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## Glossary of Abbreviations, Acronyms and Initialisms

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4ps	Public Private Partnership Programme (UK)
4RE's	Retrieve, Reuse, Revise, Retain
AAA	Alberta Association of Architects
ABCB	Australian Building Codes Board
ABP	Asset Business Plan
ABSW	Algemeen Bestek voor de sociale woningbouw General Standard (technical prescriptions) for social (subsidized by government) residential housing.
AC	Attestation of conformity
AC	Agrément Certificate This is the general European system for certification of products.
ACA	The Association of Consultant Architects (UK)
ACCA	The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK)
ACE	Architects Council of Europe
ACE	Association of Consulting Engineers (UK)
ACES	The Association of Chief Estates Surveyors and Property Managers in Local Government (UK)
ACI	Asset Condition Index
AD	Approved Document (to the Building Regulations (UK)
ADA	The Americans with Disabilities Act. Ensures access to public accommodation for the handicapped. (USA)
ADAAG	ADA Accessibility Guidelines (USA)
ADEME	Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie (FR)
ADP	Aéroports de Paris (FR)
AE	annual equivalent
AEC	Architecture, Engineering and Construction

AEI	Architectural Engineering Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (USA)
AfDB	The African Development Bank Group
AFNOR	Association Française de Normalisation (FR)
AFVF	French Association of Life Value Analysis (FR)
AGC	Associated General Contractors of America (USA)
AHP	Analytical Hierarchy Process
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AIA	American Institute of Architects
AICVF	Association des Ingénieurs en Climatique, Ventilation et Froid (FR)
AIE	Agence Internationale de l'Énergie
AIJ	Architectural Institute of Japan
AIM	Alternative Investment Market
AIMCC	Association des Industries de Matériaux, Composants et Équipements pour la Construction (FR)
AISC	American Institute of Steel Construction
AM	Asset Management
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMPRI	BOMA Indonesia
ANACI	Associazione Nazionale Amministratori Condominiali e Immobiliari (Italy)
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AO	Alternative Officing. A term for how, when and where people work.
AOD	Associated Owners and Developers (USA)
APCC	Australian Procurement and Construction Council
APCC	Associação Portuguesa de Centros Comerciais (Portuguese Council of Shopping Centres)
APMS	Asset performance measurement system
APPA	Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (formerly Association of Physical Plant Administration) (USA)
approx.	approximately
APWA	American Public Works Association (USA)
AQC	Agence Qualité Construction (FR)
ARCOM	Association of Researchers in Construction Management (UK)
ARLA	The Association of Residential Letting Agents (UK)
ARSEG	Association des Responsables de Services Généraux. (The French Association of Facility Management) (FR)
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers

AsDB	Asian Development Group
ASEE	American Society for Engineering Education
ASF	anti-shatter film
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (USA)
ASID	American Society of Interior Designers
ASIPA	Asociacion de Inmobiliarias con Patrimonio en Alquiler (Association of Spanish Property Companies) (Spain)
ASL	Architectural System Level
ASLA	American Society of Landscape Architects
ASP	Application Service Provider
ASTM	ASTM International, Inc., formerly American Society for Testing and Materials, Inc.
ASTM E06	ASTM Committee on Performance of Building Construction
ATG	Belgian Technical Approval
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
AUI	Asset Utilization Index
Aus-PeBBu	Australian Performance Based Building Network
AWS	Alternative Work Strategies
BAFO	Best and Final Offers
B2B	business to business
BALI	British Association of Landscape Industries (UK)
BARBi	Reference library for the Norwegian Building and Construction Industry
BBA	British Board of Agrément
BBRI	Belgian Building Research Institute (same as CSTC) (Brussels - Belgium)
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BCA	Building Control Authority (UK) The building control authority (BCA) is charged by central government to ensure within its areas that any building works are constructed in a safe, healthy manner and are also provided with adequate access for the disabled, and have provision for energy conservation.
BCA	Building and Construction Authority (Singapore)
BCCA	Belgian Construction Certification Association (operated by BBRI and SECO)
BCCI	Building Component Condition Index
BCE	Building and Construction Engineering (division of CSIRO - AUS)
BCI	Building Condition Index (derived from SCI)
BCIS	Building Costs Information System

BCO	British Council of Offices
BCR	Building Condition Report
BCR	Benefit-cost ratio (See also CBR)
BCSC	British Council of Shopping Centres
BDA	Building Design Advisor
<i>Be</i>	Collaborating for the Built Environment (Combined Design Build Foundation and Reading Construction Forum)
BEMS	Building Energy Management Systems
Bn	Billion
BENOR	Proof of conformity to performance specs re CPD 6 essential requirements (Belgium)
BEPAC	Building Environmental Performance Club U.K.
BGA	Building Government Agency (The Netherlands) (See also RGD)
BIAT	British Institute of Architectural Technologists (UK)
BIFM	British Institute for Facilities Management (UK)
BIFM	Bouw Fysich Informatie Model (Building Physics Information Model) (See Also BIM and FIM)
BIFMA	Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association
BIM	Building Information Model (See Also FIM)
BIN	Belgian Institute for Normalization
BIUAS	Building in-use assessment system. Designed to assess seven key dimensions of employee experience of total work environment.
BLIS	Building Lifecycle Information/Interoperable Software project
BMAR	Backlog of Maintenance and Repair
BMF	Builders Merchants Federation (UK)
BMI	Building and Maintenance Information (a service of the RICS Building Cost Information Service Ltd.) (UK)
BMS	Building Management System
BN	Briefing Note (Ireland, PPP)
BOCA	Building Code of Southern Congress, now replaced by United States Unified Codes
BOD	biochemical oxygen demand
BOMA	Building Owners and Managers Association (USA)
BOMA International	Building Owners and Managers Association (International)
BOOT	Build Operate Own Transfer (a UK procurement method)
BOSTI	Buffalo Organization for Social and Technological Innovation
BOT	Build Operate Transfer (a UK procurement method)

BPA	Business Process Analysis
BPE	Building Performance Evaluation
BPEO	Best Practical Environmental Option
BPF	British Property Federation
BPI	Business Process Improvement
BPRU	(former) Building Performance Research Unit - was a division of BRE (UK)
BQA	Building Quality Assessment for Offices
BQF	British Quality Foundation (promoting business excellence)
BRANZ	Building Research Association of New Zealand
BRE	Building Research Establishment (UK)
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (UK)
BRI	Building Related Illness. A medically identifiable disease with symptoms lasting an extended period. 1976 Philadelphia American Legion conv.
BRI	Building Research Institute (Tsukaba, Japan)
BRI	Building Research and Information (Journal) (UK)
BS	British Standard
BSA	Building Societies Association (UK)
BSBP	Building Services Best Practice
BSC	balance scorecard
BSI	British Standards Institute
BSJ	Building Services Journal (official Journal of CIBSE) (UK)
BSL	Building System Level
BSRIA	Building Services Research and Information Association (UK)
BTI	Building Technology Inc.
BUS	Building Use Studies (UK)
BTW	By the way
Butgb	Belgian Union for Technical Approval
BZ	bravo-zulu = well done
CABA	Continental Automated Building Association (North America)
CABE	Commission for Architecture in the Built Environment (UK)
CABS	Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies
CAD	Computer Aided Drafting or Design
CAFIM	Computer Aided Facilities Information Management Systems
CAFMS	Computer Aided Facilities Management Systems
CAFM	Computer Aided Facility Management
CAFOM	Computer Aided Facilities Operational Management Systems

CAMS	Capital Asset Management System
CAPEB	Confédération de l'Artisanat et des Petites Entreprises du Bâtiment (FR)
CARM	Computer Aided Requirements Management
CAS	Condition Assessment Surveys
CASCO	Conformity Assessment Committee of ISO
CAT5	Computer Cable (colloquialism)
CBA	Cost-benefit analysis
CBD	Case Based Design
CBD	Central Business District
CBDA	Case Based Design Assistant
CBE	Centre for the Built Environment (Glasgow) a joint venture between University of Strathclyde and Glasgow Caledonian University
CBI	Confederation of British Industry, The
CBO	Certified Building Official (USA)
CBPP	Construction Best Practice Programme (UK)
CBPR	AIA Centre for Building Performance and Regulations
CBR	Case-Based Reasoning
CBR	Cost Benefit Ratio (See also BCR)
CC	Construction Confederation (UK)
CCA	Canadian Construction Association
CCB	Construction Criteria Base (part of the Whole Building Design Guide (NIBS))
CCC	Confederation of Construction Clients
CD	Committee Draft (ISO)
CD-RW	Compact disk that is read and write capable
CD	Computer Disk (CD-ROM)
CD	Construction Documents (working drawings and specification) AIA
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank
CDM	Conceptual Data Model
CDM	Construction Design & Management Regulations UK (health and safety)
CDROM	Compact Disk Read Only Memory
CE	Constructing Excellence (UK merger of Construction Best Practice Programme and Rethinking Construction)
CE	Constructing Excellence (UK) combines Rethinking Construction, Housing Forum, LGTF, M4I
CEAB	Confederation Europeen des Administrateurs de Biens (European Confederation of Property Managers) (Belgium) part of CEPI

CEBE	Centre International d'Etudes de la Gestion des Bâtiments et Equipments (Canada)
CEBR	Centre for Economics and Business Research
CEC	Commission of the European Communities
CECODHAS	Comite Européen de Coordination de L'Habitat Social (Belgium)
CEED	Centre for Economic and Environmental Development (UK)
CEI-BOIS	European Confederation of Woodworking Industries
CEM	College of Estate Management (UK)
CEN	Comité européen de normalisation
CENELEC	European Committee for Electro technical Standardisation
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEPI	Conseil Europeen des Professions Immobilières (European Real Estate Council) (Belgium)
CEPMC	Council of European Producers of Materials for Construction
CERF	Civil Engineering Research Foundation (USA)
CERL	Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (of the US Army) (SEE Also ERDC)
CES	Centre for Energy Studies, Indian Institute of Technology (New Delhi, India)
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
CFI	Court of First Instance
CFM	Certified Facility Manager
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CGTF	Central Government Task Force – Property and construction best practice development centre
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CI	Condition Index
CI	Construction Industry
CIB	Conseil International du Bâtiment (FR)
CIB	International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (ENG)
CIB	Construction Industry Board (UK)
CIB - TG	Task Group of the CIB
CIB - W	Working Group of the CIB
CIBA	Continental Intelligent Buildings Association
CIBdf	CIB development foundation

CIBSE	Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (UK)
CIC	Construction Industry Council (UK)
CICA	Confederation of International Contractors' Associations
CICSC	Construction Industry Council Standing Committee (UK)
CIFM	Computer Integrated Facility Management
CII	Construction Industry Institute (USA)
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIOB	Chartered Institute of Building (UK)
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (UK)
CIPS	Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (UK)
CIRIA	Construction Industry Research and Information Association (UK)
CIRT	Construction Industry Round Table (USA)
CITA	Construction Information Technology Alliance
CITB	Construction Industry Training Board (UK)
CITC	Community Investment Tax Credit
CLG	Construction Liaison Group
CLI	Calling Line Identification
CML	Council of Mortgage Lenders (UK)
CMMS	Computerised Maintenance Management Systems
CMS	Content Management System
C-MU	Carnegie-Mellon University
CNMIS	Comité National du Matériel d'Incendie et de Sécurité (FR)
CNBR	Collaborative network for building researchers (International - Based in Australia at RMIT)
CNR-ICITE	Istituto Centrale per l'Industrializzazione e la Tecnologia Edilizia del Consiglio Nazionale delle Recherche (Milan, Italy)
COB	Close of Business (of a given day)
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
COL	Common Object Library
COM	Computer Output Microfilm
CONFEDILIZIA	Confederazione Italiana della Proprieta Edilizia (Italy)
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COPROP	The Association of Chief Corporate Property Officers in Local Government (UK)
CoreNet	Corporate Real Estate Network (combined NACORE and IDRC) (USA)
CPA	Chartered Professional Accountant
CPA	Construction Products Association

CPA	Critical Path Analysis
CPAIS	Corporate Property Information System
CPM	Critical Path Method
CPD	Construction Products Directive (European)
CPD	Continuing Professional Development (UK professional training scheme)
CPN	Construction Productivity Network (UK)
CPV	Common Procurement Vocabulary, developed by EC in all European languages
CPU	Central Processing Unit (computing)
CR	Case Retriever
CRCC	Co-operative Research Centre for Construction (Australia)
CRD	Central Reprographic Department
CRE	Corporate Real Estate
CREF	Centre for Real Estate Investment and Finance (Finland)
CREPAH	Conseil Recherche Étude pour la Planification et l'Amélioration de l'Habitât (FR)
CRI	Colour Rendering Index. The process by which light manufacturers rate fixtures. CRI refers to the color shift an object undergoes when illuminated by a light source. Natural sunlight provides a CRI of 100 (on a scale of 1 to 100)
CRI	The Carpet and Rug Institute (USA)
CRISP	Construction and City Related Sustainability Indicators (an EU FP5 Thematic Network)
CRISP	Construction Research and Innovation Strategy Panel (UK)
CRM	Customer Relations Management
CRM	Customer Relationship Management
CRM	Corporate Resource Management
CRS	Case Retrieval System
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
CRT	Construction Round Table (UK, disbanded June 2001)
CRV	current replacement value
CSCE	Canadian Society of Civil Engineers
CSD	Case Studies Data Base
CSF	Critical Success Factors
CSI	Construction Specifications Institute (Canada)
CSIR	Building and Construction Technology (South Africa)
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Australia)
CSLA	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

CSP	Constraint Satisfaction Problems
CSTB	Centre Scientifique et Technique du Bâtiment (FR)
CSTC	Centre Scientifique de la Construction (Belgian Building Research Institute in Brussels)
CTBA	Centre Technique du Bois et de l'Ameublement (FR)
CTD	Cumulative Trauma Disorders
CTE	Spanish Building Code (SP).
CTS	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
CUAP	Common understanding of assessment procedure
CURT	Construction Users Round Table (USA)
CWC	Collaborative Working Centre (UK) (See also <i>Be</i> )
D&B	Design and Build (construction procurement method)
DAEI	Direction des Affaires Économiques et Internationales (FR)
DAFAG	Direction des Affaires Financières de l'Administration Générale (FR)
DAIS	Department of Administrative and Information Services (Government of South Australia)
dBA	Decibels A-weighting sound pressure level
DBIA	Design-Build Institute of America
DBF	Design Build Foundation (UK) Now part of "Be". (See also <i>Be</i> - Built Environment)
DBFO	Design - Build - Finance - Operate
DBFM-O	Design - Build - Finance - Manage and Operate
DBMC	Durability of Building Materials and Components
DBMC-10	International Conference on Durability of Building Materials and Components (10th - April 2005, Lyon, France)
DBMS	Database Management Systems
DBUR	Danish Building and Urban Research, the national building research institute in Denmark
DCF	Discounted Cash Flow
DD	Design Drawings (preliminary, schematic, and design development drawings) (AIA)
DDE	Direction Départementale de l'Équipement (FR)
DDI	Direct Dial In
DDSS	Design Decision Support System
DEBS	Design Economics for Building Services in Offices
DECT	Digital Enhanced Cordless Telephone

DEEP	Design Excellence Evaluation Process (UK Ministry of Defence)
DEFRA	Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK)
DEG	Data Exchange Group
DETR	UK Government Department for Environment Transport and the Regions (disbanded 2001)
DFBM	Design Finance Build and Maintain, a performance based construction procurement method used in UK
DFBMO	Design, Finance, Build, Maintain and Operate, a performance based construction procurement method used in UK
DfEE	UK Government Department for Education and Employment
DGUHC	Direction Générale de l'Urbanisme, de l'Habitat et de la Construction (Plan Urbanisme, Construction, Architecture) Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports et du Logement (FR)
DIAG.	the Directive Implementation Advisory Group (EPBD)
DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.
DIP	Document Image Processing
DIT	Dublin Institute of Technology
DIY	Do It Yourself
DM	Deferred Maintenance
DQI	Design Quality Index / Indicator (a UK assessment tool for evaluating design quality)
DRC	Depreciated Replacement Cost
DSL	Design service life
DSS	Decision Support System
DST	Decision Support Tool
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (UK)
DVDROM	Digital Versatile Disk Read Only Memory
dwg	drawing
E&B	Environment & Behavior
EB	Eurocer-Building
EB	External Benefit
EBC	European Builders Confederation
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Commission
EC	European Communities
EC	Energy consumption

ECA	European Centre for Accessibility
ECA	Electrical Contractors' Association (UK)
ECB	European Central Bank
ECCE	European Council of Civil Engineers
ECCREDI	European Council for Construction Research Development and Innovation
ECDG	European Commission Directorate General
ECI	European Construction Institute
ECJ	European Court of Justice
eCORE	eCore Software Solutions Inc (USA) (software and networking experts)
E-CORE	European Construction Research Network
ECOTECT	Commercial Design and Analysis (software package written by architects, for architects)
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDM	EXPRESS Data Manager
EDM	Electronic Data / Document Management
EDRA	Environmental Design Research Association (USA)
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EEPD	European Energy Performance Directive (EU) (See also EPBD)
EFBWW	European Federation of Building and Woodworkers
eFIG	European Federation of Interior Landscape Groups
E-FM	the Internet and Facilities Management
EFRO	Funding program for coal mining sites
EFMA	European Facilities Management Association
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
e.g.	for example
EI	Environmental Impact
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIBG	European Intelligent Buildings Group
EIIM	Electronic Information and Image Management
ELI	Employer Liability Insurance
ELO	European Landowners' Organization
ELV	End of Life Vehicle
EMAS	Eco Audit Management Scheme (UK)
EMF	Electromagnetic Fields
EMI	Institute for Quality Control and Innovation in Building (Budapest, Hungary)

EMLV	European Mortgage Lending Value
EMP	Enterprise Management Plan
EMP	Environmental Master Plan. Identifies existing environmental issues and areas of both compliance and non-compliance. Identifies energy-saving opportunities; and evaluates building systems, the physical plant and operating parameters.
EMS	Energy Management System
EMS	Engineered Management Systems
EMS	Environmental Management System
EN	European Norm / Standard
EN	European Normalization
ENBRI	European Network of Building Research Institutes
ENHR	European Network for Housing Research
EOTA	European Organization for Technical Approvals
EOTA	European Organization for Technical Assessment
EOTC	European Organization for Conformity Assessment
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
EPA90	Environmental Protection Act 1990 (UK)
EPACT	Energy Policy Act of 1992 (USA)
EPAG	European Property Agents Group (Groupement Europeen des Agents Immobiliers) part of CEPI
EPB	Environmental Performance of Buildings
EPBD	the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EU) (See also DIAG and EPD)
EPD	Energy Performance Directive (EU) (See also DIAG, EEPD, EPBD)
EPM	Enterprise Planning and Management
EPM	Environmental Planning and Management
EPF	European Property Federation
EPIC	Electronic Product Information Coordination
e-PIMS	Electronic Property Information Mapping System (UK Government)
EPRA	European Public Real Estate Association
EQF	Element Quantity Ratio Factor
EQT	Leading private equity company N. Europe, with industrial strategy. Offices, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Munich owns TAC
ER	Essential Requirements
ERDC-CERL	Engineering Research & Development Centre - Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (of the US Army) (USA)
ERES	European Real Estate Society
ERI	Environmental Risk Index

ERM	Enterprise Resource Management
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
ESRI	GIS and mapping software
ESCO	Energy Saving Companies
ESL	estimated service life
ESLC	Estimated Service Life of a Component. A function of the RSLC and a number of factors relating to design, workmanship etc.
ETA	European Technical Approval
ETAG	European Technical Approval Guideline
ETLA	Research Institute of the Finnish Economy
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EU	European Union
EU FP(x)	European Union Framework Programme (number x)
EUEB	European Union Ecolabelling Board
EUR	Element Unit Rate
EVCA	European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (promotes private investment to investors, policy, industry)
EVS	European Valuation Standards
EXPRESS STEP	ISO Standard (Standard for Exchange of Product Model Data) (See also STEP)
excl	exclusive
EZ	Enterprise zone
EZP	Enterprise Zone Program Operated by the Virgin Islands Development Authority to encourage investment in dilapidated structures and businesses in the Enterprise Zone (EZ).
FAC	Federation of Arab Contractors
FacQual	Facilities Quality Benchmarking Program
FAECOM	Finance, Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Operation & Maintenance (integrated technology for built environment)
FAR	Facility Assessment Report
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation (US Government)
FAR	Floor Area Ratio
FAST	Function Analysis Systems Technique
FBE	Foundation for the Built Environment (UK) owns BRE
FBNet	Fit Buildings Network
FBS	Function Behaviour Structure

FCI	Facilities Condition Index
FCI	Forum for Construction Industry (Ireland) Work on tendering processes, client guidance.
FCSC	Finnish Council of Shopping Centres
FCR	Facility Condition Report
FE	Further Education (UK)
FEE	Federation des Experts Comptables (European Federation of Accountants) (Belgium) represents accountants in Europe
FEHRL	Forum of European National Highways Research Laboratories
FEIC	European International Federation of Construction
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency (USA)
FETA	Federation of Environmental Trade Associations (UK) Represents interests of heating industry.
FFB	Fédération Française du Bâtiment (FR)
FFC	Federal Facilities Council, National Academy of Sciences (USA)
FFE	Furnishings, Fixtures and Equipment
FFI	Fitness for Industry
FHE	Further and Higher Education (UK)
FIABCI	International Real Estate Federation (Paris, France) (Network open to all professionals involved with the property industry)
FIAPP	Fully Integrated & Automated Project Processes
FIATECH	Fully Integrated & Automated Technology Applications (USA) (Consortium, research integrating IT, automation & communications)
FIC/NIBS	Facilities Information Council of NIBS (USA)
FIDIC	International Federation of Consulting Engineers
FIEC	Federation de l'Industrie Europeenne de Construction (Brussels, Belgium)
FIIC	Federacion Interamericana de la Industria de la Construcción
FIM	Facility Information Model
FIMS	Facilities Information Management System
FiSIAQ	Finnish Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate (have developed a classification for indoor environment including IAQ, temperature etc.)
FM	Facility Management
Fm	Factor Method
FMAA	Facilities Management Association of Australia
FMEA	Failure Mode Effect Analysis
FMECA	Failure Mode Effect and Criticality Analysis
FMJ	Facility Management Journal

FMN	Facility Management Nederland
FMOC/NIBS	Facility Management and Operations Committee of NIBS/FIC (USA)
FMP	Facility Management Professional.
FMS	Facility Management Simulation. A game introducing students to the field of Facilities Management.
FNPC	Fédération Nationale des Promoteurs Constructeurs (FR)
FORMAS	Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning
FPC	Factory Production Control
FPD	Flat Panel Display
FPE	Fire Protection Engineer
FRPC	Federal Real Property Council (US Federal group of senior execs)
FREF	Finnish Real Estate Federation
FRI	Full Repairing and Insuring
FRR	Facilities Revitalization Rate
FRV	Functional Replacement Value. The estimate of a building's space replacement.
FSDM	Fire Safety Design Methods (USA)
FSI	Farmer Sustainability Index
FSM	Facilities Sustainment Model
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FTP	File Transfer Protocol (computing)
FUSCCA	Federation of United States and Canadian Contractors Associations
FYI	For Your Information
GAO	Government Accountability Office, US Federal Government (formerly General Accounting Office)
GARM	General AEC Reference Model (Australia)
GATT	General Agreement on Trade & Tariffs (world-wide)
GBA	Government Buildings Agency (The Netherlands) (See also RGD and VROM)
GCCP	former Government Construction Client Panel (UK) Now part of OGC
GDP	Gross Domestic Product (UK economics)
GDR	Group Decision Room
GDS	Group Decision Support
GEA	Gross External Area
GGU	Glasgow Caledonian University (UK, Scotland)
GHG	Greenhouse Gas [emissions]

GIA (UK)	Gross Internal Area
GIFA (UK)	Gross Internal Floor Area
GIFAS	Groupement de l'Industrie Française Aéronautique et Spatiale (FR)
GIS	Geographic Information System (mapping)
GML	Geography Mark-up Language
GN	Guidance Note
GNP	Gross National Product (UK economics)
GOA	Gross Outside Area
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act of 1993
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
GPS	Global Positioning System
GPT	Green Transport Plan
GRI	Global Real Estate Institute (New York and London offices) Mutual exchange between principals in real estate + related industries.
GSA	United States General Services Administration
GSF	gross square feet
gsm	grams per square meter
GT	Georgia Tech University (USA)
HAPM	Housing Association Property Mutual / Manual (UK) Company providing risk reduction and insurance.
HAZOP	Hazard and Operability Study
H&S	Health & Safety
H&SS	Health and Safety System
HB	Healthy Buildings
HCFC	Hydrochlorofluorocarbon
HDD	Hard Disk Drive
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein
HE	Higher Education (UK)
HEDQF	Higher Education Design Quality Forum (UK)
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Air Filters
HID	High Intensity Discharge. Fast becoming one of the most widely used types of industrial and commercial lighting.
HLM	Habitation à Loyer Modéré (FR)
HMC&E	Her Majesty's Customs and Excise
HOPE	Health Optimization Protocol for Energy Efficient Buildings – European research project run by TNO

HPD	Hearing Protection Device
HQ	Headquarters
HQE	Haute Qualité Environnementale (FR)
HQE	Haute qualite environmental - a French certification environment tool
HR	Human Resources Group / Branch / Department in an organization
HSL	Human System Level
HVAC	Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
i	Interest earned by 1 Euro (or other currency) in one year at a given rate of interest percent ®
IAB	Irish Agreement Board
IaDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IAF	International Accreditation Forum (ISO)
IAI	International Alliance for Interoperability
IAP	Indoor Air Pollution
IAPS	International Association for People-Environment Studies (UK)
IAQ	Indoor Air Quality
IBC	International Building Code (single code document for the USA)
IBD	Formerly the Institute of Business Designers (now part of IIDA)
IBI	Formerly the Intelligent Buildings Institute (now defunct)
IBMS	Integrated Building Management System
IBN	Belgian Institute for Normalization
IBPE	International Building Performance Evaluation (network)
IBPSA	International Building Performance Simulation Association
IBRI	Icelandic Building Research Institute
ICBO	International Council/Conference of Building Officials (Uniform Building Code)
ICC	International Code Council (US -- Administers the IBC)
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICCPM	International Conference on Construction Project Management
ICE	Institute of Civil Engineers (UK)
ICEC	International Cost Engineering Council
ICF	Informed / Intelligent Client Function
ICF	International Centre for Facilities (Canada)
ICIS	International Construction Information Society
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ID	Identification Number
ID	Interpretative Document of the Construction Products Directive (CPD)

IDEA	the <b>I</b> mprovement <b>D</b> evelopment <b>A</b> gency (UK)
IDEFo	Integration Definition for Function Modeling
ID-IQ	Indefinite Delivery - Indefinite Quantity
IDQLI	Indefinite Delivery Quantity Line Item. Composed of small separate trade specific contracts instead of blanket contract.
IDRC	International Development Research Council (now combined with NACORE to form CoreNet)
IE	Energy Performance Regulations
i.e.	that is (id est)
IEA	International Energy Agency
IED	Improvised Explosive device
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Managers and Assessors
IEQ	Indoor Environmental Quality
IESNA	Illuminating Engineering Society of America
IET	Instituto de Ciencias de la Construcción Eduardo Torroja (Construction Science Institute Eduardo Torroja)
IFA WPCA	International Federation of Asia and Western Pacific Contractors' Association
IFCs	Industry Foundation Classes (IAI)
IFD	International Framework for Dictionaries
IFMA	International Facilities Management Association (USA)
IGLC	International Group for Lean Construction
IIDA	International Interior Design Association
IIEC	International Institute for Energy Conservation (USA)
iiSBE	International Initiative for Sustainable Built Environment
IHT	Inheritance Tax
ILO	International Labour Office
ILSA	Integrated Lighting System Assistant
IMBM	Institute of Maintenance and Building Management (UK)
IMC	International Mechanical Code (USA)
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMT	Information Measurement Theory
inc.	inclusive
Inc.	Incorporated (corporate legal status)
INREV	European Association for Investors in Non-Listed Real Estate Vehicles (institutional investors, fund managers, investment banks)
INVESTIMMO	EU project on Maintenance, Retrofitting and Refurbishment programme
IOBC	Institute of Building Control (UK)

IP	Internet Protocol
IPC	International Plumbing Code (USA)
IPC	Integrated Pollution Control (UK)
IPF	Institute of Public Finance (UK)
IPFMA	Irish Property and Facilities Management Association (subsidiary of Services Organisations)
IRCC	Institute for Research in Construction - Canada
IRCC	Inter-jurisdictional Regulatory Collaboration Committee (International membership of national Code setting organizations)
IREM	Institute for Real Estate Management (USA)
IRM	Independent Resource Mechanism
IRR	Installations Readiness Report
IRR	Internal Rate of Return
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network (USA)
ISIAQ	International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate
ISO	International Standardization Organisation
ISO/TC 59	International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee 59 – Building Construction
ISO/TC 176	International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee 176 – Quality Management and Quality Assurance
ISOP	Invitation to Submit Outline Proposals
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IStructE	Institution of Structural Engineers (UK)
IT	Information Technology
ITB	Building Research Institute (Poland)
ITBC	Information Technology and Business Continuity
ITC	Istituto per le Tecnologie della Costruzioni (Milan, Italy)
ITC	Istituto Trentino di Cultura (Trento, Italy)
ITN	Invitation to Negotiate
ITS	Information Technology System
ITT	Invitation to Tender (See also RFP)
IVM	Institut de la Ville en Mouvement (FR)
IVM	Institute of Value Management
IVSC	International Valuation Standards Committee (non-government org, member United Nations; harmonise and promote valuation standards)
JAABE	Journal of Asian Architecture and Building Engineering

JCCS	Japan Construction Classification System
JFM	Journal of Facility Management (UK)
JFMA	Japan Facility Management Association
JIT	Just-in-time
JPCF	Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities
JTEVA	Journal of Testing and Evaluation
JV	Joint Venture
K/k	thousands
KBMA	Korea Building Management Association
KBS	Knowledge Based System
Kbps	Kilobytes per second
KC	Knight Cornell factor
KER	Key Estate Ratio (UK)
KPI	Key Performance Indicator (Measure - Analyse - Improve - Control)
KTI	Finnish Institute of Real Estate Economics (independent university-linked research institute)
KVA	Kilovolts per annum
kWh	kilo Watt hours
LAN	Local Area Network
LBG	Learning Building Group (UK)
LBNL	Lawrence Berkeley Lab
LCA	Life Cycle Analysis
LCA	Life Cycle Assessment
LCC	Life Cycle Costs or Life Cycle Costing
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LCI	Lean Construction Institute
LCIA	Life Cycle Impact Assessment
LCM	Life Cycle Management
LCR	Land Condition Report
LDI	Low Density Lipoprotein
LEAD	Leadership for Environment and Development (USA) (a global network of people and organizations committed to sustainable development)
LEC	Local Enterprise Companies
LED	Light Emitting Diode

LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (USA) (environmental rating system)
LEP	Light emitting polymers
LexiCon	Dictionary structure created by STABU - The Dutch foundation responsible for the main standard in the Building Industry
LGA	Local Government Association (UK)
LGFA	Local Government Finance Act (UK)
LGTF	Local Government Task Force (UK)
LNE	Laboratoire National d'Essais (FR)
LOGS	Logistics
LPCB	Loss Prevention Certification Body (UK, insurer, part of BRE Certification)
Ltd.	Limited (corporate legal status)
LUX	Unit of illumination = 1 lumen / sq/m or .0929 ft candles
m	metre(s)
M	million
M&E	Mechanical and Engineering
Mb	Megabytes
MBR	Model Based Reasoning
Mbs	Megabytes per second
mBOMB	Model Based Operations and Maintenance of Buildings
MCA	Multi-Criteria Analysis
MCDA	Multi Criteria Decision Analysis enables a decision, taking account of conflicting management objectives
MDI	Mission Dependency Index
MEAT	Most Economically Advantageous Tender
Mhz	Mega hertz (unit of frequency)
MEP	Mechanical Electrical Plumbing
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
METL	Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports et du Logement
MFD	Multi-functional Devices
MIIP	Municipal Infrastructure Investment Planning
MIDEM	<b>M</b> arché <b>I</b> nternational du <b>D</b> isque et de la <b>M</b> usique
MIMOSA	<b>M</b> achinery <b>I</b> nformation <b>M</b> anagement <b>O</b> pen <b>S</b> ystems <b>A</b> lliance
MIPIM	<b>M</b> arché <b>I</b> nternational des <b>P</b> rofessionnels de l' <b>I</b> Mmobilier
MIS	Management information systems
MLIT	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure & Transport

MLV	Mortgage Lending Value
MMC	Modern Methods of Construction (UK)
MMI	Man-Machine Interface
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOP	Memory Organization Pattern
MOPS	Measured - Observed - Perceived - Simulated (POE performance measures)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
MTA	Mid-Term Assessment (EU term for review half-way through a project)
MWD	Ministry of Works and Development (New Zealand)
NACORE	National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives (now combined with IDRC forming CoreNet)
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NAIR	National Arrangements for Incidents involving Radioactivity
NAPA	National Academy of Public Administration (USA)
NAR	National Association of Realtors (USA)
NAS	Newly Associated States (of Europe) (13 join CIB from Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBC	National Building Code (BOCA, International, U.S.A)
NBI	Norwegian Building Research+B286 Institute
NBN	National Belgian Standard
NBRI	National Building Research Institute (Israel)
NBS	National Building Standards (UK)
NBS	National Bureau of Standards (now known as NIST) (USA)
NCCTP	Network of Construction Collaboration Technology Providers (UK)
NCIDQ	National Council for Interior Design Qualification (USA)
NCS	National CAD Standard (USA)
NCSBCS	National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (USA)
NDP	National Development Programme (Ireland) improvement of National Infrastructure
NEC	National Electrical Code (USA)
NECA	National Electrical Contractors Association (USA)
NEHRP	National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Programme (USA)
NEN	Norm (or standard) (The Netherlands)

NES	National Evaluation Service (USA)
NFPA	National Fire Protection Agency (USA)
nga	net grant-equivalent
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NIA	Net Internal Area (UK)
NIBS	National Institute for Building Sciences (USA)
NIH	National Institutes of Health (USA)
NIH	Not Invented Here
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (USA)
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology (formally NBS) (USA)
NKB	Nordic Committee on Building Regulations (formulated the Nordic Model of conceptual approach to performance codes)
NLA	Net Lettable Area (UK)
NNDRM	National Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier (UK)
NOA	Net Occupiable Area (UK)
NOPA	New Office Promotion Association. Japanese trade organization sponsored by US Ministry of International trade and industry
NORAD	North American Air Defense (Treaty)
NPBA	National Pre-fabricated Building Association (UK)
NPV	Net Present Value
NRA	Net Rental Area (UK)
NRC	Noise Reduction Coefficient
NRCC-IRC	National Research Council of Canada - Institute for Research in Construction
NSERC	National Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada
NUA	Net Useable Area
NUS	National University of Singapore
NZBC	New Zealand Building Code
NZIA	New Zealand Institute of Architects
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OA	Office Automation
OB	Optimism Bias
oBIX	Open Building Information Xchange
OCCS	Overall Construction Classification System, now known as Omni Construction Classification System (see also JCCS) - IAI/CSI Committee
OCR	Optical Character Reader
OCSD	Oxford Center for Sustainable Development

ODBMS	Object Database Management Systems
OECD	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFSTED	UK Office for Standards in Education
OGC	Office of Government Commerce (UK)
OGC	Open Geospatial Consortium
OH and P	Overheads and Profits
OIS	Optical Information System
OJ	Official Journal
OJEC	(Supplement to) the Official Journal of the European Communities
OJEU	As OJEC above
OL	Organizational Learning
OM	Organizational Memory
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (USA)
OMNICLASS	Classification developed by the IAI/CSI OCCS committee (SEE also OCCS)
OMSI	Operation and Maintenance System Information
ONS	Office for National Statistics (UK)
OPAC	Public Office of Concerted Development
OPN	Office Productivity Network (UK)
OPS	Operations
OPS	Office of Pipeline Safety (USA)
OSCRE	Open Standards Consortium for Real Estate
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
OSP	Off-Site Production
pa	per annum
P&RTC	Physical and Recreational Training Centre
PABX	Private Automatic Branch Exchange
PA	Performance Assessment
PAM	Performance Assessment Method
PAMPeR	Portfolio and Asset Management Performance Requirements (IAI project)
PAMPeR/ED	Early Design Phase of PAMPeR project
PAPER	People and Physical Environment Research (Australasia) (cited in Kernohan et al participatory evaluation)
PB	Performance Based approach
PBB	Performance Based Buildings Concept
PBBCS	Performance Based Building Codes and Standards
PBD	Performance Based Design

PBX	Private Branch Exchange. A sophisticated digital computer linking the corporation to the public switched telephone network.
PC	Personal Computer
PCIB	Performance Concept In Building
PCSCB	President's Commission to Study Capital Budgeting (USA)
PCRD	Programme Cadre de Recherche Développement (de la Communauté européenne)
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant products. Hand held devices combining features of personal computer, electronic notepad etc.
PDAA	Penn Design Alumni Association
PDE	Product Data Exchange
PDF	Extension for Acrobat file format
PDF	Probability Density Function
PDT	Product Data Technology
PE	Professional Engineer
PeBBu	Performance Based Buildings Network
PeBBuCo	Performance Based Buildings, Compendium of Statements of Requirement
Perp	Perpetuity
PERT	Program Evaluation Review Technique
PEST	<b>P</b> olitical, <b>E</b> conomic, <b>S</b> ociological, and <b>T</b> echnological
PFI	Private Finance Initiative (UK)
PIA	Professional Interest Area (of American Institute of Architects)
PIP	Product Introduction Package
PI	Performance Indicator
PII	Professional Indemnity Insurance
PLEA	Passive and Low Energy Architecture International
PLI	Public Liability Insurance
PLM	Product Life Cycle Management
PM	Product Modelling
PMS	Product Model Server
PM4D	Product Model 4D
PMI	Project Management Institute (USA)
PMV	Predicted Mean Vote
POE	Post Occupancy Evaluation
PPD	Percentage of People Dissatisfied
PPD	Predicted Percentage of Dis-satisfied
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment

PPG	Planning Policy Guidance (UK)
ppm	Parts per Million
PPM	Planned Preventive Management
PPP	Public Private Partnership (UK)
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PPS	Belgian Public Private Co-operation (similar to pfi and ppp in the UK)
PPS	Predicted Percentage of Satisfied
PPT	Power Point software
PQQ	Pre-Qualification Questionnaire
PR	Public Relations
PROBE	Post Occupancy Review of Buildings and their Engineering (UK study 1995-2002)
PRV	Plant Replacement Value
PRV	Present Replacement Value
PSIB	Process and Systems Innovation Programme for the Building Industry – a large scale programme aimed at industry change (Netherlands)
PSM	Performance System Model
PSS	Product Service Systems
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
PTM	Performance Test Methods (which simulate Performance in use - from CIB Report 64)
PTPT	Point-to-Point-Tunnelling (protocol)
PWGSC	Public Works and Government Services Canada
PWS	Performance Work Statement
QA	Quality Assurance
QBS	Quality Based Selection
QC	Quality Control
QFD	Quality Function Deployment. A methodology that interprets, ranks needs, details future requirements and provides focused plan. (UK)
QMF	Quality Managed Facilities
QMP	Quality Management Principles
QMS	Quality Mark Scheme (UK) Scheme to combat cowboy builders.
QMS	Quality Management System
QWL	Quality of Working Life
R	Rate of Interest = the amount earned by 100 (currency) in one year

R&A	Renovations/Repairs and Alterations
R&D	Research and Development
RAKLI	Finnish Association of Building Owners and Construction Clients
RDA	Regional Development Agency (UK)
Regs	Regulations
REIT	Real Estate Investment Trust
REN	Real Estate Norm (The Netherlands)
Reval	Revaluation
RFP	Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Tender
RFQ	Request for Qualification
RGD	Rijksgebouwendienst - Dutch Government Buildings Agency - See also GBA, VROM
RIBA	Royal Institute of British Architects
RIC	Risk Identification and Control Mapping - RIC Maps
RICS	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (UK)
RILEM	International Union of Laboratories and Experts in Construction Materials, Systems and Structures
RILEM	Reunion Internationale des Laboratoires d'Essais et de recherche sur les Matériaux et les Constructions
Rol	Return on Investment
RM	Requirements Management
RM	Risk Management
RMIT	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
RMS	Repetitive Motion Syndromes
RR	Recapitalization Rate
RSA	Regional Selective Assistance (UK)
RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury
RSL	Remaining Service Life
RSLC	Reference Service Life of a Component
RTC	Resolution Trust Corporation. A US federal agency charged with disposing of all the real estate assets of troubled financial institutions
RTD	Research and Technical Development
RV	Rateable Value
SABLE	Simple Access to Building Lifecycle Exchange
SAM	Strategic Assessment Model
SAMIS	Strategic Asset Management Information System (Australia)

SAP	Standard Accounting Practice
SAP	Standard Assessment Procedure (Energy prediction calculation for compliance with Building Regulations UK)
SAPOA	South Africa Property Owners Association
SBC	Standard Building Code (a "model code" -- U.S.)
SBCCI	Southern Building Code Congress International - Standard Building Code (USA)
SBI	Danish Building and Urban Research Institute (see DBUR above)
SBP	Strategic Business Plan
SBPPE	Strategic Building Performance Planning and Evaluation
SBR	Foundation for Building Research, Rotterdam, Netherlands Ir. Koss Johanés
SBS	Sick Building Syndrome
SCALA	Society of Chief Architects of Local Authorities (UK)
SCC	Standing Committee for Construction of the European Communities
SCI	System Condition Index (derived from BCCI)
SCRI	Salford Centre for Research and Innovation
SDRT	Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (UK)
SECO	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (Switzerland)
SEP	Supplier Evaluation Process
SEPA	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
SETRA	Service d'Etudes Techniques des Routes et Autoroutes (FR)
SFB	Strategic Facilities Brief
SfB	Swedish Classification system, of which NI/SfB and CI/SFB are Netherlands and UK translations
SFP	Strategic Facility Plan. An active framework to help understand the future requirements for the facility.
SFP	Strategic Facilities Planning
SFPE	Society of Fire Professional Engineers
SGML	Standard Generalized Mark-up Language
SHRM	Society for Human Resource Management (UK)
SI	Sustainability Index
SIA	Security Industry Authority (UK)
SII	Standardization Institute of Israel
SIPA	Scandinavian International Property Association (represents largest most important property investors in Nordic property markets)
SKr	Swedish Krona
SL	service life

SLA	Service Level Agreement
SLB	Service Level Brief
SLC	Service Level Commitment
SLM	System Life Cycle Management
SLP	Service Life Planning
SMDS	Switched Multi-rate Data Service
SME	Structural Mechanical Electrical
SMM	Standard Method of Measurement
SoR	Statement of Requirements
SoTA	State of The Art (CIB PeBBu Project)
SPC	Statistical Process Control. Uses simple statistical techniques to determine if a process is in control and meeting its upper and lower limits.
SPF	Swedish Property Federation
SPICE	Structured Process Improvement Tool for Construction
SPR	Statement of Performance Requirements
SPRM	Supplier Performance and Relationship Management
SPRW	Syndicat des Propriétaires ruraux en Region Wallone (Belgium)
SPV	Special Purpose Vehicle
sq	square
sq ft	square foot
SQL	Structured Query Language
SR	Sustainment Rate
SSAP	Statement of Standard Accounting Practice
SSBAIF	Service Spécial des Bases Aériennes d'Ile-de-France (FR)
ST	Socio-Technical
STABU	Standaard Bestek Utiliteitsbouw
ST&M®	Serviceability, Tools & Methods® (Canada)
STC	Sound Transmission Coefficient
STEP	<b>S</b> tandard for the <b>E</b> xchange of <b>P</b> roduct model data
SUDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems (UK)
SUI	Space Utilization Index
SUP	Sustainable Urban Planning
SWOT	<b>S</b> trengths - <b>W</b> eaknesses - <b>O</b> pportunities - <b>T</b> hreats
TAG	Technical Advisory Group -- ISO related Group in member countries
TC	Technical Committee at ISO, CIB-PeBBu, ASTM, etc.
TC	Thermal Comfort

TCO	Total Cost of Ownership
TEGoVA	The European Group of Valuers' Associations (aim to set harmonised standards of valuation and appraisal practice) (Belgium)
TFM	Today's Facility Manager (magazine) (USA)
TFM	Total Facilities Management
TFT	Thin Film Transistor
TG	Task Group (ASTM, CIB)
TGD	Technical Guidance Document (Ireland)
TIA	Teachers in Architecture (UK)
TIN	Technical Information Notes (part of Belgian Building Regulations)
TIP	Technological Implementation Plan (EU)
TNO	Building and Construction Research (The Netherlands)
TOC	Table of Contents
TOC	Total Ownership Cost
TQM	Total Quality Management
TRADA	Timber Research and Development Association (UK)
TUS	Time Utilization Studies
TV	Television
Tx	Thanks
UBAAtc	Belgian Union for Technical Approval
UBC	Uniform Building Code (a "model" code)
UBR	Uniform Business Rate
UBT	Usable Buildings Trust
UEAtc	Union Européene pour l'agrément technique
UEPC	European Union of Developers and House Builders
UFGS	Unified Federal Guide Specifications (USA)
UICB	International Union of Building Centres
UK	United Kingdom
ULI	Urban Land Institute (objective information on urban planning, growth and development, educational and research institute) (USA)
ULI Europe	Urban Land Institute - Committed to bring timely and informative programmes to whole development community in Europe (Belgium)
UMIST	University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UK)
UML	Unified Modeling Language
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telephone Service
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFOHLM	Union Nationale des Fédération d'Organismes HLM (FR)
UNI	Italian National Standards body - Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione UNIFORMAT II NIST publication NISTR 6389, Elemental Classification for Building Systems (Standardized as ASTM E1557-05) (USA)
UNSFA	Union Nationale des Syndicats Français d'Architectes (FR)
UoS	University of Strathclyde (UK, Scotland)
UPC	L'Union Professionnelle du Credit (Belgium)
UPS	Uninterrupted Power Supply
USA	United States of America
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USGBC	United States Green Building Council
USPI-NL	Uitgebreid Samenwerkingsverband Procesindustrie, Nederland (Netherlands)
UWWTD	Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (European)
VAT	Value Added Tax
VAV	Variable Air Volume (air conditioning unit)
VE	Value Engineering
VE	Virtual Enterprise
VDT	Visual Display Terminal
VDU	Visual Display Unit
VHM	Flemish Society for Social Housing (Belgium)
VHM	Vlaamse H uisvestingsmaatschappij (Belgium)
VM	Value Management
VM	Virtual Model
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds. Indoor air pollutants.
VOIP	Voice Over Internet Protocol
VPN	Virtual Private Network
VR	Virtual Reality
VROM	Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment
VTT	Technical Research Centre of Finland
VUW	Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)
W	Working Commission (CIB)
WAN	Wide Area Network
WAP	Wireless Application Protocol

WB	The World Bank Group
WBS	Work Breakdown Structure
WBDG	Whole Building Design Guide at NIBS (USA)
WC/wc	Water Closet
WD	Working Draft (ISO)
WDV	Written Down Value
WFTAO	World Federation of Technical Assessment Organizations
WG	Work Group (ISO)
WLC	Whole Life Costing
WLCF	Whole Life Cost Forum (UK)
WLCM	Whole Life Cycle Management
WLP	Work Life Performance
WLV	Whole Life Value
WORM	Write Once Read Many
WPL	workplace Parking Levy (UK)
WTO	World Trade Organization
XML	eXtensible Mark-up Language
YP	Year's purchase
ZAG	Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute