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Independent cost information
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Get in touch if you'd like to discuss how BCIS could help you. We'd be happy to provide demonstrations of our online services and we offer free seven-day trials for several of them.

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Cost information underpins every aspect of the built environment, from construction and rebuilding to maintenance and operation.

BCIS, the RICS' Building Cost Information Service, is the leading provider of cost information to the construction industry and anyone else who needs comprehensive, accurate and independent data.

For the past 45 years, we have been collecting, collating, analysing, modelling and interpreting cost information. Today, we make that information easily accessible through our online applications, data licensing and publications.

People in many capacities – both professional and personal – regularly rely on our information. Quantity surveyors use BCIS data to give early cost advice, to budget and benchmark projects and to prepare life cycle cost plans. Insurers use our rebuilding cost data to quote more accurate and competitive premiums for buildings insurance. Even consumers use the books we publish to help plan and budget for home improvements.

The reputation of BCIS' independent cost information is unrivalled. Our subscribers see our information as business critical. They stay with us year after year and are regularly joined by new users. Our data is used by consultants, clients and contractors to produce specific estimates for option appraisals, early cost advice, cost planning, reinstatement costs, benchmarking, whole life costing, facilities and maintenance budgeting. What's more, we're increasingly being called on by government bodies and private developers to deliver bespoke research and consultancy projects.

If you're not familiar with our services, this guide will give you a brief overview. If you're already a BCIS user, read on to find out how else we can support you. **All our products and services can be found on our website, www.bcis.co.uk**

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BCIS construction data is used by consultants, clients and contractors to produce specific estimates for option appraisals, early cost advice, cost planning and benchmarking.

Our historic data goes back 45 years, while our forecasts will help you plan for the next five years.

Cost information – online and in print

The *BCIS Online* database includes details of 16,000 projects, together with their tender costs. We also provide the latest resource cost data (both online and through price books), which is invaluable in producing fast, accurate estimates. If you need cost information, at whatever level, we have a service that meets your needs. To try *BCIS Online* free for seven days, visit www.bcis.co.uk/freetrial

eTendering

In addition, we deliver the *RICS eTendering* service, a more cost-effective and sustainable solution than traditional paper based tendering. Visit www.ricsetendering.com to find out more.

For a full list of our construction cost services, visit www.bcis.co.uk





Our benchmarking data – covering maintenance and operation costs such as cleaning, energy consumption and administrative costs – has long been relied on by property professionals.

It provides a sound basis for early life cycle cost advice and the development of life cycle cost plans. Increasingly, this data is taking on a new importance as the industry places more emphasis on sustainability and whole life costs.

Sustainable development

We are committed to encouraging sustainable development and have recently worked with BSI (British Standards Institution) to develop the construction industry's first standardised method of life cycle costing for construction procurement. This is set to have a major impact on all future construction procurement as clients focus more on setting accurate budgets that optimise their life cycle costs, from both a whole life value and sustainable development perspective. To make their buildings more sustainable, they need to know more than the initial cost of the building. They need to know the total cost of their investment.

We provide a number of services to support life cycle cost planning and budgeting for building maintenance, including the *BCIS Building Running Costs Online* service. For a free seven-day trial, visit www.bcis.co.uk/freetrial

To see a full list of our maintenance and life cycle cost publications, visit www.bcis.co.uk



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Our rebuilding and reinstatement cost data is an essential resource for many surveyors, valuers and insurance professionals, both in setting insurance premiums and calculating depreciated replacement cost valuations.

BCIS Rebuild Online

With instant online access, *BCIS Rebuild Online*, our independent residential reinstatement cost data is a valuable resource for chartered surveyors in calculating accurate reinstatement cost assessments (RCAs) for insurance purposes. For a free seven-day trial to *BCIS Rebuild Online*, visit www.bcis.co.uk/freetrial.

Barrett Corp and Harrington (BCH) use *BCIS Rebuild Online* as part of its data sourcing in the preparation of Reinstatement Cost Assessments for insurance purposes (RCAs). Martyn Barrett, Director of BCH says: *"The quality of the data and elemental structure which the BCIS services have at their core is recognised throughout the insurance, loss adjusting and valuation professions when producing RCAs and advising their customers."*

Residential Rebuilding Cost Look-Up Service

Inconsistent and inaccurate rebuilding costs are an on-going concern for the insurance sector. They result in significant variations in premiums, which are extremely confusing for insurance buyers. The *BCIS Residential Rebuilding Cost Look-up Service* alleviates this problem. Our industry-standard tool ensures robust, consistent and validated rebuilding costs and lets insurers obtain instant, real-time estimates. *The BCIS Notional Rebuilding Cost Matrix* plays a significant part in enabling insurers to quote a more accurate and competitive premium for buildings insurance.

For full details, visit www.bcisrisksolutions.com or please contact Matthew Newsome, BCIS Consultant at mnewsome@bcis.co.uk





At BCIS, we offer more than just information services – we provide consultancy and research support to clients from both the public and private sector.

Research and consultancy services

Our services include measuring price movement, benchmarking, market research, statistical analysis, forecasting and impact studies. At the core of these services is our ability and experience in collecting, modelling, analysing and interpreting data.

Our list of clients includes the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), the Scottish Government, Defence Estates, Construction Skills, Association of British Insurers, the Housing Corporation, the Brick Development Association and Rail Link Engineering.

To discuss your research and consultancy needs, please contact Joe Martin, Executive Director at jmartin@bcis.co.uk

Training

Our practical programme of seminars, delivered by acknowledged experts, brings you topical and relevant information on current issues and problems, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to tackle the challenges you meet on a daily basis. Visit www.bcis.co.uk/events for details of forthcoming events.

We can also deliver a product training programme at your place of work, tailored to your individual needs. BCIS subscribers often call on our training services to make sure their teams are fully aware of how to access and use BCIS data.

To discuss the options, please contact Stuart Fear, Senior Sales Manager at sfear@bcis.co.uk

International

BCIS also publishes survey-based international cost information. We have a growing market in providing consultancy to organisations outside the UK and we are currently developing new services in response.

To discuss your data needs or to explore opportunities, please contact Andrew Thompson, International Development and Data Director at athompson@bcis.co.uk



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