



FEDERAL DESIGN-BUILD SYMPOSIUM

Registration Brochure

Aug. 21–22, 2024
Hyatt Regency Reston | Reston, VA

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Welcome to the 2024 Federal Design-Build Symposium

DBIA's 2024 Federal Design-Build Symposium will bring together key players from federal agencies, representatives from public agencies utilizing federal funding, and leaders from the design and construction industry.

This unique event provides opportunities for targeted design-build education, candid conversations and meaningful networking for design-build team members in the federal marketplace. DBIA is committed to providing industry, federal agencies and the programs they fund in states nationwide with the innovative tools, design-build best practices and Federal policy insights needed to build high-performance teams.

This year's symposium sessions are split into two tracks:

Track 1: Procuring Design-Build Services: Tips and Advice for Owners and Industry

Track 2: Design-Build Contracting & Execution in the Federal Sector

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Registration Type		Fees
Academia	Member	\$375
	Non-Member	\$475
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Practitioner	Member	\$600
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UBE	Member 25% discount	\$450
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Federal Owner Scholarships

Design-build is only as successful as the Owners who implement it. That's why DBIA is committed to bringing Design-Build Done Right® education to federal Owners hoping to harness the value of design-build. Owners can also qualify for DBIA scholarships to defray their costs. Learn more about [DBIA Owners Scholarships](#).

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Questions? Visit [our website](#) or email us at conferences@dbia.org.

Hotel Information

The 2024 Federal Design-Build Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents Street, Reston, VA 20190. DBIA has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the discounted rate of \$225/night for single/double (group code G-DGV4) or \$156/night for government per diem rate (group code G-DBI1).

Reserve your room by Thursday, July 25, [online](#) or call 1-703-709-1234 and refer to group codes above.

Airport/Transportation Options:

Closet Airport: Dulles International Airport (IAD): 6.59 miles
Taxi: \$21-\$26

Other Airports:

Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA): 22 miles
Baltimore/Washington (BWI): 52.5 miles

Other Transportation:

Metro: Silver Line/Reston Town Center stop: 0.2 Miles from hotel
Amtrak: located 20 miles from Hyatt Regency Reston
The Link Reston Town Center Shuttle: [Hyatt Regency Reston stop](#)



Schedule at a Glance

(View our [online program](#) for regular updates)

Tuesday, August 20

8:00–5:00PM **Pre-Conference Event (additional fee) Leadership: Building a Stronger Foundation**

Pre-requisite course in the new [Collaborative Delivery Leadership Academy](#)

Leadership matters. Distinguishing different ways to lead is at the crux of Design-Build Done Right®. This session will focus on introducing the distinctions of Design-Build Leadership Done Right.

This course will introduce the 18 competencies associated with the universal model of effective leadership and share why only 20% of all leaders demonstrate these characteristics. These competencies are well researched and shown to be positively correlated to leadership effectiveness and business performance and are highly aligned with Design-Build Done Right®.

Registration for the pre-conference event does not include access to conference sessions, keynotes exhibit hall. Limited seating available.

DBIA Members: \$595.00

Non-Members: \$695.00

Wednesday, August 21

12:30–1:45PM **Keynote: TBD**

1:45–2:00PM **Break**

2:00–3:00PM **Owners' Forum**

2:00–3:00PM **Practitioners' Forum**

3:00–3:15PM **Break**

3:15–4:15PM **Track 1 – Procuring and Proposing on Design-Build Services: Tips and Advice for Owners and Industry**

Making the Design-Build Decision: The Owners Readiness Assessment

This session will focus on the Building Owners Assessment Tool (BOAT), a tool developed by the University of Washington under a grant from the Charles Pankow Foundation. With the goal of helping Owners understand their organizational decision-making structure and culture and its ramifications on performance when choosing a project delivery strategy, BOAT allows Owners to make intelligent, informed decisions on the delivery strategy, both in selecting a delivery method and working with the team during the project.

Track 2 – Design-Build Contracting & Execution in the Federal Sector

George Washington Memorial Parkway – North Section Rehabilitation: Finding a Balance with Design-Build

The project team will discuss the unique design and construction challenges behind the delivery of the design-build project to rehabilitate the north section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Creative design solutions, innovative approaches and strong partnering among all team members were needed to rehabilitate this critical transportation facility that is both a major commuter route as well as an important historic resource. The project team's technical approach is centered around the idea of delivering a balance between providing innovative engineering solutions while limiting disturbance to the historic landscape and resources.

Wednesday, August 21 *Continued*

4:15–4:30PM **Break**

4:30–5:30PM **General Session: Life Outside the Federal Sector — How Public Agencies Across the Nation Are Taking Design-Build to New Heights**

There's no doubt that the Federal Sector has unique opportunities and challenges. But this is true of every sector, and sometimes looking beyond our four walls to the work of others can serve as an inspiration. By looking at design-build from the perspective of public Owners outside of the Federal space, we can discover new ideas, insights and practices to help you solve problems, innovate and grow. This panel of state and local public sector Owners will discuss the design-build challenges and successes they've faced on their journeys, and how the Federal sector can best use these valuable lessons learned to take Federal design-build to the next level.

5:30–7:00PM **Networking Reception**

Thursday, August 22

7:30–8:00AM **Continental Breakfast**

8:00–9:15AM **General Session: The Making of an Exemplary Award-Winning Project**

Go behind the scenes of a Federal DBIA award-winning project, the San Antonio U.S. Courthouse. Successfully using design-build and Design-Build Done Right® Best Practices, the team transformed the courthouse from a facility dating to the 1960s, to one that now houses eight courtrooms and 13 judicial chambers with top-tier technology, up-to-date security, a welcoming public presence with judicial, administrative and training spaces consolidated. Learn from the entire project team how best practices were utilized, how diversity, equity and inclusion were stressed, and how this stellar project came together ahead of schedule and on budget.

9:15–9:30AM **Break**

9:30–10:30AM **Track 1 – Procuring and Proposing on Design-Build Services: Tips and Advice for Owners and Industry**

Elevating the Design in Design-Build — The New Design Excellence Position Statement from DBIA

DBIA recently updated its Design Excellence Position Statement to span a multitude of project types along with enough specificity for team implementation. The five lenses identify the variety of design excellence approaches that can improve results for the Owner, the design-build team, the local community and the project's impact on the environment. Learn from those integral to the statement's creation what design excellence means, how to prioritize it within the RFQ/RFP process and how to think broadly about design excellence within your teams.

Track 2 – Design-Build Contracting & Execution in the Federal Sector

Seven Deadly Sins of Design-Build

Learn about the “Seven Deadly Sins” of design-build project delivery and the perils to avoid. Seven deadly sins include: wrong client, wrong geography, wrong contract, wrong project type, wrong key personnel, wrong resources and wrong definition of the big three: scope, schedule and price. Ultimately, projects do not fail...people do.

10:30–10:45AM **Break**

Thursday, August 22 Continued

10:45–11:45AM **Track 1 – Procuring and Proposing on Design-Build Services: Tips and Advice for Owners and Industry**

Unleash Innovation: Embracing Performance-Based Contracts

The contract serves as the backbone of a project. However, traditional prescriptive contract requirements do not encourage the innovation and creativity a successful project requires. This session explores how prioritizing performance-based contracting unleashes innovation and creativity, and the myriad benefits this approach offers. Learn about the advantages of performance-based contracting, where the focus shifts from dictating specific methods to articulating desired outcomes. Learn common misconceptions and challenges associated with transitioning to performance-based contracts.

11:45AM–
1:15PM

Networking Lunch

1:15–2:15PM **Track 1 – Procuring and Proposing on Design-Build Services: Tips and Advice for Owners and Industry**

Assembling a First-Class Design-Build Team

Whether you have worked on dozens of design-build projects or are contemplating pursuing your first, assembling a first-class team is every design-builder's goal. To fulfill this goal, thoughtful consideration must be given to the organization's culture and development strategy for each pursuit, including Underutilized Business Engagement (UBE) goals. This session will provide the framework one can utilize to assemble a winning team from initial teaming discussions through project execution.

2:15–2:30PM **Break**

Track 2 – Design-Build Contracting & Execution in the Federal Sector

Utilizing Design-Build Best Practices on a Highly Secure Federal Facility

The presentation will highlight the effective implementation of Design-Build Best Practices within a secure Federal project. A panel of experts from the Cast Iron Project team will delve into the application of DBIA best practices in crafting the RFP to align with both the Owner and the design-builder. Additionally, the discussion will explore how these practices were instrumental in the successful execution of the project's construction phase, offering insights into the achievements and lessons learned in overcoming the complexities and challenges to fulfill the owner's mission.

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NIH Center for Alzheimer's Research and Speed to Open

The National Institute of Health (NIH) had an imminent need to support the National Institute of Aging (NIA) and its Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias research. This approximately \$34M project was built to NIH Design Requirement Manual (DRM) guidelines. The speed to open was driven by research need but there was no space available on the Bethesda, MD, campus to accommodate. Due to the urgent need for Alzheimer's and related dementias research, the design-build team executed and delivered on a prescribed modular design. Deciding to construct this innovative, state-of-the-art facility with pre-manufactured modular units allowed the project to be designed and delivered on-time and on-budget, in under two years.

Thursday, August 22 Continued

2:30–3:30PM

Track 1 – Procuring and Proposing on Design-Build Services: Tips and Advice for Owners and Industry

Positioning the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Design-Build Owner of Choice

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is undergoing a significant cultural transformation by embracing design-build methodologies for its expansive capital portfolio, marking a departure from its traditional Design/Bid/Build approach. This strategic shift, despite its inherent challenges, is being actively supported by the VA Office of Facilities and Construction Management (CFM), which has allocated substantial resources to drive organization-wide changes in favor of design-build implementation. The VA Enterprise's progress within this cultural transformation is underscored by robust leadership commitment, clear program elements, designated champions and the requisite support mechanisms. This session will delve into the specifics of these elements, highlighting the pivotal role they play in fostering a conducive environment for change.

Track 2 – Design-Build Contracting & Execution in the Federal Sector

Design-Builder's Guide to Design Management: A Playbook for the Federal Sector

In 2023, the Charles Pankow Foundation released the "Design-Builder's Guide to Design Management," an updated guidebook to assist design-builders with the design management process. SMEs comprised of Owners, designers, contractors and specialty trades, worked alongside an academic team with faculty from the University of Florida, Iowa State University and the University of New Mexico. The result was the main guidebook and a series of specialty playbooks, including "The Design-Builder's Guide to Design Management." This presentation will explain the process of developing these resources and provide an overview of how design management can be implemented in design-build processes in the federal sector.

3:30–3:45PM

Break

3:45–5:00PM

General Session: What Did We Miss? An Open Forum to Fill the Gaps

You've sat through a day and a half of sessions, but you realize that practical application is much different than theory. In this session, a panel of design-build experts representing both federal agencies and industry will help sort through issues and challenges that have either prevented your use of design-build or hindered your ability to implement Design-Build Done Right®. Submit your questions (confidentially if you'd like) throughout the conference and hear how others have addressed similar challenges.