

Call for Presentations Guidelines

DESIGN-BUILD FOR WATER/WASTEWATER CONFERENCE 2023

Submission Deadline: August 26, 2022

Today, broken supply chains, shortages in labor and aggressive inflation are all contributing to challenges that test project timelines and budgets for Owners. These conditions, coupled with historic federal infrastructure investment, create a tremendous opportunity to deploy design-build to optimize the opportunity and achieve cost and schedule certainty in very uncertain times. 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 ever-changing world of project delivery?

The Design-Build for Water / Wastewater Conference taking place in Seattle, WA on March 15-17, 2023 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 - both Owners and practitioners - who have learned some hard lessons and can share those design-build experiences with their industry colleagues with crisp, instructive presentations with defined takeaways.

Submissions that meet the following qualifications will rise above others:

- Presentations that are educational with crisp instruction and clear takeaways on the “how to” of the Design-Build Done Right®.
- One or more presenters hold a DBIA credential
- Owner’s involvement in the presentation

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

Abstract Topic Suggestions

How the Industry is Changing

- Ever-Changing Collaboration and Co-Location
- Adapting DB to Remote Collaboration
 - Accelerating the Use of Computer Modeling in DB
- 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
- Accelerating the Procurement Process
- 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/the 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 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 Representative
- 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
- 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
- Force Majeure – Impacts to Design-Build Project Delivery



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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 [February 13, 2023](#).
2. Agree to collaborate with Water/Wastewater Conference Planning Committee to refine and finalize our presentation, having our final presentation submitted to DBIA no later than [March 1, 2023](#). DBIA will withdraw session presenters from the program if we do not receive final presentations by the March 1 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 Seattle at a time slot determined by DBIA between [March 15-17, 2023](#).

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 presented 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 makes decisions on submissions. You will be notified of the **no later than** decision **September 23, 2022**.

All selected presenters will receive a discounted registration to the full conference. Submit your proposals [online](#).

Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to:

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