

# DESIGN-BUILD FOR WATER/WASTEWATER CONFERENCE 2020



April 20–22, 2020

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Dallas, TX

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS GUIDELINES

**DEADLINE: July 31, 2019**

Do you have a design-build story to tell or “lesson learned” that you can share with the industry? Thousands of industry professionals spanning the architecture, engineering or construction community attend Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) conferences each year and we, in collaboration with American Water Works Association (AWWA), Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the Water Design-Build Council (WDBC), are now looking for presenters for our **2020 Design-Build for Water/Wastewater Conference** this **April 20-22, 2020** in **Dallas, Texas**.

This event provides a unique opportunity for industry experts to address a broad array of design-build experiences and latest developments in the water and wastewater sector.

We are looking for experienced, knowledgeable, and well-spoken industry experts to highlight key aspects of design-build and alternative project delivery including best practices, lessons learned, noted challenges, and/or emerging trends and opportunities. DBIA promotes the value of design-build project delivery and teaches the effective integration of design and construction services to ensure success for owners and design and construction practitioners. Presenters who do more than talk *at* our attendees by creating sessions that are truly interactive and engaging conversations, including the use of media and technology, will be given additional consideration as a potential 2020 DBIA Water/Wastewater presenter.

**Only submissions that align with the following core purposes will be considered.**

Although there is no restriction on topics to be submitted, the following have been identified as areas of particular interest for the 2020 conference:

**1. Making the Design-Build Decision**

- Owner Considerations in Choosing an Integrated Delivery Model
- Strategies for achieving success and overcoming challenges when completing your first design-build project
- Evaluating Procurement Methodologies

**2. Procuring Design-Build Services**

- Writing and Responding to the RFQ/RFP
- Understanding Performance-Based Requirements
- Innovative Financing Solutions
- Risk Analysis in the procurement phase

**3. Contracting for Design-Build Services**

- Incentive Contracting
- Risk and Opportunities in Contracting, Insurance and Procurement
- Risk Assessment and contractual allocations
- Disadvantaged, Minorities, Women-Owners and Emerging subcontracting participation goals

**4. Effective Teaming, Collaboration and Integration**

- Structuring an effective Design-Build Team
- The How and Why of Early Engagement of the Team (designer, specialty trades, owner, etc.)
- Integration Tools and Techniques that Enhance Collaboration
- Leveraging the role of the Owner Representative to achieve success
- Importance of Early Integration of Specialty Trades and vendors

**5. Executing the Delivery of Design-Build Projects**

- Contract Administration including risk management and project controls
- Use of BIM, VDC and Technology
- Owner Roles/Responsibilities in Executing a Design-Build Project
- Sustainable building practices for water and wastewater
- How to innovate in the execution phase

**6. Emerging Trends in Design-Build**

- Public-Private Partnerships and Design-Build
- Variations on Design-Build (e.g., Progressive, DBO, DBOM, etc.)
- How CM/GC, CM@Risk, GC/CM are different from design-build

## HOW ARE PRESENTATIONS SCORED?

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

- One or more presenters hold the DBIA™ or Associate DBIA™ credential (DBIA will verify this).
- Owner participation if proposing a panel discussion.
- Is of broad interest to conference participants and not commercial promotion of specific products or service offerings.
- DBIA [Best Practices](#) are emphasized:
- The use of design-build and lessons learned are used to provide practical insights into delivering successful design-build projects.
- Creative use of storytelling and tools for audience engagement.

## 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. If selected, you and any additional panelists commit to your availability to travel to present in a timeslot to be determined but between the dates of April 20-22, 2019 in Dallas, Texas.
2. Is your content fresh and highly relevant to the successful execution of design-build and/or other integrated delivery methodologies?
3. Are there at least four concrete and substantive strategies, "lessons learned" or practical tools that attendees can take away from your session and apply to their next capital project?
4. Do you (and co-presenters where relevant) have evidence of your experience in successfully presenting concepts and ideas to an audience with 75 or more participants?
5. Are you (and co-presenters where relevant) dynamic presenters and comfortable engaging in audience Q&A?
6. If proposing a case study, is the owner confirmed to participate in the presentation, and is there a clear lesson/message?

## 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 75 words and may be used for marketing purposes should your presentation be selected.
3. **Program Abstract** – This 200-500 word description should explain how the program relates to the conference theme and how attendees will benefit from this session.
4. **Four Major Presentation Points** – 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 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.
5. **Presentation Format** – please select one:
  - Panel or single person presentation to attendees. (most common).
  - Round table with presenter-to-attendee or attendee-to-attendee discussions.
  - Other – please describe.
6. How will your session include audience involvement/participation?
7. **Suggested Presentation Length** (60, 75 or 90 minutes) – 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.
8. **Presentation Level** – DBIA seeks sessions considered "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 must be prepared to serve as DBIA's main point of contact if selected, including coordination with co-presenters, where applicable.
2. **Presenter Background and Qualifications** – Include work history, educational background, and examples of direct, relevant experience in design-build and other integrated delivery models. (i.e. a Bio)
3. **Prior DBIA Participation** – Has the presenter participated in a prior DBIA Conference at the National or Regional Level? If so, please provide the name of the event and year.

4. **Experience Presenting the Topic** – Has the presented conducted a similar topic at any other industry event? If so, please indicate when and where.
5. **Additional Presenter Contact Information and Background** – The primary presenter must obtain confirmation that these individuals will participate should DBIA accept the submission. DBIA requests that there be **no more than four additional presenters**.

## LOGISTICAL OVERVIEW

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

<i>Item</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<b>Draft Presentation</b>	January 31 2020
<b>Final Presentation</b>	March 26, 2020

2. **Technology & Support** – DBIA will provide a computer, LCD projector, screen and podium with microphone. The presentation should be self-contained as wireless internet may not be available onsite.
3. **Registration Fees**
  - a. Government Employee and Private Sector Owner Speakers that are selected will be provided a complimentary registration for the full conference.
  - 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 entire conference.

Owners are encouraged to submit presentations and attend the conference. Scholarships are available for conference registration, travel, lodging, and meals to owners to attend the conference, with or without involvement in presentations. These are available on a first-come, first served basis.

**DBIA will notify selected presenters by the end of September 2019.**

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Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to:

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