2020 Design-Build Conference & Expo
October 28-30, 2020 | National Harbor, MD
(just outside of Washington, DC)

Share your Design-Build expertise at the 2020 Design-Build Conference & Expo

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 28, 2020

With more than 2,000+ industry professionals spanning the architecture, engineering and construction communities including both new and experienced design-build Owners in attendance, the annual Design-Build Conference & Expo offers unparalleled and exclusive access to the largest national gathering of the year for the design-build market.

We are looking for experienced, knowledgeable, and well-spoken industry experts to highlight key aspects of design-build project delivery including, but not limited to best practices, lessons learned, noted challenges, strategies to achieving optimal outcomes, and emerging trends.

Although there is no restriction on topics to be submitted, the following are recommended areas of focus.

1. **Owner Processes, Tools and Strategies** for Making the Design-Build Decision
2. **Procuring Design-Build Services** *(topics ranging from RFQ/RFP development through innovative financing techniques)*
3. Strategies and Techniques for Achieving **Design Excellence in Design-Build**
4. **Risk Management/Contracting** for Design-Build Services *(including incentive contracting and risk assessment/allocation/sharing)*
5. **Effective Teaming**, Collaboration and Integration Techniques and Practices *(team structure, integration of key trades)*
6. **Executing the Delivery** of Design-Build Projects
7. The **Flexibility of Design-Build** *(how variations including Best-Value, Progressive, DBO, P3s, etc. make design-build a viable option for a diverse spectrum of Owners)*

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8. Enhancing Design-Build using **Technology** (*BIM, VDC, etc.*)
9. Achieving Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (**DBE Goals in Design-Build**)
10. The use of **Owner Advisors** in Design-Build (case studies and/or examples of value, impact, opportunities and challenges)

**DBIA will not consider submissions that promote specific products or services.**

**HOW ARE PRESENTATIONS SCORED?**

A committee of design-build experts reviews all submissions received. DBIA encourages the inclusion of one or more of the following elements:

- Sessions that qualify for Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW) Credit by AIA
- One or more presenters hold the DBIA™ or Associate DBIA™ credential (DBIA will verify this).
- Owner participation, particularly on panels and case studies.
- Concrete examples of the practical application of DBIA Best Practices.

**SUBMITTING YOUR PRESENTATION IDEA**

All submissions must be completed online. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

**PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

1. **Title of Presentation** – Title should capture the essence of the topic to be discussed and should not exceed 12 words. (DBIA reserves the right to modify the title; submitters will be notified.)

2. **Presentation Summary** – Please provide an overview of the session goal(s) and why the topic is relevant to successful integrated delivery. The summary statement should not exceed 100 words and may be used for marketing purposes should your presentation be selected.

3. **Four Learning Objectives** - A learning objective is an explicit statement that clearly expresses what the attendee will be able to do after taking a course. Learning objectives should be concise and concrete, so they are open to limited interpretation. Here are some helpful hints on preparing learning objectives:

   a. Here are some suggested behavioral verbs to use when writing learning objectives since they describe observable and measurable behaviors. Using concrete verbs will help keep your objectives clear and concise: acquire, analyze, apply, assess, build, clarify, compare, conclude, create, define, demonstrate, describe, determine, differentiate, discover, discuss, evaluate, explain, identify, implement, indicate, name, perform, plan, prepare, produce, propose, recognize, select, state, verify, write, etc.

   b. Avoid using the following behavioral verbs when writing learning objectives because they are vague and difficult to measure: appreciate, cover, realize, be aware of, familiarize, study, become acquainted with, gain knowledge of, understand, comprehend, know, learn.

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4. **Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW) Credit** – Based on the HSW rules as outlined by AIA, do you believe this session will qualify for HSW Credit?

5. **Suggested Presentation Length** – All presenters should assume that 15 minutes will be devoted to Q&A. If selected, DBIA reserves the right to allocate either time slot based on an assessment of the time needed to appropriately address the topic.

6. **Suggested Presentation Level** – Please indicate the level at which you would rank this presentation: “Beginner” "Intermediate” or "Advanced”.

**SPEAKER OVERVIEW** – Speaker names, titles, and credentials will be listed exactly as submitted if selected, so please confirm this information with fellow panelists.

1. **Logistical Contact Name, Title and Full Contact Information** – This person will serve as DBIA’s main point of contact if selected, including coordination with co-presenters, where applicable. If the logistical contact is also a speaker/presenter, please also include this information in that section.

2. **Speaker Bio** – Include a bio of no more than 150 words. If selected, this bio will be used as part of your introduction at the conference.

3. **Prior DBIA Speaking Participation** – Has the presenter participated as a speaker in a prior DBIA Conference at the National or Regional Level? If so, please provide the name of the event and year.

4. **Up to Three Additional Presenter Contact Information and Background** – The primary presenter must obtain confirmation that these individuals will participate should DBIA accept the submission.

**LOGISTICAL OVERVIEW**

1. **PowerPoint Presentation Submission** - If selected, presenters must agree to abide by the following schedule. Failure to adhere to these deadlines could result in removal from the program.

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If selected, draft presentations will be reviewed by DBIA and feedback will be provided to presenters prior to the final presentation deadline.

2. **Registration Fees and Travel**
   
a. Public Owners (Government Employees) and Private Sector Owner Speakers that are selected will be provided a complimentary registration for the FULL conference and may request financial support to cover travel and lodging costs.

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b. Practitioner Speakers will receive a complimentary DAY registration for the day of their presentation OR a discounted registration rate of $375.00 to attend the FULL conference and are responsible for their own travel costs.

DBIA will notify submitters of DBIA’s final decision by May 15th.

Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to:

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