



Call for Presentations

2024 Federal Design-Build Symposium



August 21-22, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Reston | Reston, VA

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 12, 2024

Design-Build is now the fastest growing and most commonly used project delivery system. Nearly half of all design and construction projects in the United States are being delivered using some form of Design-Build. It is widely used for both private and public sector (federal, state and municipal) projects and across all project types, including vertical (building) construction, transportation and water/wastewater markets.

Subject matter experts with direct experience in design-build in the Federal sector or public sector projects using Federal funds are invited to submit session proposals on topics including, but not limited to, best practices with a focus on lessons learned, managing risk and expectations in Federal projects, the evolution of collaboration/teaming and making the essential mental shift for success and the all-important facets of developing a successful acquisition strategy.

Other public (i.e., state and local) agencies that would benefit from Federal design-build lessons learned and/or that have lessons that could benefit the Federal sector are encouraged to submit abstracts and attend the Symposium.

Other areas of interest:

I. Managing Risk and Expectations in a Complex Market

- Key trends and leading practices
- Owner's role in managing risk
- The role of effective teaming in risk management
- Obstacles and pitfalls to effectively managing risk
- Effectively assessing and assigning risk
- Risk management for mega projects
- Assessing and mitigating cost volatility

II. Owner Considerations in Developing an Acquisition Strategy

- Determining the appropriate project delivery and procurement methods
- Writing an effective RFQ/RFP
- Communicating Design Excellence goals
- Selecting/structuring a dynamic design-build team
- Strategies to maximize the advantages of design-build
- Incentive contracting
- Effective use of stipends and award fees
- Positioning an agency as an "Owner of Choice"

III. Effective Teaming, Collaboration and Making the Mental Shift

- Developing the leadership skills required for Design-Build Done Right®
- The how and why of early engagement of the team (designer, specialty trades, etc.)
- Meaningful and effective DEI and DBE utilization and engagement
- Strategic and effective Owner Advisor engagement
- Using Virtual Design and Construction (VDC), BIM and other technologies to enhance outcomes
- The important role of procurement and legal professionals

IV. Unique Challenges in the Federal Sector

- Navigating the FAR/DFAR and design-build
- Complexities of high security projects
- How Federal funding including specific programs and IIJA are driving design-build



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How Are Presentations Evaluated?

A committee of design-build industry experts reviews and ranks all submissions received. Additional consideration will be given to presentations that include one or more of the following elements.

- Presentations that reflect learning objectives that, in the opinion of DBIA, have a high likelihood of qualifying for Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW) credit by AIA
- 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 DEI on project outcomes
- One or more presenters hold the DBIA™ or Associate DBIA™ credential (DBIA will verify this)
- Owner participation is included in proposed panel discussions
- Federal Sector Best Practices are emphasized
- Panels that include all key players on the team
- Lessons learned are used to provide practical insights into delivering a successful design-build project
- There are demonstrable takeaways that attendees can use immediately

Commercial promotion of specific product or service offerings will not be considered.

Submitting Your Presentation Idea

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

Only those who answer “yes” to the following questions need respond:

1. Can you and any additional panelists, if selected, commit to travel to present in a timeslot to be determined on August 21-22 in Reston, VA (just outside of Washington, DC)?
2. Is your content current and highly relevant to the successful execution of design-build within the context of the Federal marketplace?

Presentation Overview

1. **Proposed Title of Presentation** — Title should capture the essence of the topic to be discussed and should not exceed 12 words.
2. **Presentation Summary** — Please provide an overview of the session goal(s) and why the topic is relevant to successful project delivery in the Federal sector. The summary statement should not exceed 75 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 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, determine, differentiate, discover, etc.
4. **Presentation Level** — DBIA seeks ideas at all levels — “Beginner,” “Intermediate” or “Advanced.”



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Subject Matter Expert/Presenter Overview

Presenter names, titles and credentials will be listed exactly as submitted if selected, so please confirm this information with fellow panelists. Please note, there is a maximum of 4 panelists allowed for each session. Should you wish to have more than 4 panelists, please contact conferences@dbia.org to discuss whether or not additional panelists can be accommodated.

1. List the individuals to participate in this session, if selected — Information must include presenter(s)’:

- Name
- Credentials
- Title
- Company

2. **Please check here** to verify the individuals agreeing to participate indicated above represent a diversity of voices and perspectives (e.g., gender, race, age, disability, market sector, underutilized businesses, geography, etc.).

- 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.

3. **Primary Point of Contact Name, Title and Full Contact Information** — This person must be prepared to serve as DBIA’s main point of contact if selected, including coordination with co-presenters, where applicable.

- Name
- Title
- Email
- Phone

4. **Please check here** to confirm your agreement and understanding that, if selected, DBIA has the right to request modifications to content and to suggest additional panelists as deemed necessary to achieve our conference goals.

DBIA will notify submitters of DBIA’s interest in the submitted session concept by March 11th. Additional logistical details will be provided at that time to those selected for the next round of conversations.

Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to:

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