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Attend DBIA's Federal Sector Design-Build Industry Days

Now more than ever, this is the **must-attend event** for teams looking to grow their federal market presence. As agencies across the federal government are tasked to deliver faster, more efficient and higher-value projects, DBIA's day-and-a-half event provides a unique opportunity to connect AEC firms with key decision-makers and offers rare insights into upcoming project pipelines.

For public Owners, it's a chance to hear directly from fellow federal agencies already using design-build successfully, and to gain actionable lessons to improve project delivery outcomes. Hear real-world case studies and workshops plus get exclusive briefings from agency leaders.

Whether you're an industry firm seeking new business opportunities or a public Owner looking to learn from peers to improve project delivery, this event is for YOU. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of it! **FREE registration for public/private Owners and discounts are available for Underutilized Business Enterprises (UBEs).**

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Academia	Member	FREE	
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	Non-Member	\$695	\$850
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	Non-Member	\$199	
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Questions? Visit [our website](#) or email us at conferences@dbia.org.

Hotel Information

The 2025 Federal Sector Design-Build Industry Days will be held at the Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents Street, Reston, VA 20190. DBIA has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the discounted rate of \$189/night for single/double (group code G-DBI2) or \$183/night for government per diem rate (group code G-DBV5).

Reserve your room by **Tuesday, July 29**, [online](#) or call 1-703-709-1234 and refer to group codes above. After the deadline, rooms may be booked directly through the hotel at their standard rates.

Airport/Transportation Options:

Closet Airport: Dulles International Airport (IAD): **6.59 miles**

Taxi: **\$21-\$26**

Other Airports:

Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA): **22 miles**

Baltimore/Washington (BWI): **52.5 miles**

Other Transportation:

Metro: Silver Line/Reston Town Center stop: **0.2 Miles** from hotel

Amtrak: located **20 miles** from Hyatt Regency Reston

The Link Reston Town Center Shuttle: [Hyatt Regency Reston stop](#)



Schedule at a Glance

(View our [online program](#) for regular updates)

Wednesday, August 20

10:00AM–6:15PM **DBIA Registration Open**

1:00–2:00PM **Workshop #1: Federal Economic Outlook with FMI CEO Chris Daum**

As federal agencies face evolving priorities, budget uncertainties and procurement regulations, understanding economic trends is more important than ever. In this session, FMI CEO Chris Daum will provide an economic forecast focused on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for federal agencies and their industry partners. With expertise in market dynamics and construction trends, Daum will help attendees understand what's driving change and how to position themselves to succeed in an unpredictable environment.

Presenter:

Chris Daum, President and CEO, FMI Corporation

2:15–2:30PM **Networking Break**

2:30–3:30PM **Case Study: Developing NREL's Design-Build Program – A 16-Year Journey to Enlightenment**

This case study provides a glimpse into how the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) created its Design-Build program and how through years of experience and lessons learned it has evolved its Design-Build program to keep it relevant and fresh to become an Owner of Choice. NREL's completed projects have received numerous national and local awards and its program has been tested over sixteen years by an economic recession, a strained supply chain, and rapidly escalating construction and materials costs. NREL was recognized with a 2024 DBIA National Award as an Enlightened Owner.

Presenter:

Bret Cummock, PE, PMP, DBIA, Program Director, PMC | Site Operations, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

3:30–3:45PM **Networking Break**

3:45–4:45PM **Information Sessions**

Hear from federal agencies and military services as they outline upcoming capital project portfolios and design-build opportunities, including scope, procurement requirements and timelines. These sessions offer an opportunity for open dialogue between agencies and industry focused on performance expectations, potential challenges and strategies for successful delivery. Gain the insights you need to align with agency goals, build stronger partnerships and position your team for success on future federal projects.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Presenter: Hari Kalla, Associate Administrator for Infrastructure, Federal Highway Administration

Department of Veterans Affairs

Presenter: TBD

4:45–6:15PM **Networking Reception with Sponsors**



Thursday, August 21

7:00AM–6:00PM **DBIA Registration Open**

7:15–8:00AM **Continental Breakfast**

8:00–9:00AM **Workshop #2: Revolutionary FAR Overhaul: Status, Challenges, Opportunities**

Unpacking the sweeping reforms of the Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul (RFO), this session reveals this once-in-a-lifetime reform's profound impact on the design-build and broader AEC industries. Discover how these critical revisions are reshaping federal procurement of design-build services, the challenges design-builders face and crucial opportunities to influence future policies. We'll also explore the design-build industry's proactive efforts within this process to champion expanded efficiencies in federal design-build.

Presenters:

- Reginald Jones, Partner, Fox Rothschild LLP
- Laura Stagner, DBIA, U.S. General Services Administration (Retired)

9:00–9:15AM **Break**

9:15–10:15AM **Workshop #3: How Design-Build Can Support Repurposing Federal Buildings**

With shifting workforce needs and a push to optimize real estate assets, federal agencies face both a challenge and an opportunity: how to repurpose existing buildings efficiently and effectively. This session explores why design-build is uniquely suited to tackle the complexities of adaptive reuse—offering speed, collaboration and flexibility. Learn how integrated teams are navigating outdated infrastructure, specialized facility requirements and modern compliance demands while staying on budget and on schedule. Discover strategies that turn aging assets into high-performing, mission-ready spaces.

In partnership with the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)

Presenters:

- George K. Guszczka, D.Eng, CPEM, CCM, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Institute of Building Sciences
- Morris Gerald, Michael Baker International
- Angela Poliskey, LEED AP BD+C, PMP, DCIS®, Cushman & Wakefield

10:15–10:30AM **Networking Break**

10:30–11:30AM **Information Sessions**

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Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC)

Presenter: Bob Silver, PE, Director of Innovation and Integration, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Presenter: Kay Ryder, Manager, Airport Improvement Program Finance Branch, Federal Aviation Administration

11:30AM–1:00PM **Networking Lunch with Sponsors**

Thursday, August 21 *Continued*

1:00–2:00PM

Case Study: How the FBI Embraced Design-Build to Optimize Outcome

The Federal Bureau of Investigation looked to design-build to realize their mission of designing and building a state-of-the-art new campus at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, and now the principles of Design-Build Done Right® are at the heart of their facilities acquisition program. In this case study, the FBI team will discuss and explore the FBI's embrace of Design-Build Done Right®, including how the FBI educated their team, learned from others' mistakes, and transformed their procedures and way of thinking. The FBI now has an exemplary design-build program and is putting it to work to deliver optimal, responsible, and cost-effective projects.

Presenter: Dave Triplett, DBIA, Chief Contracting Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation

2:00–2:15PM

Networking Break

2:15–3:15PM

Workshop #4: Design-Build Action Plan: Save Time, Add Value and Optimize Outcomes

Begin wrapping up your Industry Days experience by turning insights into action. This session pulls together key lessons from earlier workshops and case studies to help you craft a practical Design-Build Action Plan tailored to the unique demands of the federal sector. Walk away with proven tools and strategies to build or strengthen a federal design-build program that saves time, aligns with agency priorities and delivers future-ready, high-impact results. Federal design-build leaders will share actionable advice and real-world solutions to help your team put its plan into motion.

Presenters:

- James (Jim) Ropelewski, JD, PIPI, DBIA, Principal, ROPE Strategies, LLC
- Molly Jones, LEED AP, AIA, GGP, DBIA, President and CEO, Jones Design Studio, PLLC
- Rich Benton, PE, F.ASCE, FDBIA, President, SR Benton & Associates, LLC

3:15–3:30PM

Networking Break

3:30–4:30PM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Presenter: Dave Triplett, DBIA, Chief Contracting Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Presenter: Thomas P. Smith, PE, PMP, SES, Director of Engineering and Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

4:30–6:00PM

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