



# AIA® Document E203™ – 2013

## *Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit*

This Exhibit dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ is incorporated into the agreement (the “Agreement”) between the Parties for the following Project:  
*(Name and location or address of the Project)*

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### ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.1 This Exhibit provides for the establishment of protocols for the development, use, transmission, and exchange of Digital Data for the Project. If Building Information Modeling will be utilized, this Exhibit also provides for the establishment of the protocols necessary to implement the use of Building Information Modeling on the Project, including protocols that establish the expected Level of Development for Model Elements at various milestones of the Project, and the associated Authorized Uses of the Building Information Models.

§ 1.2 The Parties agree to incorporate this Exhibit into their agreements with any other Project Participants that may develop or make use of Digital Data on the Project. Prior to transmitting or allowing access to Digital Data, a Party may require any Project Participant to provide reasonable evidence that it has incorporated this Exhibit into its agreement for the Project, and agreed to the most recent Project specific versions of AIA Document G201™–2013, Project Digital Data Protocol Form and AIA Document G202™–2013, Project Building Information Modeling Protocol Form.

§ 1.2.1 The Parties agree that each of the Project Participants utilizing Digital Data on the Project is an intended third party beneficiary of the Section 1.2 obligation to incorporate this Exhibit into agreements with other Project Participants, and any rights and defenses associated with the enforcement of that obligation. This Exhibit does not create any third-party beneficiary rights other than those expressly identified in this Section 1.2.1.

### § 1.3 Adjustments to the Agreement

§ 1.3.1 If a Party believes that protocols established pursuant to Sections 3.2 or 4.5, and memorialized in AIA Documents G201–2013 and G202–2013, will result in a change in the Party’s scope of work or services warranting an adjustment in compensation, contract sum, schedule or contract time, the Party shall notify the other Party. Failure to provide notice as required in this Section 1.3 shall result in a Party’s waiver of any claims for adjustments in compensation, contract sum, schedule or contract time as a result of the established protocols.

§ 1.3.2 Upon such notice, the Parties shall discuss and negotiate revisions to the protocols or discuss and negotiate any adjustments in compensation, contract sum, schedule or contract time in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

This document is intended to be incorporated into an agreement between the Parties and used in conjunction with AIA Documents G201™–2013, Project Digital Data Protocol Form, and G202™–2013, Project Building Information Modeling Protocol Form. It is anticipated that other Project Participants will incorporate a project specific E203–2013 into their agreements, and that the Parties and other Project Participants will set forth the agreed-upon protocols in AIA Documents G201–2013 and G202–2013.

§ 1.3.3 Notice required under this Section 1.3 shall be provided within thirty days of receipt of the protocols, unless otherwise indicated below:

*(If the Parties require a notice period other than thirty days of receipt of the protocols, indicate the notice period below.)*

## § 1.4 Definitions

§ 1.4.1 **Building Information Model.** A Building Information Model is a digital representation of the Project, or a portion of the Project, and is referred to in this Exhibit as the “Model,” which term may be used herein to describe a Model Element, a single model or multiple models used in the aggregate, as well as other data sets identified in AIA Document G202–2013, Project Building Information Modeling Protocol Form.

§ 1.4.2 **Building Information Modeling.** Building Information Modeling or Modeling means the process used to create the Model.

§ 1.4.3 **Model Element.** A Model Element is a portion of the Model representing a component, system or assembly within a building or building site.

§ 1.4.4 **Level of Development.** The Level of Development (LOD) describes the minimum dimensional, spatial, quantitative, qualitative, and other data included in a Model Element to support the Authorized Uses associated with such LOD.

§ 1.4.5 **Authorized Uses.** The term “Authorized Uses” refers to the permitted uses of Digital Data authorized in the Digital Data and/or Building Information Modeling protocols established pursuant to the terms of this Exhibit.

§ 1.4.6 **Model Element Author.** The Model Element Author is the entity (or individual) responsible for managing and coordinating the development of a specific Model Element to the LOD required for an identified Project milestone, regardless of who is responsible for providing the content in the Model Element. Model Element Authors are to be identified in Section 3.3, Model Element Table, of AIA Document G202–2013.

§ 1.4.7 **Digital Data.** Digital Data is information, including communications, drawings, specifications and designs, created or stored for the Project in digital form. Unless otherwise stated, the term Digital Data includes the Model.

§ 1.4.8 **Confidential Digital Data.** Confidential Digital Data is Digital Data containing confidential or business proprietary information that the transmitting party designates and clearly marks as “confidential.”

§ 1.4.9 **Written or In Writing.** In addition to any definition in the Agreement to which this Exhibit is attached, for purposes of this Exhibit and the Agreement, “written” or “in writing” shall mean any communication prepared and sent using a transmission method set forth in this Exhibit, or the protocols developed pursuant to this Exhibit, that permits the recipient to print the communication.

§ 1.4.10 **Written Notice.** In addition to any terms in the Agreement to which this Exhibit is attached, for purposes of this Exhibit and the Agreement, “written notice” shall be deemed to have been duly served if transmitted electronically to an address provided in this Exhibit or the Agreement using a transmission method set forth in this Exhibit that permits the recipient to print the communication.

§ 1.4.11 **Party and Parties.** The terms “Party” and “Parties” refer to the signing parties to the Agreement.

§ 1.4.12 **Project Participant.** A Project Participant is an entity (or individual) providing services, work, equipment or materials on the Project and includes the Parties.

## ARTICLE 2 TRANSMISSION AND OWNERSHIP OF DIGITAL DATA

§ 2.1 The transmission of Digital Data constitutes a warranty by the Party transmitting Digital Data to the Party receiving Digital Data that the transmitting Party is the copyright owner of the Digital Data, or otherwise has permission to transmit the Digital Data for its use on the Project in accordance with the Authorized Uses of Digital Data established pursuant to the terms of this Exhibit.

§ 2.2 If a Party transmits Confidential Digital Data, the transmission of such Confidential Digital Data constitutes a warranty to the Party receiving such Confidential Digital Data that the transmitting Party is authorized to transmit the Confidential Digital Data. If a Party receives Confidential Digital Data, the receiving Party shall keep the Confidential Digital Data strictly confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person or entity except as set forth in Section 2.2.1.

§ 2.2.1 The receiving Party may disclose Confidential Digital Data as required by law or court order, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity. The receiving Party may also disclose the Confidential Digital Data to its employees, consultants or contractors in order to perform services or work solely and exclusively for the Project, provided those employees, consultants and contractors are subject to the restrictions on the disclosure and use of Confidential Digital Data as set forth in this Exhibit.

§ 2.3 By transmitting Digital Data, the transmitting Party does not convey any ownership right in the Digital Data or in the software used to generate the Digital Data. Unless otherwise granted in a separate license, the receiving Party's right to use, modify, or further transmit Digital Data is specifically limited to designing, constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project consistent with the terms of this Exhibit, and nothing contained in this Exhibit conveys any other right to use the Digital Data.

§ 2.4 Where a provision in this Article 2 conflicts with a provision in the Agreement into which this Exhibit is incorporated, the provision in this Article 2 shall prevail.

**ARTICLE 3 DIGITAL DATA PROTOCOLS**

§ 3.1 Anticipated Types of Digital Data. The anticipated types of Digital Data to be used on the Project are as follows: *(Indicate below the information on the Project that shall be created and shared in a digital format. If the Parties indicate that Building Information Modeling will be utilized on the Project, the Parties shall also complete Article 4.)*

Anticipated Digital Data	Applicability to the Project <i>(Indicate Applicable or Not Applicable)</i>	Location of Detailed Description <i>(Section 3.1.1 below or in an attachment to this exhibit and identified below)</i>
Project Agreements and Modifications		
Project communications		
Architect's preconstruction submittals		
Contract Documents		
Contractor's submittals		
Subcontractor's submittals		
Modifications		
Project payment documents		
Notices and claims		
Building Information Modeling		

§ 3.1.1 Insert a detailed description of the anticipated Digital Data identified in Section 3.1, if not further described in an attachment to this Exhibit.

§ 3.2 As soon as practical following execution of the Agreement, the Parties shall further describe the uses of Digital Data, and establish necessary protocols governing the transmission and Authorized Uses of Digital Data, in consultation with the other Project Participants that are expected to utilize Digital Data on the Project.

§ 3.2.1 Unless another Project Participant is identified below, the Architect shall prepare and distribute to the other Project Participants Digital Data protocols for review, revision and approval. *(If a Project Participant other than the Architect shall be responsible for preparing draft and final Digital Data protocols, identify that Project Participant.)*

§ 3.2.2 The agreed upon Digital Data protocols shall be set forth in AIA Document G201–2013 and each Project Participant shall memorialize their agreement in writing to such Digital Data protocols.

§ 3.2.3 The Parties, together with the other Project Participants, shall review and, if necessary, revise the Digital Data protocols at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Project.

§ 3.3 The Parties shall transmit, use, store and archive Digital Data in accordance with the Digital Data protocols set forth in the latest version of AIA Document G201–2013 agreed to by the Project Participants.

#### § 3.4 Unauthorized Use

##### § 3.4.1 Prior to Establishment of Digital Data Protocols

If a Party receives Digital Data prior to the agreement to, and documentation of, the Digital Data protocols in AIA Document G201–2013, that Party is not authorized to use or rely on the Digital Data. Any use of, or reliance on, such Digital Data is at that Party's sole risk and without liability to the other Party and its contractors, consultants, agents and employees.

##### § 3.4.2 Following Establishment of Digital Data Protocols

Following agreement to, and documentation of, the Digital Data protocols in AIA Document G201–2013, if a Party uses Digital Data inconsistent with the Authorized Uses identified in the Digital Data protocols, that use shall be at the sole risk of the Party using the Digital Data.

#### § 3.5 Digital Data Management

§ 3.5.1 Centralized electronic document management system use on the Project shall be:

*(Check the appropriate box. If the Parties do not check one of the boxes below, the default selection shall be that the Parties will not utilize a centralized electronic document management system on the Project.)*

- The Parties intend to use a centralized electronic document management system on the Project.
- The Parties do not intend to use a centralized electronic document management system on the Project.

§ 3.5.2 If the Project Participants intend to utilize a centralized electronic document management system on the Project, the Project Participants identified in Section 3.5.3 shall be responsible for managing and maintaining such system. The Project Participants responsible for managing and maintaining the centralized electronic document management system shall facilitate the establishment of protocols for transmission, use, storage and archiving of the centralized Digital Data and assist the Project Participants identified in Section 3.2.1 above in preparing Digital Data protocols. Upon agreement to, and documentation of, the Digital Data protocols in AIA Document G201–2013, the Project Participants identified in Section 3.5.3 shall manage and maintain the centralized electronic document management system consistent with the management protocols set forth in the latest version of G201–2013 approved by the Project Participants.

§ 3.5.3 Unless responsibility is assigned to another Project Participant, the Architect shall be responsible for managing and maintaining the centralized electronic document management system. If the responsibility for management and maintenance will be assigned to another Project Participant at an identified Project milestone, indicate below the Project Participant who shall assume that responsibility, and the Project milestone.

*(Identify the Project Participant responsible for management and maintenance only if the Parties intend to utilize a centralized electronic document management system on the Project.)*

Responsible Project Participant

Project Milestone

#### ARTICLE 4 BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING PROTOCOLS

§ 4.1 If the Parties indicate in Section 3.1 that Building Information Modeling will be used on the Project, specify below the extent to which the Parties intend to utilize Building Information Modeling and identify the provisions of this Article 4 governing such use:

- The Parties shall utilize Building Information Modeling on the Project for the sole purpose of fulfilling the obligations set forth in the Agreement without an expectation that the Model will be relied upon by the other Project Participants. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, any use of, transmission of, or reliance

on the Model is at the receiving Party's sole risk. The remaining sections of this Article 4 shall have no force or effect.

- The Parties shall develop, share, use and rely upon the Model in accordance with Sections 4.2 through 4.10 of this Exhibit.

**§ 4.2 Anticipated Building Information Modeling Scope.** Indicate below the portions of the Project for which Modeling will be used and the anticipated Project Participant responsible for that Modeling.

Project Portion for Modeling	Responsible Project Participant
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**§ 4.3 Anticipated Model Authorized Uses.** Indicate below the anticipated Authorized Uses of the Model for the Project, which Authorized Uses will be agreed upon by the Project Participants and further described for each LOD in G202–2013.

**§ 4.4 Ancillary Modeling Activities.** Indicate additional Modeling activities agreed upon by the Parties, but not to be included in AIA Document G202–2013, if any.

*(Describe any Modeling activities, such as renderings, animations, performance simulations, or other similar use, including the anticipated amount and scope of any such Modeling activities.)*

**§ 4.5 Modeling protocols.** As soon as practical following execution of the Agreement, the Parties shall, in consultation with the other Project Participants that are expected to utilize Building Information Modeling on the Project, further describe the Authorized Uses of the Model and establish necessary protocols governing the development of the Model utilizing AIA Document G202–2013.

**§ 4.5.1** The Modeling protocols shall address the following:

- .1 Identification of the Model Element Authors;
- .2 Definition of the various LOD for the Model Elements and the associated Authorized Uses for each defined LOD;
- .3 Identification of the required LOD of each Model Element at each identified Project milestone;
- .4 Identification of the construction classification systems to be used on the Project;
- .5 The process by which Project Participants will exchange and share the Model at intervals not reflected in Section 3.3, Model Element Table, of AIA Document G202–2013;
- .6 The process by which the Project Participants will identify, coordinate and resolve changes to the Model;
- .7 Details regarding any anticipated as-designed or as-constructed Authorized Uses for the Model, if required on the Project;
- .8 Anticipated Authorized Uses for facilities management or otherwise, following completion of the Project; and
- .9 Other topics to be addressed by the Modeling protocols: *(Identify additional topics to be addressed by the Modeling protocols.)*

**§ 4.5.2** Unless responsibility is assigned to another Project Participant identified below, the Architect shall prepare and distribute Modeling protocols to the other Project Participants for review, revision and approval.

*(If a Project Participant other than the Architect shall be responsible for preparing draft and final Modeling protocols, identify that Project Participant.)*

**§ 4.5.3** The agreed upon Modeling protocols shall be set forth in AIA Document G202–2013 and each Project Participant shall memorialize their agreement in writing to such Modeling protocols.



§ 4.5.4 The Parties, together with the other Project Participants, shall review, and if necessary, revise the Modeling protocols at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Project.

§ 4.6 The Parties shall develop, use and rely on the Model in accordance with the Modeling protocols set forth in the latest version of AIA Document G202–2013, which document shall be included in or attached to the Model in a manner clearly accessible to the Project Participants.

#### § 4.7 Unauthorized Use

##### § 4.7.1 Prior to Establishment of Modeling protocols

If a Party receives any Model prior to the agreement to, and documentation of, the Modeling protocols in AIA Document G202–2013, that Party is not authorized to use, transmit, or rely on the Model. Any use, transmission or reliance is at that Party's sole risk and without liability to the other Party and its contractors, consultants, agents and employees.

##### § 4.7.2 Following Establishment of Modeling protocols

Following agreement to, and documentation of, the Modeling protocols in AIA Document G202–2013, if a Party uses or relies on the Model inconsistent with the Authorized Uses identified in the Modeling protocols, such use or reliance shall be at the sole risk of the Party using or relying on the Model. A Party may rely on the Model Element only to the extent consistent with the minimum data required for the identified LOD, even if the content of a specific Model Element includes data that exceeds the minimum data required for the identified LOD.

#### § 4.8 Model Management

§ 4.8.1 The requirements for managing the Model include the duties set forth in this Section 4.8. Unless assigned to another Project Participant, the Architect shall manage the Model from the inception of the Project. If the responsibility for Model management will be assigned to another Project Participant, or change at an identified Project milestone, indicate below the identity of the Project Participant who will assume that responsibility, and the Project milestone.

Responsible Project Participant	Project Milestone
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§ 4.8.2 Model Management Protocol Establishment. The Project Participant responsible for managing the Model, in consultation with the other Project Participants that are expected to utilize Building Information Modeling on the Project, shall facilitate the establishment and revision of Model management protocols, including the following:

- .1 Model origin point, coordinate system, precision, file formats and units
- .2 Model file storage location(s)
- .3 Processes for transferring and accessing Model files
- .4 Naming conventions
- .5 Processes for aggregating Model files from varying software platforms
- .6 Model access rights
- .7 Identification of design coordination and clash detection procedures.
- .8 Model security requirements
- .9 Other: *(Identify additional Model management protocols to be addressed.)*

§ 4.8.3 Ongoing Responsibilities. The Project Participant responsible for managing the Model shall do so consistent with the Model management protocols, which shall also include the following ongoing responsibilities:

- .1 Collect incoming Models:
  - .1 Coordinate submission and exchange of Models
  - .2 Create and maintain a log of Models received
  - .3 Review Model files for consistency with Sections 4.8.2.1 through 4.8.2.5
  - .4 Maintain a record copy of each Model file received
- .2 Aggregate Model files and make them available for Authorized Uses
- .3 Maintain Model Archives and backups consistent with the requirements of Section 4.8.4 below
- .4 Manage Model access rights
- .5 Other: *(Identify additional responsibilities.)*

§ 4.8.4 Model Archives. The individual or entity responsible for Model management as set forth in this Section 4.8 shall compile a Model Archive at the end of each Project milestone and shall preserve it without alteration as a record of Model completion as of that Project milestone.

§ 4.8.4.1 Additional Model Archive requirements, if any, are as follows:

§ 4.8.4.2 The procedures for storing and preserving the Model(s) upon final completion of the Project are as follows:

§ 4.9 Post Construction Model. The services associated with providing a Model for post construction use shall only be required if specifically designated in the table below as a Party’s responsibility.  
*(Designate below any anticipated post construction Model and related requirements, the Project Participant responsible for creating or adapting the Model to achieve such uses, and the location of a detailed description of the anticipated scope of services to create or adapt the Model as necessary to achieve such uses.)*

Post Construction Model	Applicability to Project <i>(Applicable or Not Applicable)</i>	Responsible Project Participant	Location of Detailed Description of Requirements and Services <i>(Section 4.10 below or in an attachment to this exhibit and identified below)</i>
§ 4.9.1 Remodeling			
§ 4.9.2 Wayfinding and Mapping			
§ 4.9.3 Asset/FF & E Management			
§ 4.9.4 Energy Management			
§ 4.9.5 Space Management			
§ 4.9.6 Maintenance Management			

§ 4.10 Insert a detailed description of the requirements for each Post Construction Model identified in Section 4.9 and the anticipated services necessary to create each Post Construction Model, if not further described in an attachment to this Exhibit.

**ARTICLE 5 OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Other terms and conditions related to the transmission and use of Digital Data are as follows: