

We've Missed You...

No one can deny the critical role technology has played in helping us connect, meet, and continue our important work during COVID-19. But there is also no denying that Zoom, Go-to-Meetings, and other communication platforms can never completely replace face-to-face connections.

Design-build was about relationships before COVID-19, and it continues to be about relationships. For this and other reasons, DBIA looks forward to seeing you "face-to-face" from October 28-30 at the Design-Build Conference & Expo to be held in National Harbor, Maryland (D.C. Metro area). There is nothing like meeting in-person to facilitate clearer, more positive, and more productive interactions – the kind of interaction that leads to extraordinary projects with exceptional outcomes!

We also understand that some organizations will maintain travel restrictions through the remainder of the year. And we know that, for some, health and safety concerns about air travel and large gatherings will be a deterrent. We get it! For you, we offer the option to attend virtually and still reap the benefits of our education program and the valuable products, services and expertise of our exhibitors and sponsors.

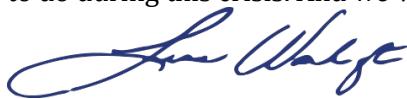
Whether in person or virtually, we need this time together because YOU are essential to our nation's recovery. Design-build will play a major role in getting projects back on track. Whether it's restarting projects delayed or put on hold during the pandemic or launching vital new infrastructure projects sure to emerge as part of a future stimulus package , we know design-build is crucial to our economic recovery. Schedule and cost performance will be more important than ever as we face increased uncertainty, tight budgets, and the need to maintain efficiency while simultaneously making safety a top priority for our staff and project teams.



In accordance with state, local and CDC guidelines; and in partnership with our meeting venue, rest assured that we are working to ensure the safety of those attending in-person including:

- Cleaning of all public spaces and guest rooms with electrostatic sprayers utilizing hospital-grade disinfectant.
- The provision of disinfectant wipes in sleeping rooms for guests' personal use.
- Density reduction in all meeting rooms and exhibit hall spaces to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Availability of hand sanitizing stations throughout the meeting space.
- Contactless room service.
- Modified operational practices for food service during the event (i.e., individually wrapped items as opposed to buffet).

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, so will our safety measures. We know these are unprecedented and scary times. But we also know that the design and construction industry is full of resilient, collaborative, forward-thinking innovators committed to helping our nation recover from this pandemic. DBIA thanks you for all you continue to do during this crisis. And we very much look forward to seeing you in October – face-to-face or virtually.



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