

# DBIA COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

## Application Requirements



**DBIA Fellows are elevated based on a distinguished career, both practicing and promoting the design-build project delivery methodology. Nominees should meet the following requirements:**

- 10 years continuously holding DBIA certification; and
- 10 years of continuous membership in DBIA; and
- 10 years responsible charge of design-build experience gained while DBIA-certified; and
- Nomination by an individual in an approved DBIA leadership position, including:
  - National Level**
    - Current members of the DBIA National Board of Directors
    - Current DBIA National Committee, Subcommittee and Task Force Chairs
    - Current members of the Design-Build Certification Board
  - Region Level**
    - Current members of a Region Board of Directors
    - Current Region Committee Chairs
  - Other**
    - Primary contacts of Industry Partner (IP) Firms where the firm has a minimum of 10 continuous years of IP membership in DBIA
    - DBIA approved instructors for 5 years or more
    - Current members of the College of Fellows

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON JULY 3, 2026.**

The following represents the evaluation criteria for DBIA Fellows:

### ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### Section A. Distinguished Career (*maximum 30 points*)

Candidate's notable achievements and advocacy in design-build project delivery. Notable achievements should demonstrate characteristics of Design-Build Done Right® and illustrate the candidate's contributions to the design-build industry and architect-engineer-contractor (AEC) industry, overall.

- a) Identify, specifically and succinctly, the most significant achievement(s) that qualifies the candidate for elevation to DBIA Fellow. (8 pts)
- b) Identify design-build projects of significance in which the candidate has participated and describe the candidate's specific, responsible role on the project. (8 pts)
- c) Describe whether the candidate has been involved in multiple design-build projects, for example, projects that are different in scale, complexity and/or type; and if so, then explain. (7 pts)
- d) Give evidence that candidate is an industry recognized/known leader/sponsor of design-build in the AEC workplace. (7 pts)

#### Section B. Advocate for the Design-Build Industry (*maximum 30 points*)

Describe the extent to which the applicant supports and promotes DBIA's mission, values and positions, as well as the merits, of design-build project delivery, at both the National and Region levels through involvement on boards and committees, and engagement with academia/universities and students. Specifically focus on the candidate's involvement in activities geared toward achieving, maintaining or increasing the presence of enabling legislation in his/her home state of residence or region, or in a market sector. Also include the following information to the extent applicable:

- a) Leadership at local, region, national levels; (6 pts)
- b) Service to DBIA National, Certification or Region Boards and/or DBIA Committees; (6 pts)
- c) Service to DBIA National, in the national conference and/or specialty conferences; (6 pts)
- d) Services to DBIA through partnership with sister organizations and/or professional alliances; (6 pts)
- e) Pro-design-build advocacy in the municipal government and/or statehouses. (6 pts)

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## Section C. Educating the Industry (maximum 20 points)

Describe the extent to which the applicant has participated in local, region and/or national presentations on design-build project delivery both within DBIA and with other industry groups. Include the extent to which the applicant has published or contributed to papers, articles or other publications that serve to help advance effective design-build project delivery.

- a) Presenter, panelist, participant in design-build-related public events. (5 pts)
- b) Contributor to published data, research and/or articles about design-build project delivery. (5 pts)
- c) Contributor to or presenter of pro-design-build positions to DBIA sister organizations, e.g., AIA, AGC, ACEC. (5 pts)
- d) Service to education in academia, e.g., teaching and/or presentations. (5 pts)

## Section D. Influence in the Design-Build Industry (maximum 20 points)

Describe the extent to which the applicant has helped to spread awareness of design-build best practices and outcomes among Owners and fellow industry professionals. In addition to a narrative of 400 words or less, provide any recognitions or awards received.

- a) Individual recognition and/or award for specific contributions to design-build. (7 pts)
- b) Individual service to and recognition by sister organizations, e.g., AIA, AGC, ACEC. (7 pts)
- c) Individual recognition in national media and/or coverage by the AEC industry media outlets as a recognized subject matter expert. (3 pts)
- d) Significant awards, honors and recognitions accorded to the candidate that relate to design-build project delivery (both individual and team-based awards). For team-based awards, include the candidate's individual contribution to the project. (3 pts)

## Section E. Civic and Other Achievements (optional, additional 5 points)

Candidate's significant additional civic involvement and achievements. Examples could include advocacy, mentoring, charitable, community, volunteer or other work, including non-professional society activities.

## Section F. Biography of Prospective Fellow Applicant (no points)

Of 105 possible points, 85 points are required for elevation to DBIA Fellow. The application will be independently reviewed by each member of the formal COF Nominating Committee which, in turn, will submit a recommended slate of candidates for submission to the College. Nominees will be chosen for elevation from that slate by a formal vote of the College.

**REFERENCES:** Four (4) testimonial references are required. One (1) testimonial reference is required from each of the four (4) categories listed below:

1. National/Region/Other DBIA Leadership
2. Constructor
3. Architect/Engineer
4. Owner

Important to note, it is the nominator's responsibility to contact each reference and receive the reference's commitment to timely complete the reference documents.

DBIA will not pursue non-responsive references. Nominations without required references will not be considered. (Nominator cannot be a reference.)

**FEE:** \$300 Application Fee (non-refundable)

If you have any further questions about the DBIA Fellows process, please email [DBIAFellow@dbia.org](mailto:DBIAFellow@dbia.org).

**The deadline for the Fellow candidate to submit their complete nomination package is July 13, 2026.**

**START NOMINATION**