



# Distinguished Leadership Award Nomination Guidelines

DBIA is accepting nominations for the 2026 Distinguished Leadership Awards. These awards recognize individuals who are actively shaping the future of design-build through exceptional leadership, innovation and sustained contributions to advancing Design-Build Done Right® principles and collaborative project delivery practices.

Nominees will be evaluated based on the impact of their sustained and ongoing contributions to the industry, including advancing the successful use of design-build, fostering collaboration and industry excellence, and supporting the growth and development of emerging leaders within the design-build community. DBIA recognizes that leadership may be demonstrated in different ways depending on the nominee's role, discipline and sphere of influence within the industry.

Nominee categories include:

- Owner
- Industry Practitioner
- Student (undergraduate or graduate)
- Faculty/Academia
- NextGen, formerly Young Professional (35 years of age or younger)

Nominees are not required to hold DBIA membership, but additional consideration will be given to those who are current, active members.

**Nominations Due:** Friday, July 17, 2026, 6:00PM ET

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Before submitting your **online nomination**, below is the information you will need to supply for your nominee. Please note, once you begin filling out the online form, you will not be able to save and come back to it. Please be sure to gather all of the following information prior to starting your online submission:

## About the Nominee

- Full name (as it would appear on award if selected)
- Certification(s)/designation(s) (i.e., DBIA, Assoc. DBIA, FDBIA, AIA, PE)
- Position/title (if currently employed)
- Company/organization
- Mailing address
- Email address
- Phone number
- Photo upload (JPEG or PNG format)
- In which category are you nominating this individual?
  - a. Owner
  - b. Industry Practitioner
  - c. Student (undergraduate or graduate)
  - d. Faculty/Academia
  - e. NextGen, formerly Young Professional (35 years of age or younger)
- Is nominee a current member of DBIA?

For more information, contact [executive@dbia.org](mailto:executive@dbia.org)



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## About the Nominee (Continued)

- Describe how the nominee meets the criteria outlined above. Specific examples strengthen the nomination, as do specific references to involvement at the DBIA Region and/or Chapter levels. (300 words or less)
- Provide an overview of any industry involvement (i.e., related industry memberships, boards, committees, etc.) that has helped the nominee in the advancement of design-build.
- List any individual awards/recognitions the nominee has received in the last five (5) years. Enter “N/A” if none.

## Testimonials

- Provide a testimonial from up to three (3) people that have worked closely with, or benefited from, the nominee’s efforts related to advancing the understanding and/or use of design-build. Testimonials should come from those other than the submitter of this nomination. (300 words or less)
  - a. Testimonial
  - b. Name of person providing testimonial
  - c. Title and company of person providing testimonial
  - d. Email of person providing testimonial
  - e. Phone number of person providing testimonial

## About the Nominator

- Nominator full name
- Nominator position/title (if currently employed)
- Nominator company
- Nominator email address
- Nominator phone number
- Nominator relationship to nominee (i.e., colleague, worked together on a project, personal friend, etc.)

## Acknowledgement and Disclaimer

- Nominator name

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