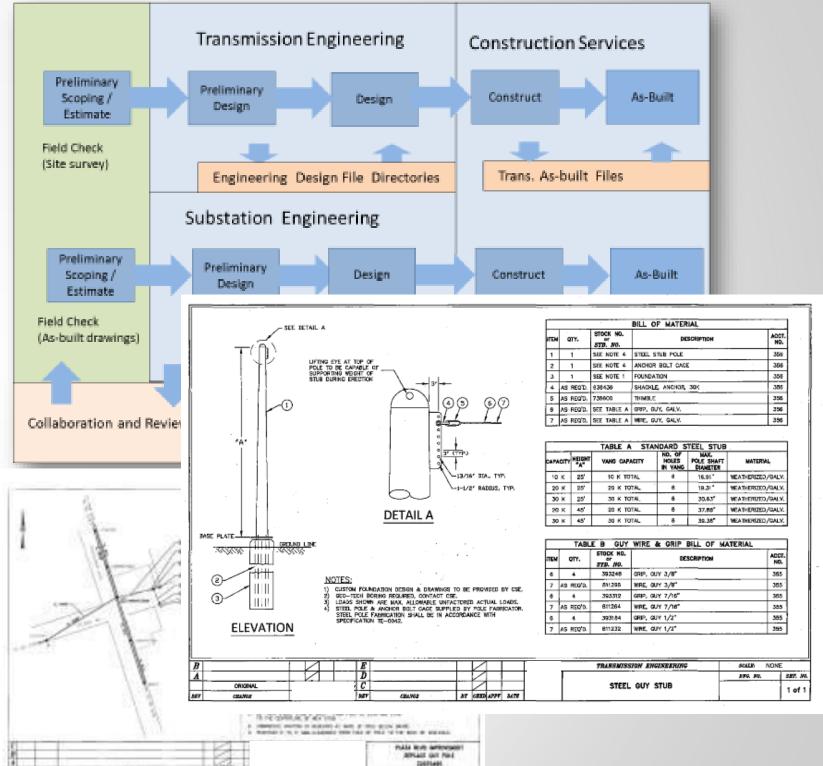


Intelligent 3D/2D Model Design Requirements Analysis and Project

Work Process Descriptions







What Did We Hear?



In Summary | "Pain Points"

- Need to "do more with less" is taxing current resources
- Dealing with a backlog of "as-built" drawings
- Backlog of construction standards
- Need for consistency and material standardization
- Need to improve design productivity of existing resources
- Need to attract and retain young talent
- Need to better share information and collaborate
- Better manage engineering revisions and engineering document control
- Need to improve ability to interpret drawings and design intent
- Need to improve accuracy of information
- Need to improve currency of information





Crafting a Vision – Building Information Models (BIM)

OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

3D Digital Model v. 2D Drawing File Business Process Improvement

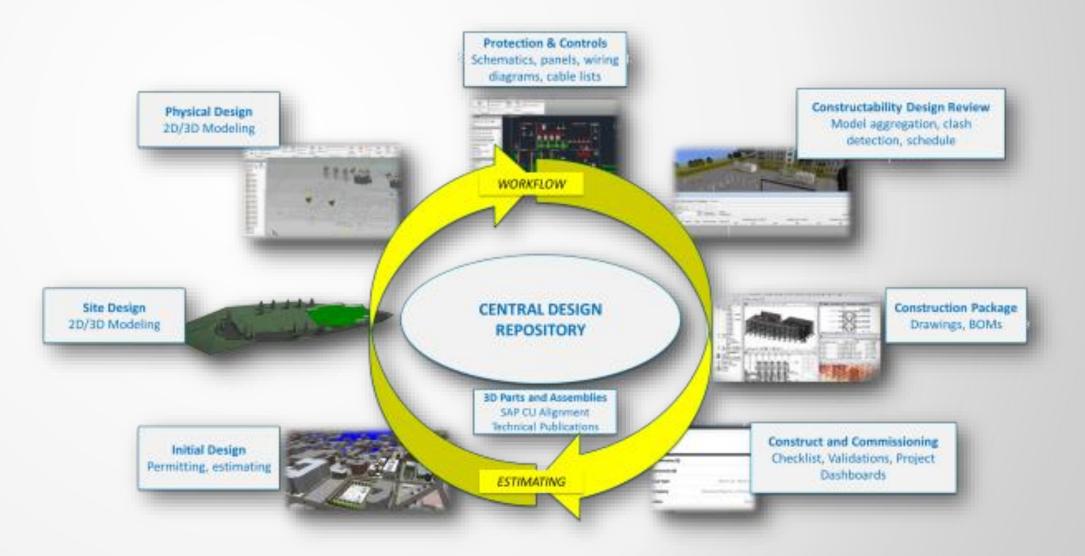
COST CONTROL

Reduce construction waste Increase confidence in cost estimates

SAFETY

Improved Data Quality Validate Standards

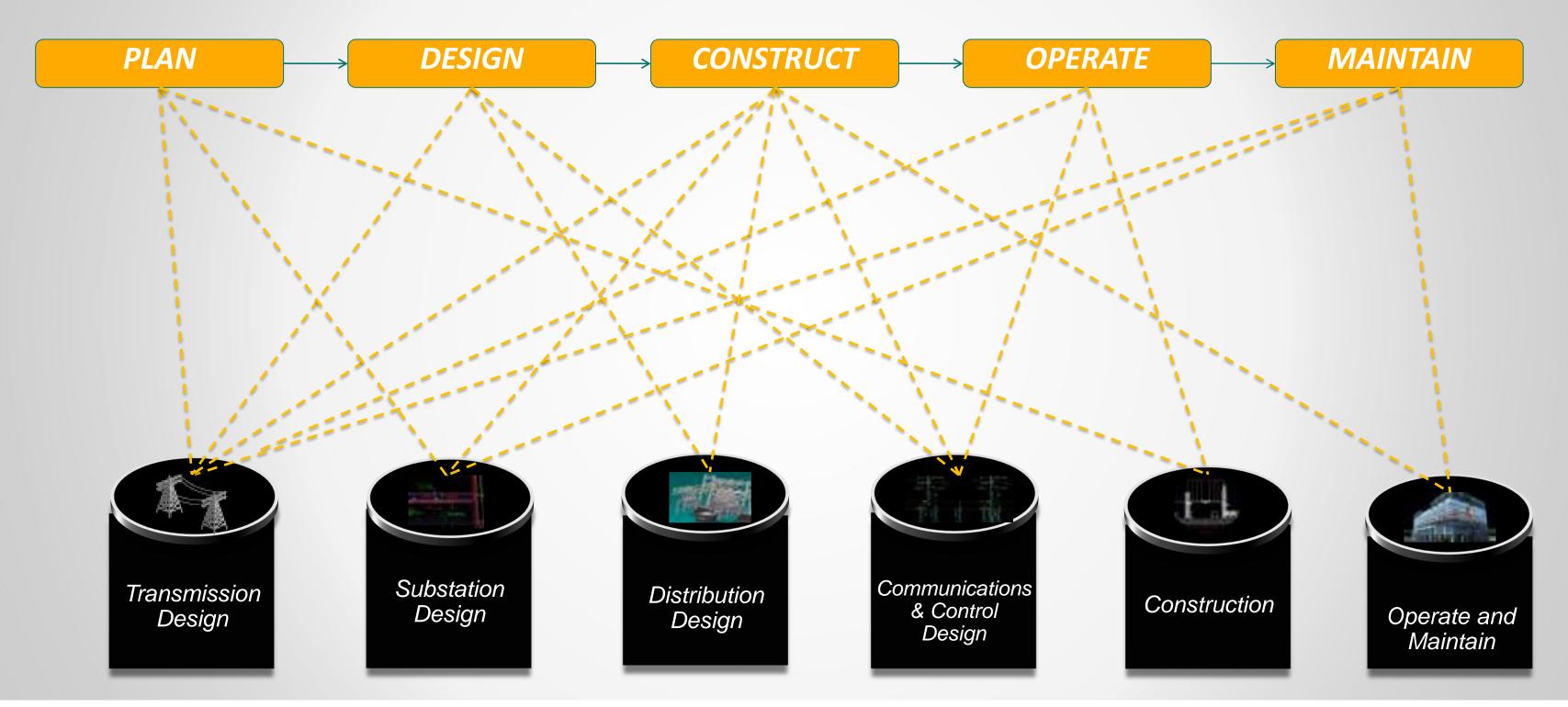
A unified workflow for the project lifecycle







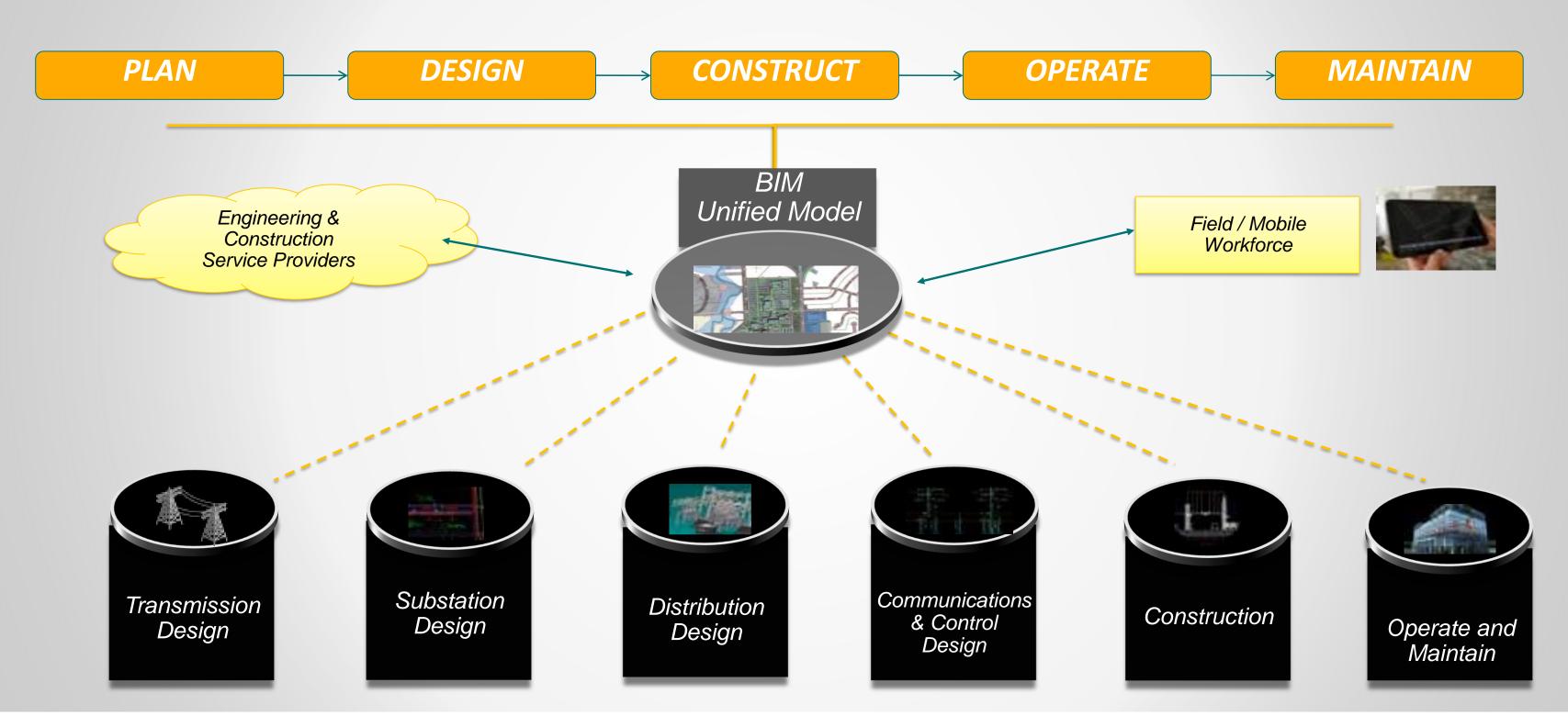
Disparate Design Disciplines Working in Silos



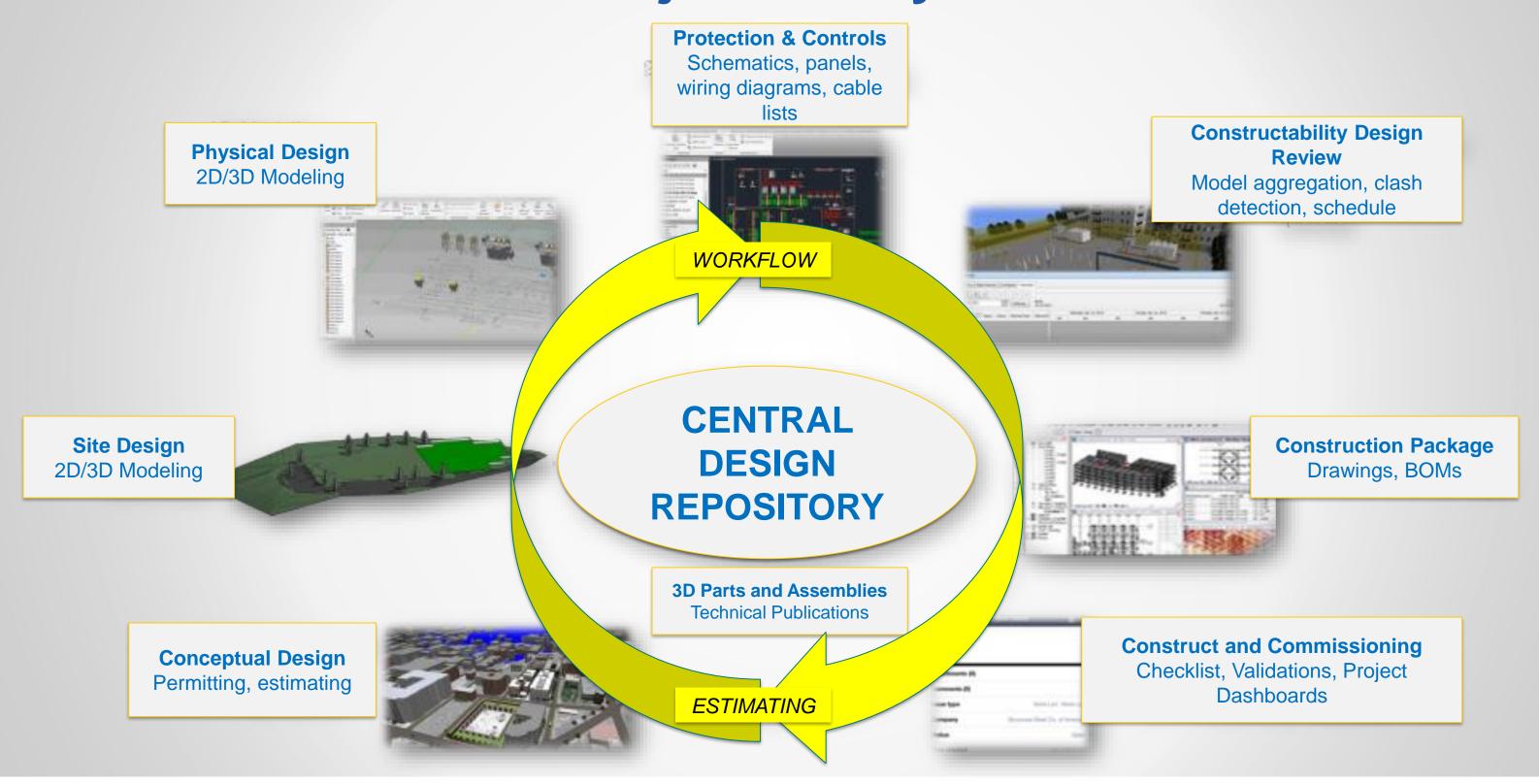




BIM – A Unified Workflow Across Design Disciplines



Project Lifecycle







COTS Products Considered Technical Architecture

Transmission Engineering

- Inventor
- Civil3D
- Infraworks
- ReCap
- Map3D
- Vault

Substation Engineering

- Inventor
- Civil3D
- AutoCAD Electrical
- Substation Design Solution
- NavisWorks
- ReCap
- Vault

Transmission Construction

- BIM360
- Vault

Substation Construction

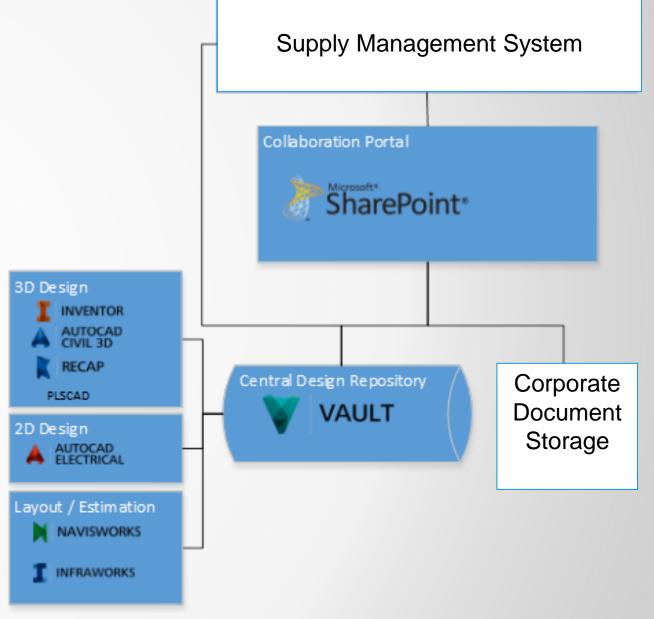
- BIM360
- NavisWorks
- Vault

Distribution

- Inventor/Publisher
- Vault

Major Projects

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- NavisWorks
- Vault

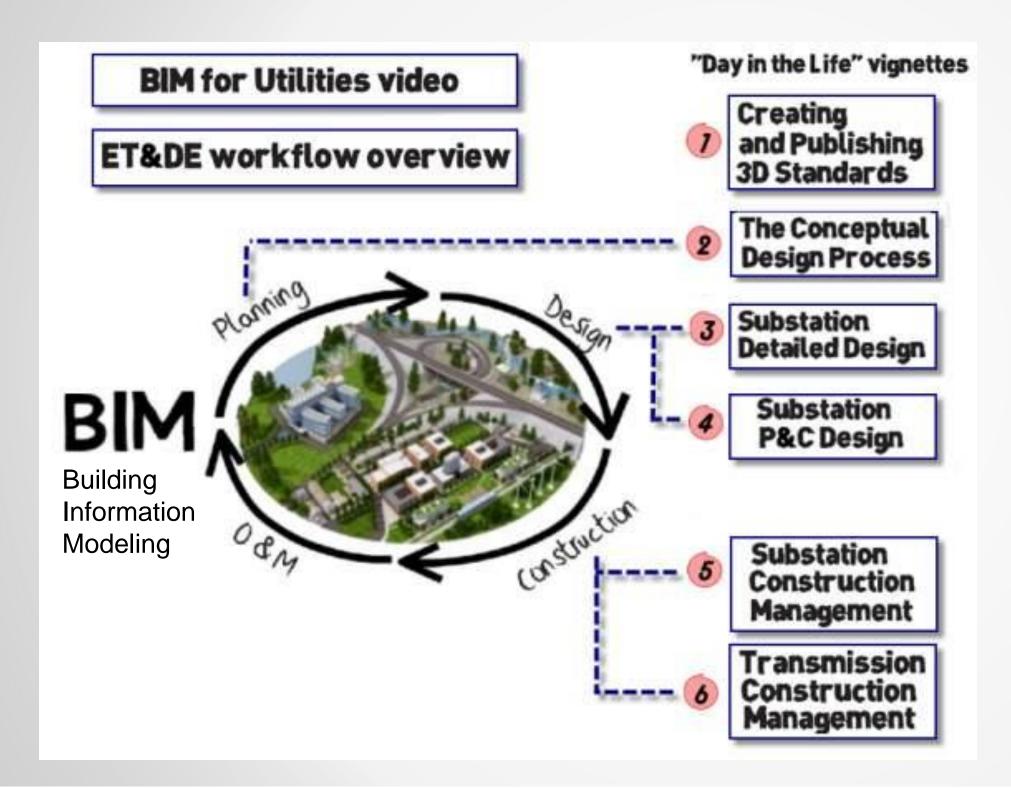


"COTS" – Commercial Off The Shelf (no customization required)





Conveying the Vision – "Proof Of Concept" Vignettes



8 Vignettes Approx. 57 Minutes Total Approx. 6-8 Minutes Each



Strategic Plan (3 Years)

Year 1

- Database
- 3D ModelStandards/Process
- Transmission Design & Standards

Year 2

- Substation Design &
- Standards
- Distribution Standards

Year 3

- Construction Rollout
- Major Projects Rollout

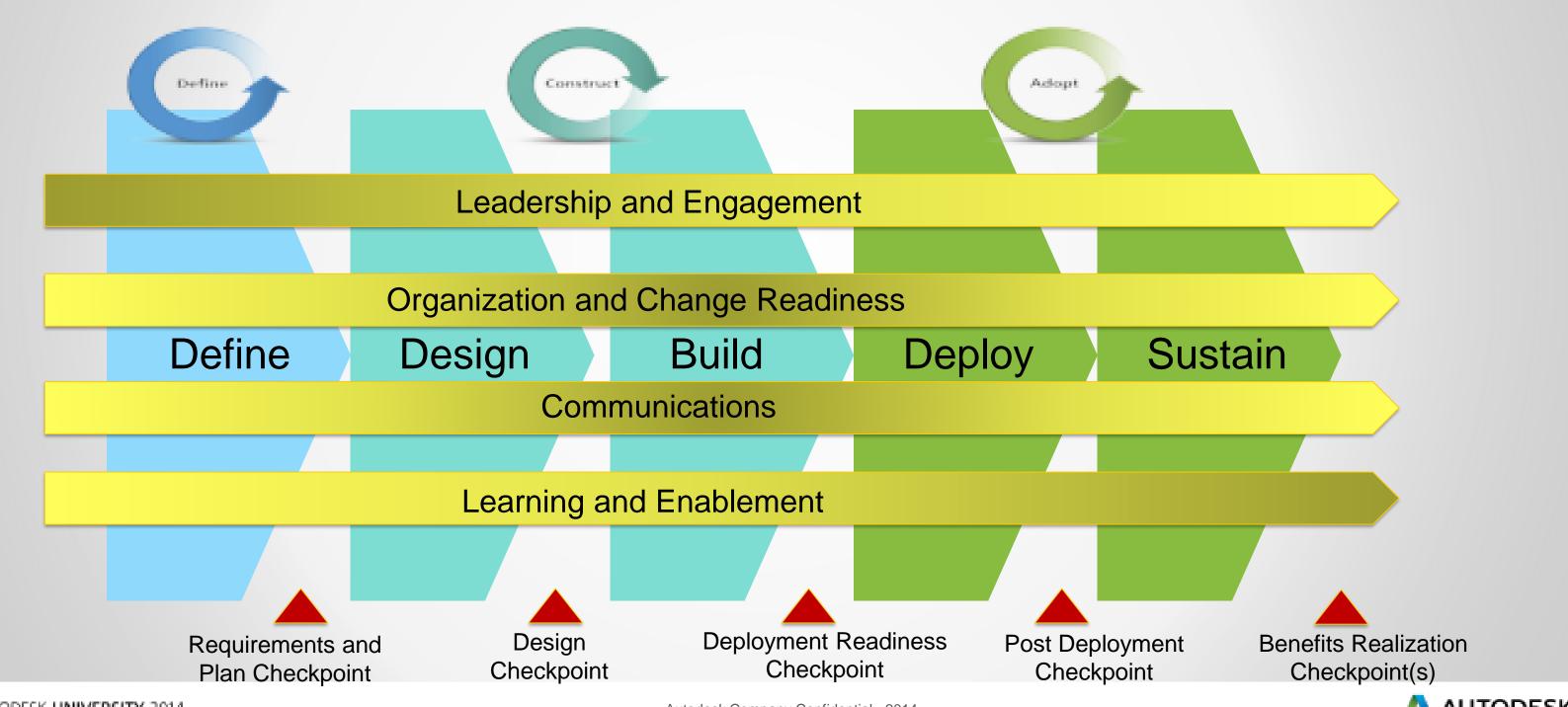
CHANGE MANAGEMENT & TRAINING SUPPORT





Integrated Approach

Change Management starts at the inception of the program to engage sponsors, develop overall change component plans and approaches:



3D/2D Model Design – Cost Benefit Analysis Approach

Key Benefits Quantified in the Analysis:

- Productivity improvements for Transmission Engineering (~15%)
- Productivity improvements for Substation Engineering (~15%)
- Productivity improvements for As-Built creation (using Lidar/ReCap)
- Cost avoidance benefits in construction by earlier detection of issues
- Reduction in contingency and construction costs of ~1% on capital projects

Phase realization of benefits typically over three years

Calculate Net Cash Flow and Financial Metrics

- Include all project costs: Hardware, Software, Services, SDG&E Business and IT
- Calculate IRR and Payback Period



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Conclusion

- BIM is right for an Electric Utility
 - Central Design Database allows cross departmental sharing of information and direct access to the "truth"
 - Memorialization of tribal knowledge
 - Attracts new talent to an old industry
 - Allows engineers and designers to engage stakeholders more directly and collaboratively
 - Potential for 5D estimating (3D, Cost, Schedule)
 - Leverages existing partnerships and leaders in the industry







