

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



Submission Deadline: April 19, 2024



The Virtual Design & Construction Leadership Exchange (VDCLEx) is returning as a half-day preconference event, Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Design-Build Conference & Expo in Dallas, Texas. The VDCLEx will continue to explore how VDC is impacting designers, builders and Owners by enhancing design excellence, increasing quality and productivity, as well as improving lifecycle costs.

Programming for the VDCLEx will include a general keynote session, leaders forum and two specialized tracks: one for experienced VDC professionals on one for non-VDC professionals.

What We're Looking for: At a Glance

DBIA seeks subject matter experts (technologists, practitioners and project Owners) to help build the content for the specialized program that will not only take a deep dive into VDC, but also help educate non-VDC professionals on the value, use and power of VDC to enhance the design and construction processes and outcomes.

- **VDC Deep Dive** – For audiences more versed in VDC, we are looking for session ideas that provide case studies for the integration of technology in design-build and that explore current trends in VDC, such as, but not limited to:
 - Describing the future of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, augmented/virtual reality, automation and robotics
 - Defining collaborative workflows and processes to connect technology
 - Exploring BIM use beyond just model authoring and clash detection, such as prefabrication, industrialized construction, safety, estimating, scheduling and reality capture
 - Identifying KPIs in leveraging VDC
 - Review needed contract language updates to influence better collaboration
- **VDC for Non-VDC Professionals** – For audiences newer to VDC, we are looking for session ideas that provide insight on how leveraging VDC can evolve the traditional business-as-usual approach to the design and construction process:
 - Defining the value and ROI of VDC in design-build
 - Understanding the importance of including the appropriate BIM/VDC language in your contracts and what the inclusion of topics like a BIM

Execution Plan and Level of Development (LOD) mean to the project team

- Illustrating the value of identifying a VDC Leader as part of the design-build team from the outset of projects
- Exploring the opportunity that well-defined model-based deliverables can bring for project Owners post-construction throughout the lifecycle of the built environment
- Outlining how VDC is enabling design-build professionals to better socialize with project teams to drive transparency throughout the design, construction and turnover process

Priority consideration will be given to submissions adhering to these guidelines:

- One or more presenters must hold a DBIA credential.
- One or more presenters must hold a DBIA membership.
- Panels that include multiple project team members (ex., design-builder, Owner, VDC Leader, trade partners).
- Presentations and panels/speakers that represent a diversity of voices and perspectives (e.g., gender, race, age, disability, market sector, underutilized businesses, geography, etc.) and exemplify the impact of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) on project outcomes.

Content that will not be considered:

- Self-congratulatory presentations on a project.
- Presentations that provide a sense of commercial/brand promotion. Presentations that serve to promote a specific product or service will not be considered.
- Anything that does not precisely relate to the design-build delivery method.

Presentation Overview

- 1. Presentation Title** — Title should capture the essence of the topic to be discussed and should not exceed 10–12 words.
- 2. Presentation Summary** — Please provide an overview of the session intent and why the topic is relevant to successful integrated delivery. The summary statement should not exceed 200 words and may be used for marketing purposes should your presentation be selected.
- 3. Presentation 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 open to limited interpretation. An example of a learning statement is as follows: Define best practices for effective collaboration using technology. Suggested behavioral verbs to use when writing learning objectives include the following: acquire, analyze, apply, assess, build, clarify, compare, define, demonstrate, describe, etc.
- 4. Presentation Level** — Based on your judgment, who is your content level appropriate for: “VDC Professional” or “Non-VDC Professional.”
- 5. Panel Representation** — DBIA believes a diversity of voices and perspectives (e.g., gender, race, age, disability, market sector, underutilized businesses, geography, etc.) is a core component of high-quality programming. Please provide a brief description (no more than 300 words) of how your panel represents a diversity of voices and perspectives, and how diversity and/or inclusion on your team impacted project outcomes.
- 6. Differentiation Strategies** — Based on the presentation level you indicated in #4, how do you plan to differentiate your presentation content to address the diverse learning needs of your audience to ensure all learners leave with meaningful takeaways?
- 7. Intended Audience** — Who is the intended primary audience for this presentation (check all that apply):
 - Owners (Procurement/Pre-Award Professional)
 - Design Professionals
 - General Contractors
 - Specialty/Subcontractors
 - Other (please specify)

Speaker Overview

- 1. Logistical Contact** — This person must be prepared to serve as DBIA’s main point of contact if selected, including coordination with co-presenters, where applicable. If the logistical contact is also a presenter, please include their information below:
 - a. Name
 - b. Title
 - c. Email
 - d. Phone
- 2. If Presenting as a Panel** — As you develop your submission, DBIA will consider panels of **no more than four individuals**. Based on experience, this is the ideal number of voices to both ensure representation across your project team and allow for all to contribute and share in the time allotted.

The following information will be used in conjunction with the description above to determine the relevance and balance of your session proposal. This information is critical to the committee review process. Later in this process you will be asked to provide full contact information. For review purposes, however, only the following information will be requested.

- a. Presenter Name
- b. Presenter Licenses/Credentials (FDBIA, DBIA, Assoc. DBIA, PE, AIA etc.)
- c. Presenter Company
- d. Experience Presenting the Topic — Has the presenter conducted a similar topic at a DBIA or any other industry event?
- e. If so, please indicate when and where

Submitting Your Presentation Idea

All submissions must be completed online. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. You must answer “yes” to the following questions to be considered. If selected, I/we:

1. Agree to have our draft presentation submitted to DBIA no later than Sept. 16, 2024.
2. Agree to have our final presentation submitted to DBIA no later than Oct. 21, 2024.
3. All listed presenters agree to attend the preconference in person to present the session and commit to be available Nov. 5, 2024.

[Ready to Submit](#)

A committee of design-build industry experts will review and make decisions on submissions. You will be notified of the decision no later than June 14.

All selected presenters receive a discount on registration for the VDCLEx. If also attending the Annual Conference, presenters may receive an additional 15% off full conference registration. Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to conferences@dbia.org.