



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

DESIGN-BUILD FOR WATER/WASTEWATER CONFERENCE 2024

April 15-17 | Cincinnati, Ohio



Call for Presentations Guidelines

Submission Deadline: Sept. 6, 2023

Design-build currently represents 42% of all construction spending and recent FMI market analysis projects design-build will account for nearly half of all spending by 2026. Among the factors spurring this growth is the documented cost and schedule performance of design-build, as well as the flexibility afforded by various procurement approaches ranging from Best-Value to Progressive Design-Build. Given the explosive growth of design-build, understanding best practices, challenges, obstacles and opportunities is more important than ever for both Owners and practitioners. With Water/Wastewater projected to represent one of the greatest growth segments in design-build spending over the next three years, sharing practical application techniques, lessons learned and key success factors are critical to optimizing this highly flexible project delivery method.

Do you have a design-build story to tell or “lesson learned” that you can share with the industry? How are you keeping up with the rapidly evolving world of project delivery?

The Design-Build for Water/Wastewater Conference taking place in Cincinnati, Ohio, Apr. 15–17, 2024, is the perfect opportunity to share those insights and showcase how and when Owners should choose design-build to deploy their capital projects with confidence in uncertain times, and how industry must rise to the challenges posed by a volatile market.

DBIA is calling on subject matter experts from industry — Owners, practitioners and other key industry experts — to share lessons learned, tools, resources and more. Don't miss your chance to join more than 1,000 of your peers in learning and networking at the 2024 Design-Build for Water/Wastewater Conference in Cincinnati.

Criteria/content we are seeking:

- Presentations that are educational with crisp instruction and clear takeaways on the “how to” of Design-Build Done Right®
- Presentations that dig into project challenges, emphasizing lessons learned
- One or more presenters who hold a DBIA credential
- Owner involvement in the presentation
- Panels that represent a diversity of voices and perspectives (e.g., gender, race, age, market sector, geography, etc.)

Content to avoid:

- Self-congratulatory presentations on a project
- Anything that provides a sense of commercial/brand promotion
- Anything that does not precisely relate to the Design-Build delivery method
- Presentations that offer a limited perspective and do not reflect the view(s) and contributions of the whole team



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Abstract Topic Suggestions

How the Industry Is Evolving

- Ever-Changing Engineering
- Ever-Changing Contracting
- Ever-Changing Pricing and Supply Chain Management

Procuring and Contracting for Design-Build Services

- Writing and Responding to the RFQ/RFP
- Risk and Opportunities in Contracting, Insurance and Procurement
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Design-Build for Smaller Projects
- Using Proprietary Meetings Effectively

Highly Effective Design-Build Teams

- Structuring a Dynamic Design-Build Team
- The How/Why of Early Engagement of the Team (Designer, Specialty Trades, Owner, etc.)
- Dealing with Limited Owner and Design-Builder Staffing Resources
- Integration Tools and Techniques
- Thoughtful DEI and DBE Utilization and Engagement
- The “Commercial Deal” – Achieving True Contractual Partnerships
- Contingency and Allowance in a GMP – The Essentials

Potential Tools/Future of Design-Build

- Progressive Design-Build: Achieving Phased Delivery Cost Success
- Collaborative Problem Solving, Best Value Solutions
- Virtual Design and Construction (VDC), BIM and Other Technologies
- Innovative Financing Solutions
- Show Me the Money – Stimulus WIFIA and IRA Funding – Creating Shovel Ready (Shovel Worthy) Projects

Owners and Design-Build

- Owner Considerations in Choosing an Integrated Delivery Model
- Evaluating Procurement Methodologies
- Which Delivery Method Is Best for My Project?
- Balancing the Role of the Owner’s Advisor
- New Owner Experiences in Design-Build
- How Does an Owner Create a Collaborative Mindset within Its Organization
- What Owners Need to Do in Pre-Procurement to Enable Project Success
- How to develop RFQ/RFPs That Are Attractive to Practitioners
- Contractor Self-Performance Essentials for Owners

Hot Topics in Design-Build

- Cost Volatility and How to Handle
- Early Collaboration: Best Value and Progressive Design-Build
- Extended Equipment Procurement Cycle



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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 **Feb. 19, 2024**.
2. Agree to collaborate with the Water/Wastewater Conference Planning Committee to refine and finalize our presentation, having our final presentation submitted to DBIA no later than **Mar. 15, 2024**. DBIA will withdraw session presenters from the program if we do not receive final presentations by the Mar. 15 deadline.
3. Should circumstances dictate the need to transition to a virtual event, agree to pre-record your session approximately two weeks prior to the event for use during the conference.
4. Commit to be available **IN PERSON** in Cincinnati at a time slot determined by DBIA between **Apr. 15-17, 2024**.

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



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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. **Panels are limited to four (4) presenters.** 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 (DBIA, Assoc. DBIA, P.E., 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? 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 Sept. 30, 2023.**

All selected presenters will receive a discounted registration to the full Spring conference. .

Submit your proposals [online](#) by Sept. 6, 2023.

Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to:

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