

Dear Valued PowerDraft Users:

Infrastructure design and project requirements continue to evolve in our increasingly connected world. While PowerDraft was initially conceived to fill in the gaps left by AutoCAD, MicroStation CONNECT Edition provides capabilities such as 3D modeling, advanced batch processing, and photorealistic visualizations not seen in PowerDraft that are needed to win business and drive better project outcomes. 2D workflows remain critical, but over time, they must be optimized and automated to meet the increasing requirements for efficiencies in infrastructure projects.

MicroStation has stood the test of time and is now used by 90% of the ENR top 250 engineering firms. Its DGN file format is the gold standard for infrastructure design, trusted by leading infrastructure owner-operators. Users of MicroStation are well-positioned to deliver modern infrastructure projects and can easily collaborate with BIM open modeling applications and digital twins to support evolving requirements with common user interfaces and seamless file interoperability, unlike anything else on the market. To better serve this changing environment, Bentley's CAD team is focusing our resources on advancing the capabilities of MicroStation, *the* CAD application for infrastructure.

As a result, Bentley will no longer be releasing new feature updates to PowerDraft. PowerDraft will also no longer be available for purchase or portfolio balancing.

PowerDraft Support Update

PowerDraft will move from Continuous Support to Full Support **effective immediately**. It will move to Expiring Support status beginning **December 31, 2022** and then Support Discontinued status beginning **December 31, 2023**. For an explanation of these support categories, please refer to the [Bentley Desktop Application Support Policy](#).

Convert your PowerDraft license 1:1 for MicroStation license through December 31, 2022

As a user of PowerDraft, and a valued SELECT subscriber, we are offering attractive financial incentives to help you realize the benefits of MicroStation. Until **December 31, 2022**, licenses of PowerDraft can be converted 1:1 for licenses of MicroStation. **This will double the value of your investment of PowerDraft licenses.**

To provide the maximum continuity for your business while also allowing you the opportunity to benefit from the growing capabilities of MicroStation, we are providing the following flexible options for license conversion:

- **Convert Automatically at your next renewal:** At your next renewal, your perpetual PowerDraft licenses will default to automatic conversion 1:1 for perpetual licenses of MicroStation.

or

- **Select a custom conversion date:** You may choose to time your conversion outside of your upcoming renewal; however, the 1:1 conversion offer is only available until **December 31, 2022**. You can contact selectrenewal@bentley.com to initiate the conversion prior to your renewal.

When selecting a date, please consider that any PowerDraft licenses remaining after December 31, 2023 will be converted to MicroStation without the benefit of the 1:1 offer in your subsequent renewal. **We encourage you to act now to benefit from this valuable offer.**

Term Licenses

We realize that your application mix will vary during the transition. Under normal circumstances, this could result in term license charges; however, to ensure a smooth transition, term licenses for both MicroStation and PowerDraft will be suppressed for both the quarter you convert and the subsequent quarter to facilitate your rollout.

SELECT fees

You will be responsible for MicroStation SELECT fees at the time of conversion. Please be aware that the SELECT fee for PowerDraft has been increased by 25% for 2022. To gain the most value from your application mix, we encourage you to convert as soon as you can and begin to benefit from MicroStation's more robust capabilities.

To help guide you through the transition, our User Success and technical support teams are available to work with you.

In addition to the financial incentives, our User Success and technical support teams will work closely with you to help your users transition to and leverage the power of MicroStation today and in the future. The User Success team stands ready to provide:

- Assistance in communication and installation strategies.
- Reviews of MicroStation's unique functionality (e.g., photorealistic visualization, batch processing, and 3D modeling).
- Reviews of 2D workflows to leverage recent and future MicroStation updates. For example: better ways to manage change more efficiently and automate your 2D and 3D production workflows, ensuring project delivery on time and within budget, and investments in your productivity such as the plotting performance improvements available with [MicroStation Update 16](#).

We have prepared the linked [FAQ](#) to answer your questions and maximize the benefits to your organization.

We're excited to help you leverage the increased opportunities that MicroStation will bring to your business including helping you improve the productivity of your infrastructure CAD team.