Design-Build in Times of Crisis

RECOVERY
Design-Build Delivers Timely, Cost-Effective, Resilient Recovery

Whether it’s building emergency medical facilities during a pandemic, or rebuilding after devastating hurricanes, wildfires, floods or other disasters, design-build has helped communities recover more quickly and cost-effectively by delivering efficient and innovative projects on-time and budget. Design-build delivered:

- 100’s of COVID-19 emergency response
- Infrastructure reconstruction after hurricanes Katrina & Michael (Gulf Coast), Florence (Carolinas), Sandy (NY/NJ) and Irene NY/NJ
- Emergency rebuild after Minneapolis 1-35 Bridge Collapse
- Post 9/11 Pentagon reconstruction

...and many more.

MINIMIZES OWNER RISK  LOWERS COST  SPEEDS UP COMPLETION
What Is Design-Build?

Design-build is an **integrated approach** that delivers design and construction services under **one contract with a single point of responsibility**.

It’s the **fastest growing** and **most popular** method used to deliver construction projects in America.

Design-build **out-performs** other delivery systems in cost, schedule, growth measures, construction and delivery speed.

Design-build saves time and money by encouraging **innovation** and **collaboration**.

Owners select design-build to achieve **best value** while meeting **schedule, cost and quality goals**.
TRADITIONAL DESIGN-BID-BUILD
Limits collaboration and the innovation that comes from an integrated team needed to solve challenges on tight schedules and budgets.

- Cost competition begins after project planning and design.
- Risk associated with errors and omissions in design is assumed by the Owner.
- Competition solely on cost.
Collaboration and Innovation

DESIGN-BUILD

By harnessing the power of collaboration to innovate, teams in times of crisis can create cost and time effective solutions while building in resiliency for the future.

• Competition begins earlier in the conceptual stages of the project.
• Design-builder assumes risk associated with errors and omissions in design.
• Construction can begin sooner.
Advantages of Design-Build

Design-build out-performs other delivery systems in cost, schedule, growth measures, construction and delivery speed.

**FASTER DELIVERY**
Research has found design-build is consistently faster at delivering projects.

**LOWER COST**
Design-build projects have fewer change orders, reduced litigation and longer life cycles than traditionally delivered projects.

**HIGHER QUALITY**
Designed with the owner in mind, design-build projects deliver resiliency and triple bottom-line results for communities.

**COLLABORATION DRIVES INNOVATION**
Design-build is the most popular delivery method in the nation in large part because team collaboration is proven to fuel innovation.
Design-Build Is a Better Way to Build

Design-build is the best-performing delivery system for both schedule and cost.

102% FASTER DELIVERY
From design through completion, design-build projects are delivered 102% faster than traditional design-bid-build and 61% faster than construction manager at risk (CMR).

3.8% LESS COST GROWTH
Research shows design-build projects average 3.8% less cost growth than design-bid-build and 2.4% less than construction manager at risk.

76% OWNER SATISFACTION
Design-build was rated highest across all project delivery methods, with 76% reporting very good and excellent results.
Success on Projects of All Sizes

WHAT ABOUT SMALL PROJECTS?
Design-build has proven effective on projects of all sizes, in every sector. Whether rebuilding massive infrastructure projects like highways and bridges or small office buildings and classrooms, design-build’s collaboration and innovation delivers successful projects of all types. In fact, research shows there are no “cost or schedule performance” advantages to delivering small projects (under $20 million) with traditional design-bid-build versus design-build. This is why we are opposed to project thresholds and believe design-build should be available on any size project across all sectors. Especially in times of crisis, limited authority creates unnecessary roadblocks for communities which need to rebuild quickly. These communities ultimately pay the price when forced to use traditional design-bid-build rather than delivery methods better suited for tight budgets, quicker starts and shorter delivery times.

“Implementing [best] practices on any type of design-build project increases the probability of a successful project that meets the expectations of all stakeholders.”

—Design-Build Done Right® Universal Best Practices
Design-build is limited to one political subdivision, agency or project.

Design-build is a limited option.

Design-build is widely permitted.

Design-build is permitted by all agencies for all types of design and construction.

As of January 2020
Design-Build Delivers in Times of Crisis
COVID-19 Alternative Care Facilities

50 STATES + 5 TERRITORIES

America’s design-build teams were mobilized nationwide by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build emergency medical facilities for states battling the coronavirus pandemic. The projects created more than 15,000 beds in convention centers, arenas, hotels, dorms, and other spaces in a rapid response mobilization empowered by design-build’s collaborative approach and speed-to-market delivery.
Speeding Infrastructure Work in Florida

STATEWIDE

During the COVID-19 lockdown, the state of Florida expedited $2.1 billion in road and bridge work to provide a boost to the suffering economy while maximizing the less populated roads. Design-build teams for the $802 million downtown Miami I-395/SR 836/I-95 and Tampa Bay’s $864 million Howard Frankland Bridge projects will accelerate delivery by nearly a month, helping to speed Florida’s COVID-19 recovery.
Legislators in Kansas wasted no time in granting the first full design-build authority for the state’s transportation department as the COVID-19 crisis began. Lawmakers see the much-needed, $10 billion stimulus package as vital to the state’s recovery. Design-build collaboration will now allow the state to maximize its infrastructure dollars to deliver innovative projects saving both project time and taxpayer dollars.
Tyndall Air Force Base

FLORIDA

When Hurricane Michael struck Tyndall Air Force Base last October, the damage left every single one of Tyndall’s nearly 1,200 facilities needing some level of repair. An expected $3 billion over the next five years will be invested to not only rebuild Tyndall, but to make it an “installation of the future,” including the addition of multi-use, smart facilities able to withstand severe weather, an expanded flight line to support F-35 operations by 2023 and walkable campus areas that provide consolidated facilities for the base community. What was originally a catastrophic blow to the service may actually provide a unique opportunity.
Yet another natural disaster left devastation in its wake when Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina’s Camp Lejeune in September 2018. More than 900 buildings were damaged and an estimated $1.7 billion will be needed to rebuild. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command faces an enormous challenge that design-build will help to address. From new construction and renovation of buildings to rebuilding systems and infrastructure, the multi-year rebuild at Camp Lejeune is immense.
Long Island Railroad & Metro North MTA
NEW YORK

Hurricane Sandy left $634 million in damage to the Long Island Railroad and Metro North rail in 2012. Not only was design-build vital to MTA’s immediate repairs it’s now being used to deliver resiliency projects to better protect the system in the future. Resiliency projects include drainage improvements and the construction of deployable and permanent walls to defend against flood surges.

**Construction Timeline:** October 2012 – today

**Total project cost:** $634 million
State Route 42
GREENE COUNTY, NY

Six miles and two bridges of the roadway had been closed as a result of the severe damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical storm Lee in 2011. The emergency reconstruction of State Route 42 in Greene County was completed ahead of schedule and approximately 10 percent under budget using design-build.

**Governor Andrew Cuomo used emergency authority to quickly rebuild after the double storms ravaged the area.**

**Construction Timeline:** Sept. 2011 – Feb. 2012

**Total project cost:** $14.1 million
On Aug. 1, 2007, the I-35W bridge over the Mississippi River collapsed. MnDOT expedited an emergency design-build contract to replace the collapsed structure by the end of 2008.

The project included reconstruction of I-35W from Washington Ave. to 4th Street, approximately 3/4 of a mile in length. The river crossing included a 10-lane freeway (five lanes in each direction) with accommodations for future Light Rail Transit.

And, in spite of a treacherous Minnesota winter, the project still came in two months ahead of schedule!

**Construction Timeline:** Oct. 2007 – Sept. 2008

**Total project cost:** $265 million
St. Bernard Parish Pump Stations

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Racing the clock before the next hurricane season, this vital $20-million post-Katrina recovery project was delivered on budget in just 18 months, a full year faster than using traditional design-bid-build delivery.

“The design-build approach was critical to the successful rebuilding of three Katrina-damaged pump stations near New Orleans.”

—Society of American Military Engineers, October 2015
In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast of Mississippi causing catastrophic damage to the U.S. 90 Bridge across St. Louis Bay, disconnecting communities and turning a 5-minute trip into a nearly one-hour detour. Each day without the bridge caused an estimated $100,000 in economic loss to the region.

Delivery of a project this size would typically take four to five years. Using design-build, the U.S. 90 bridge construction, including design, was completed in just two years.

**Project Timeline:** Jan. 2006 – Feb. 2008

**Total project cost:** $283 million
Chevron was determined to build resiliency into this $80-million project, still located in a hurricane zone. In spite of post-Katrina labor shortages, 60 days lost to weather and a fast-tracked deadline, the project’s first phase was delivered one month early and the entire project on schedule.

**Construction Duration:** 14 months  
**Total project cost:** $79.8 million
Pentagon Reconstruction

ARLINGTON, VA

The project team was formed the very day of the 9/11 attack and an ultra-fast track schedule was created to complete the project within one year. Many didn’t think it was possible; however, design-build enabled design and construction to operate together under a single contract, saving time and reducing potential conflicts. Motivation was high and additional financial incentives enabled the project to be completed nearly a month ahead of schedule.

Delivered 28 days ahead of schedule and $194 million under budget.


Total project cost: $501 million
Design-Build Delivers Each and Every Day

Design-build’s success in delivering innovative, resilient, time- and cost-efficient projects isn’t limited to times of crisis. As the nation’s fastest growing and most popular delivery method, design-build will deliver nearly half of all projects.

**DESIGN-BUILD...**

- Saves time and money
- Delivers high-quality projects
- Provides more collaborative and innovative solutions

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