As use of design-build continues to grow, with an estimated 47% of all projects being design-build by 2025, so does the Design-Build Conference & Expo. Further, with the passage of the historic infrastructure funding legislation, bringing together our nation's Owners and the design and construction industry with the mutual goal of optimizing project outcomes is more important than ever.

Thousands of industry professionals spanning the architecture, engineering and construction community — including public and private Owners — attend the Design-Build Conference & Expo each year and we are seeking cutting-edge, relevant topics by seasoned presenters with demonstrated subject matter expertise for our 2023 event to be held Nov. 1–3 at the Gaylord National (Washington, DC area). Design-build will continue to play a major role in building — and rebuilding — our nation. This is an opportunity for you to be part of a movement that is sure to continually expand and grow.

Subject matter experts with hands-on experience in design-build are invited to submit session proposals. Do you have insight on ways to optimize Design-Build Done Right® for triple bottom line success? Do you have a design-build story to tell or lessons learned that you can share with the industry? Your experience and expertise are needed. Consider submitting a session proposal today.

What We're Looking for: At a Glance

Priority consideration will be given to submissions adhering to these guidelines. Quality submissions that address and/or align with the below:

- Presentations that speak to one or more of the following:
  - o Best practices with a focus on practical application of key practices, and lessons learned to guide future success.
  - o Managing risk and expectation
  - o Collaboration/teaming successes
  - o Application of Virtual Design and Construction (VDC)
  - o Making the essential mental shift for success and the all-important facets of developing a successful acquisition strategy
- Presentations that are educational with crisp instruction and clear takeaways on the "how to" of Design-Build Done Right®.
- Presentations that highlight challenges, with an emphasis on "lessons learned" and tools and resources others can apply to avoid similar difficulties in their practice.

The right presenters are as important as the right topic:

- One or more presenters hold a DBIA credential.
- One or more presenters holds a DBIA membership.
- Owner's involvement in the presentation.
- Panels that represent a diversity of voices and perspectives (e.g., gender, race, age, market sector, discipline, geography, etc.).

Content that will not be considered:

- Self-congratulatory presentations on a project.
- Presentations that provide a sense of commercial/brand promotion. Please note presentations that serve to promote a specific product or service will not be considered.
- Anything that does not precisely relate to the Design-Build delivery method.

Priority Topic Areas for 2023

While all presentations meeting the criteria included in this document will be considered for inclusion in the conference program, we encourage submitters to address one or more of the topic areas below which are of particular interest to our stakeholders for our 2023 programming. Presentations offering a unique angle into these topics, leading with challenges and how the team collaborated to address them, are a priority for this year's programming.

1. **How Owners are Making the Design-Build Decision —** Design-build project delivery has grown in popularity, accounting for nearly half of all design and construction in the U.S. This growth can be attributed, in part, to the flexibility of design-build, including an Owner's option to choose from among key variations such as two-phase, best-value design-build, sole source or Progressive Design-Build. How are Owners assessing design-build against other project delivery methods, and what are the drivers to choosing design-build? When choosing design-build, how and why are various procurement approaches selected? What role are Owner Advisors playing for Owners new to design-build versus Owners well-versed in design-build.

2. **Procuring and Contracting for Design-Build Services —** In an economy where Owners are forced to be frugal and work smarter, various financing mechanisms including P3s, as well as strategies to ensure contract terms in the best interest of the entire team, are more important than ever. Case studies and lessons learned from projects utilizing innovative financing strategies, as well as best practices for incentive contracting and risk balancing are of interest.

3. **Effective Teaming, Collaboration and Integration —** While a single-point of responsibility contract is the hallmark of design-build, the mental shift to a fully collaborative mindset is equally important. Design-Build Done Right® best practices point to the importance of early engagement and collaboration of key stakeholders. Maximizing success requires true collaboration in actions, not just words. Share examples of what true collaboration looks like and the results it can produce.

4. **The Future of Design-Build —** What does the future hold for integrated design-build project delivery? How will we address workforce development issues? What creative strategies have you used to recruit and maintain top talent to our industry?

5. **Unique Applications of VDC and VDC Done Right —** What role will technology play in increasing productivity and outcomes including VDC and other innovations? How are design and construction technologies driving efficiency and collaboration through all phases of the project? How can you apply VDC Done Right to increase quality and productivity for builders, improve lifecycle costs, enhance design excellence and more?

6. **Other topics of interest include:**
   - Pre-fabrication and modularization in a design-build environment (considerations and benefits).
   - QA/QC in design-build including roles/responsibilities and communication.
   - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and strategies for meaningful MWDBE engagement.
   - Role and best practices for use of owner advisor.

Submitting Your Presentation Idea

All submissions must be completed online. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. You must answer "yes" to the following questions to be considered. If selected, I/we:

1. Agree to have our draft presentation submitted to DBIA no later than Sept. 18, 2023.

2. Agree to have our final presentation submitted to DBIA no later than Oct. 16, 2023.

3. All listed presenters agree to attend the conference in person to present the session.

4. Commit to be available at a time slot determined by DBIA between Nov. 1–3, 2023.

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 200 words and may be used for marketing purposes should your presentation be selected.

3. **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 open to limited interpretation. An example of a learning statement is as follows: Define best practices for effective collaboration using technology. Suggested behavioral verbs to use when writing learning objectives include the following: acquire, analyze, apply, assess, build, clarify, compare, define, demonstrate, describe, determine, differentiate, discover, etc.

4. **Presentation Level —** Based on your judgment what is your content level — Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced?

5. **Differentiation Strategies —** Given the content level indicated above, how do you plan to differentiate your presentation content to address the diverse learning needs of your audience to ensure all learners leave with meaningful takeaways?

6. **Intended Audience —** Who is the intended primary audience for this presentation (check all that apply):
   - Owners (Procurement/Pre-Award Professional)
   - Design Professionals
   - General Contractors
   - Specialty/Subcontractors
   - Other (please specify)

Speaker Overview

1. **Logistical Contact —** This person must be prepared to serve as DBIA's main point of contact if selected, including coordination with co-presenters, where applicable. If the logistical contact is also a presenter, please include their information below:
   a. Name
   b. Title
   c. Email
   d. Phone

2. **Panel Representation —** DBIA believes a diversity of voices and perspectives is a core component of high-quality programming. As you develop your submission, DBIA encourages panels of no more than four (4) individuals. Based on experience, this is the ideal number of voices to both ensure representation across your project team and allow for all to contribute and share in the time allotted. Requests for panelists beyond four must be made in writing to **conferences@dbia.org** as DBIA cannot guarantee our ability to accept large panels.

The following information will be used in conjunction with the description above to determine the relevance and balance of your session proposal. This information is critical to the committee review process. Later in this process you will be asked to provide full contact information. For review purposes, however, only the following information will be requested.

   a. Presenter Name
   b. Presenter Licenses/Credentials (FDBIA, DBIA, Assoc. DBIA, PE, AIA etc.)
   c. Presenter Company
   d. Experience Presenting the Topic — Has the presenter conducted a similar topic at a DBIA or any other industry event?
   e. If so, please indicate when and where

A committee of design-build industry experts will review and make decisions on submissions. You will be notified of the decision no later than May 31.

All selected presenters will receive a discounted registration to the full conference. Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to **conferences@dbia.org**.