

TOP 10

Reasons to Attend

2026 DESIGN-BUILD CONFERENCE & EXPO

Nov. 4–6, 2026 | Cleveland, Ohio



DESIGN-BUILD IS GROWING. ARE YOU?

Design-build now represents nearly half of all U.S. construction spending and **continues to grow across every market sector**. Stay ahead of what's next by connecting with the people, projects and ideas driving the industry's evolution.

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PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD IN THE REAL WORLD

Go beyond the headlines with **groundbreaking PDB research** and real-world case studies exploring what happens when projects off-ramp and why an informed decision to stop can be the right outcome.

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THE ONLY EVENT BUILT FOR DESIGN-BUILD

The Design-Build Conference & Expo is the **nation's only event** dedicated exclusively to effective design-build project delivery and advancing Design-Build Done Right®.

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BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION

Dedicated Student and NextGen programming, including a new *Creating the Future from the Future* forum, explores how DBIA is helping **prepare emerging professionals** — and how the industry can better support its next generation of leaders.

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MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK IN CLEVELAND

We're headed to one of the Midwest's best-kept secrets and one of its biggest advantages is value. Cleveland's affordability makes it **easier than ever** to experience the industry's premier event while stretching travel dollars further. Bring your whole team!

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CLEVELAND ROCKS — AND SO DOES DBIA!

Turn up the volume at an exclusive Opening Party inside Cleveland's iconic **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**. This year's host city gives attendees a one-of-a-kind experience with a soundtrack all its own. *Separate ticket required.*

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SOMETHING FOR EVERY TEAM MEMBER

There's no other place where Owners, architects, engineers, design-builders, general and specialty contractors, students and academia come together to exchange ideas, build relationships and shape the future of design-build.

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EARN CONTINUING EDUCATION, INCLUDING HSWs

Collect up to **14 Continuing Education Hours**, with even more available through preconference programming. DBIA is an approved AIA provider, with select sessions eligible for HSW credits.

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OWNER READINESS. ONLY AT DBIA.

Successful design-build begins with Owner readiness. Explore candid peer discussions in the exclusive Owners' Forum, a General Session exploring why the best teams show up and what defines an "Owner of Choice," and a new interactive Owner Readiness Assessment Tool in the DBIA Booth.

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PRECONFERENCE POWER

Arrive early Nov. 3 for the returning **Virtual Design & Construction Leadership Exchange (VDCLEx)** or the **Collaborative Delivery Leadership Academy** Foundations Course. *Separate registration and additional fees apply.*

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View the online conference program at designbuildexpo.com/2026.

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