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Like you, DBIA is working hard to look beyond the pandemic to a time when we can have some level of normalcy in our lives. While no one can predict exactly when that will occur, we know that design-build will remain critical to helping our nation recover.

COVID-19 has not -- and will not -- diminish the importance of education, networking and idea-sharing for both individuals and organizations. Unfortunately, with the cancellation of our April 20-24 Design-Build for Water/Wastewater and Design-Build in Transportation/Aviation Conferences, our exhibitors/sponsors working in this market sector will miss out on these important things later this month.

That means peer-to-peer engagement, education, networking and business development will be more important than ever on the back end of this pandemic. So **DBIA is providing the following value-added for our Water/Wastewater and Transportation/Aviation exhibitors and sponsors:**

1. **Virtual Tote Bags:** As a thank you for your support, all sponsors and exhibitors originally scheduled for the April conference will have the opportunity to create a virtual tote bag to be distributed to those who were registered for the conference, as well as thousands of others engaged in the water/wastewater and transportation/aviation sectors. This virtual tote bag will allow you to easily store content digitally so that DBIA can easily share it with not only those that would have been visiting you on the expo floor – but to a thousands more that may have an interest in our products and services. DBIA will be back in touch soon week with details on how to build your virtual event bag placement and other important information about this value-added service.
2. **Expansion of Design-Build Conference & Expo:** DBIA's annual conference scheduled to take place October 28-30 in National Harbor, Maryland (DC Metro area) will be expanded to include education and networking opportunities specifically for the water/wastewater and transportation/aviation sector. While this is not intended as a replacement for the full conference, it is an opportunity for leaders in these sectors to reconnect after months of uncertainty and cancelled industry events. Among the added features will be:
 - a. Full track of education on Water/Wastewater
 - b. Full track of education on Transportation/Aviation
 - c. Full track of education on Technology
 - d. Expanded expo hall with:
 - i. Civil Infrastructure "Boulevard"
 - ii. Technology Pavilion



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- e. An added networking opportunity specifically designed to connect individuals from these important market sectors

For our exhibitors and sponsors that have not yet decided to transfer your booth and/or sponsorship to the 2021 Water/Wastewater or Transportation/Aviation events, we encourage you to consider transferring to the Design-Build Conference & Expo in October at no additional cost. For those who have already transferred to the 2021 Water/Wastewater and Transportation/Aviation conferences, we encourage you to also consider joining us later this year. Contact [Patrick Wilson](#) to further discuss your options for transferring to either, or both.

DBIA extends our heartfelt thanks to you as we navigate the uncertainties in our industry and our world. Aside from your health and safety, our primary goal remains to keep you on the cutting edge of the industry and poised to “jump back in” to the business at hand as soon as we can.

Again, contact [Patrick Wilson](#) to further discuss all your options for transferring your exhibit/sponsorship to either our October Design-Build Conference & Expo, our 2021 Water/Wastewater and Transportation/Aviation Conferences – or both.

We look forward to your continued engagement and support.

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