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As Vice President at NIBS, he manages a program concerned with incorporating a large number of design and construction criteria on a web-based and optical compact disc (CD-ROM) system. This system, the Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) and Construction Criteria Base (CCB) is an innovative concept in information use in the construction industry. It is the first such system in the construction industry and its growth has been dramatic. The system presently has over 170,000 users and 1,000,000 document downloads on a monthly basis, involves over 15 federal agencies and has become the sole portal for the distribution of uniform facility criteria for the military services. The NIBS Consultative Council, the International Alliance for Interoperability (IAI), the Buildings and Mold Alliance (BMA), the Facility Information Council (FIC), the National CAD Standard, the National BIM Standard, the Building Enclosure Technology and Environmental Council (BETEC) and Facility Maintenance and Operations Committee (FMOC) are under his direction.

Mr. Kennett also presently manages a number of technical programs including contracts with the Department of Veterans Affairs, NASA, the Department of Energy; the Department of Defense, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Air Force and the General Services Administration.

Before coming to NIBS Mr. Kennett was Administrator for Research at the American Institute of Architects, where he managed various large and complex building research projects including managing the development of the energy professional development program for the American Institute of Architects, which was the largest individual program the AIA had embarked upon.

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