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Shaping What's Next:

Insights from IBEW 2026



The International Built Environment Week (IBEW) 2026 brought the built environment community together to explore what's next for the industry. Under the theme "Empowering People, Accelerating Intelligence," the event showcased technologies, ideas and strategies driving transformation across the sector. SGBC also hosted a full-day seminar exploring how data, design and decarbonisation are coming together to shape the future of our built environment.

Beyond the discussions and showcases, IBEW 2026 also marked several important developments for the sector, including the next phase of research and innovation

funding, as well as new standards and frameworks such as BCA Green Mark Version 7 and the Site Supervision Firm (SSF) Accreditation Scheme.



New Initiatives to Accelerate Built Environment Transformation

At the International Built Environment Week (IBEW) 2026 Opening Ceremony, Minister for National Development Mr Chee Hong Tat announced the next phase of research and innovation funding to accelerate the built environment sector's transformation as well as the strengthening of industry standards to raise the bar for sustainability and quality.

Firstly, the [Cities of Tomorrow \(CoT\) R&D Programme](#) and [Built Environment Technology Alliance \(BETA\) Catalyst Programme](#) secured an additional \$112 million in Funding Initiatives (FIs) for the next five years to drive the next bound of R&I in four key areas to align with Singapore's latest priorities.

Secondly, a refreshed BCA Green Mark Version 7 was launched (more details below). Lastly, there will be a new Site Supervision Firm (SSF) Accreditation Scheme for site supervision firms by the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC). This will be a mandatory requirement for firms to be licensed by BCA to provide the site supervision services for large-scale structural works projects.

[Full press release —](#)

[Details on the Funding Initiatives —](#)

GREEN MARK Version 7



Green Mark Version 7 launched to Accelerate Singapore's Decarbonisation Goals

GM v7 marks a new chapter in the nation's journey towards a more sustainable built environment. The new framework introduces key enhancements to accelerate decarbonisation of the built environment in support of Singapore's broader climate commitments, while also adopting a pro-business approach in alignment with evolving global sustainability trends.

Key changes include:

- Standalone BCA Energy Rating
- New SLE70 tier
- Streamlined requirements and certification processes
- Alternative cooling technologies recognised under energy section
- Portfolio Certification
- Extended 5-year validity for eligible projects demonstrating sustained energy performance

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[GM v7 FAQ —](#)



New initiatives to Support the Quantity Surveyors (QS) and enhance Qualified Persons' (QP) regulatory competencies

New initiatives were announced on 4 Sept. 2026 to strengthen Singapore's Built Environment (BE) capabilities and support BE professionals to deliver on Singapore's ambitious development plans.

Following the establishment of the QS Workgroup in February, the workgroup has conducted engagements and developed recommendations around three priorities:

- Attracting talent into the Quantity Surveying profession
- Developing and Retaining Quantity Surveying Professionals
- Enhancing the Business Sustainability of Quantity Surveying Firms

In addition, the Board of Architects (BOA) and Professional Engineers Board (PEB), together with regulatory agencies, are exploring a more systematic approach to support QPs in keeping pace with evolving regulatory requirements. This could include closer monitoring of the quality of QP submissions and efforts to develop QPs' competencies. More details will be provided.

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BCA Awards 2026: Celebrating Industry Excellence

The BCA Awards are an annual accolade recognising excellence across Singapore's Built Environment (BE) sector and showcases outstanding achievements by firms, individuals and projects across various domains.

At the IBEW 2026 BCA Industry and Awards Dinner, we celebrated this year's winners of the Company of the Year Award and Project of the Year Award, recognising their contributions to raising standards and driving innovation in Singapore's BE sector.

Congratulations once again to all our winners!

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[More details on BCA Awards —](#)

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Upcoming SGBC Events



18 SEP 2026, CPD SEMINAR

SGBC Seminar: Designing for Health and Climate

This SGBC Seminar, supported by SGBC Member Knauf Insulation Singapore Pte Ltd, brings together industry experts to examine how building design in tropical climates can support healthier, more comfortable and energy-efficient indoor environments.

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