



Preconference Event at the
Design-Build Conference & Expo 2023
Oct. 31, 2023
National Harbor, MD



Deadline for Submissions: April 13, 2023

The Virtual Design & Construction Leadership Exchange (VDCLEx) will once again be colocated with DBIA's 2023 Design-Build Conference & Expo this November, continuing to explore how VDC is impacting designers, builders and owners by enhancing design excellence, increasing quality and productivity, as well as improving lifecycle costs.

We've expanded the VDCLEx to a half-day pre-conference event on Oct. 31 that will include a general session, Leaders Forum and two specialized tracks: one for experienced VDC professionals on how teams are leveraging VDC Done Right to address project challenges while providing value outcomes for their clients and the other for non-VDC professionals on the importance of bringing VDC to the table early on in projects.

What We're Looking for: At a Glance

DBIA seeks subject matter experts to help build the content for the specialized program that will not only take a deep dive into VDC, but also discuss the role of VDC in design-build with non-VDC professionals:

- **VDC Deep Dive** – For audiences more versed in VDC, we are looking for session ideas in this track that explore current trends in VDC, such as, but not limited to:
 - Describe the future of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics
 - Defining collaborative workflows and processes to connect technology
 - Exploring BIM use beyond just model authoring and clash detection, such as safety, estimating, scheduling
 - Identifying KPIs in leveraging VDC
 - Review needed contract language updates to influence better collaboration
- **VDC for Non-VDC Professionals** – For audiences newer to VDC, we are looking for session ideas in this track that provide insight on how leveraging VDC can evolve the traditional business-as-usual approach to the design and construction process:
 - Define the value and ROI of VDC in design-build
 - Illustrate the importance of bringing VDC to the table from the outset of projects

- Outline how VDC is enabling design-build professionals to better socialize with project teams to drive transparency throughout the design, construction and turnover process

Priority consideration will be given to submissions adhering to these guidelines:

- One or more presenters must hold a DBIA credential.
- One or more presenters must hold a DBIA membership.
- If presenting as a panel, panelists should 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.

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. Presentation Objectives** — 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. If Presenting as a Panel** — 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.

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 preconference in person to present the session.
4. Commit to be available Oct. 31, 2023.