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Project Director: Dr. Daniel Halpin
Sponsor: National Science Foundation

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REstrictions
See Attached NSF Supplemental Information Sheet for Additional Requirements.

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Equipment: Title vests with GIT; however, none is proposed

COMMENTS:
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Advance number assigned for $750.00. (See attached)

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Grant/Contract Closeout Actions Remaining:

- Final Invoice or Final Fiscal Report
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**PART II—SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROJECT (FOR PUBLIC USE)**

On the basis of a long standing cultural and scientific exchange agreement between Hungary and the United States, the US National Science Foundation and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences agreed to organize in Hungary a scientific seminar on the efficient use of computing techniques for construction.

The seminar was held 17 - 22 September 1984 in Rackeves near Budapest. The purpose of the seminar was to reveal the opportunities available for effective use of computer in construction with particular emphasis on the emerging impact of the mini- and microcomputers in the construction field.

The joint seminar was organized by Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta) on the US side and the Institute for Building Economy and Organization (EGSZI) on the Hungarian side. The project leader on the US side was Prof. Daniel W. Halpin and on the Hungarian side, Dr. Miklos Kecskes, Deputy Manager of EGSZI.

The proceedings of the seminar have been published in the publication "The Use of Computers in the Construction Industry - Experience in the USA and in Hungary", Budapest, 1985.

**PART III—TECHNICAL INFORMATION (FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT USES)**

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RESULTS

Project Title: Seminar Computers in Construction

NSF Grant: INT - 8407672

The purpose of this seminar was to examine the existing state of the use of computers in the construction industry and identify areas where break-throughs in both the hardware and software aspects of computer development can be best exploited in the management of construction. A large number of techniques based on advanced theoretical concepts have been implemented on computers. The problem which is central to the use of computers in the construction industry is how these advanced computer techniques can best be made accessible to practitioners - the practicing construction professional. Many of these techniques such as simulation, queuing theory, resource allocation and linear and dynamic programming were developed originally in the area of Operations Research. Others such as data based management concepts have evolved as a natural part of the development of computer software. The present state of computer technology makes various types of computing capabilities available to construction management. In addition, a new family of computers with many of the capabilities of the large "main frame" computers of 10 years ago have become available with the widespread availability of the microprocessor. These so-called "micro-computers" make it possible to implement many advanced techniques at the job site on small portable and in expensive systems. Such techniques required, in the past, large main frame computers and time consuming job
turn-around. Microcomputers are accessible to the practitioner at the job site since they have a cost in the range of $2000 to $10,000. Mini-computers in the $15,000 to $500,000 range also make it possible to analyze large and complex problems requiring faster computational speed and large and complex data bases which previously could only be accomodated on large and expensive multi-million dollar main-frame computers. The development of the mini- and microcomputer will have far reaching effects on the organization and management of construction both in the US and in technologically developing countries such as Hungary.

This seminar focused on the impact of new advances in computers on the organization and management of construction in a public construction environment such as that administered by EGSZI in Hungary and by state level agencies involved in construction in the US. Emphasis was placed on the means by which advanced management techniques such as those mentioned above can be better implemented in support of public construction works. The following topics were addressed and discussed in detail:

(1) The use of computers in the construction industry for the:
   (a) Development of Estimates, Billings, and labor and materials requirements;
   (b) Scheduling and Control of Projects:
   (c) Control of Procurement and Materials Management

(2) Structure, content and Management of Construction Data Bases

(3) Role of Computers in Job Site Management

(4) Computer-aided Design
PUBLICATION CITATIONS

(All of the citations below are contained in the Conference Proceedings "The Use of Computers in the Construction Industry - Experiences in the USA and in Hungary," Budapest, 1985.)

DR. ARPAD KOVACS
The present situation and tasks of the Hungarian building industry

LASZLO ARNOLD
Date base system development for construction companies

LAJOS BANK - DR. GABOR NEUWIRTH
Computer science in university education

DR. KATALIN BERGIDA - DR. ANTAL ORBAN
A brief review computer aided capital project management system

LEONARD E. BERNOLD
Integration of project and process scheduling

K.C. CRANDALL
Hardware selection criteria for a company level estimating system

SANDOR CSEPES
Computer aided production control system at HAEV

DR. JANOS DENES
The nation-wide computerized data base of the Hungarian construction industry

LEROY Z. EMKIN - DAVID B. GREEN
GTICES concepts - a modern system approach

DR. MIKLOS GROSZ
Civil engineering and computer-aided in the Institute for Building Economy and Organization (EGSZI)

DANIEL W. HALPIN
Impact of small computers on the practice of construction in the U.S.

FERENC HAVAS
Computer-aided design in Hungary

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Norms and standards in the construction process
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EGSZI in computerization of the construction industry

ROBERT M. LYNES
Construction data requirements - the client's viewpoint

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Management information and control system MECS
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Data requirements for automated generation of construction documents

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