



**2025**

***25th ANNUAL DESIGN-BUILD INSTITUTE OF AMERICA***

***SOUTHEAST REGION***

***DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT/TEAM AWARDS***

***Call for Entries***

***ENTRY DEADLINE***

***5:00 PM***

***Tuesday, February 11, 2025***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Southeast Region of DBIA is proud to announce our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Design-Build Competition. DBIA has established an annual Awards Program to recognize design-build projects that represent the best of what the design-build industry has to offer.

DBIA Southeast recognizes exemplary applications of Design-Build Done Right™ that, at a minimum, resulted in highly successful design-build projects achieving best-value while meeting design and construction quality, cost and schedule goals. Winning projects and team members exemplifying design-build best practices will be celebrated publicly through DBIA Southeast's awards programs and external promotion.

## **COMPETITION**

To be considered for a design-build award, projects must demonstrate successful application of design-build principles including, but not limited to, interdisciplinary collaboration in the early stages of the project and the acceptance of single-entity risk. The goal of completing projects on-time and on-budget (and with no litigation) is not a criterion for winning an award — it is a minimum standard for all projects submitted. Winning projects are honored for the advanced and innovative application of total integrated project delivery and finding unique solutions for project challenges.

## **RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Southeast Chapter reserves the right to include presentation boards or winning projects at the DBIA Chapter events, the Chapter web site, publications or other media.

## **DBIA SOUTHEAST REGION DESIGN-BUILD AWARDS PROGRAM**

Formal presentation of the Southeast Region Design-Build Awards and acknowledgment of finalists will be made during the Project Award Ceremony this fall at a date, time, and venue yet to be determined. In addition, DBIA Southeast will launch a social media campaign to recognize all the winners.

**Please check the DBIA website for updated information.**

[www.dbia-se.org](http://www.dbia-se.org)



## ELIGIBILITY

- All design-build projects must have been **completed in the five-year period** prior to December 31, 2024.
- The Design-Build project was implemented **by a company located** in the Southeast Chapter region – Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina (the project could have been located elsewhere). Or, the Design-Build **project was located** in the Southeast Chapter region – Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina (the Design-Build Company could have been located elsewhere).
- Projects must be performed under a single point of responsibility contract
- Completed on or ahead of schedule, within budget, and with no claims or litigation\*  
*\*projects with cost overruns and/or schedule delays that are a direct result of Owner-directed changes or unusual/unforeseen conditions are eligible, if the change in cost and/or schedule was approved by the Owner.*
- Non DBIA Members may submit entries

### The following are considered eligible Design-Build entities:

- *Design-Build firm with at least in-house general construction and A&E*
- *Design-Build joint venture between at least the general contractor and the A&E*
- *An A&E firm which holds at least a direct subcontract with the project's general contractor*
- *A general contractor who holds at least a direct subcontract with the project's principal design professional*
- *The design-build team must have been at risk for both the project's cost and the project's schedule*



## SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

- Aviation
- Civic/Assembly/Federal, State, County Municipal
- Educational Facilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Industrial, Process and/or Research Facilities
- Office Buildings
- Rehabilitation, Renovation and/or Restoration
- Transportation
- Water/Wastewater

Categories will be tiered into the following values:

- ≤\$10m
- <\$10 - ≤\$100m
- \$100m<

### SPECIAL CATEGORIES:

- **SMALL PROJECTS:** *Because the size of the project doesn't dictate the impact of the project, DBIA-SE will also recognize "small" design-build projects that achieve exceptional outcomes. As a general guideline, "small" is defined as \$10 million or less for buildings/vertical projects, and \$30 million or less for infrastructure. DBIA-SE, at its sole discretion may modify these thresholds based on the number, size and type of projects submitted for consideration each year.*
- **COMMUNITY IMPACT:** *This new award recognizes design-build teams that have shown extraordinary commitment to triple bottom line success – economic, environmental, sustainability, and social – which have clearly improved the communities they've engaged.*

## JUDGING

Project submissions will be evaluated primarily on success achieved in attaining the owner/user's project goals. Submissions will also be evaluated for their success in implementing design-build "best practices." Special emphasis will be placed on the design team's use of innovation to add value. "Innovation" includes the use of new systems, methods, and processes that benefit cost, efficiency/speed, safety, quality, and use of technology in executing the project. The design quality of the project is also important with aesthetics, functionality, and life cycle being key considerations.

A jury of impartial experts drawn from the DBIA membership, project owners, and the industry at large will judge the submissions. The jury determines the winners for each Design-Build Award, if any, in each category and the prestigious **DBIA Southeast Region 2025 Best Design-Build Project Award**. Projects



deserving the Southeast Chapter Design-Build Award best exemplify the principles of interdisciplinary teamwork, innovation, and problem solving that characterize design-build delivery. These projects frequently “break new ground” in their approach and accomplishments.

At the discretion of the jury, additional awards may be presented to submissions in each of the categories. The jury may choose not to name a winner for any specific category/award based upon submissions.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

Please answer all questions completely.

### **FORMAT**

Entries may be submitted electronically or on a USB flash drive. Hard copy submissions are not acceptable. For electronic submission, please send all files, including images (not just embedded in PDF or PPT files) to [admin@dbia-se.org](mailto:admin@dbia-se.org) via DROPBOX, HIGHTAIL or similar service.

### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

For each project submission, [submit entry fee online](#) or check payable to **DBIA SOUTHEAST REGION** to

DBIA SOUTHEAST REGION  
5485 Bethelview Road  
Suite 360-105  
Cumming, Georgia 30040

Questions should be directed to [admin@dbia-se.org](mailto:admin@dbia-se.org) or 678.896.8205 no later than 12:00 PM, Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

#### **MEMBERS**

\$300 First Project Submittal  
\$250 Subsequent Submittals

#### **NON MEMBERS**

\$400 First Project Submittal  
\$325 Subsequent Submittals

*\*Membership is determined based on the firm of the individual submitting the award and will be verified by DBIA.*



All Submittals must arrive prior to **5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 11, 2025.**

**SUBMITTAL ENTRY FORM** (found on page 11 of this document)

### **PROJECT AND SUBMISSION CONTACT INFORMATION**

Provide full contact information for all applicable team members

Project and Team Information	Project Manager
Project Name	Design-Builder
Project Location (city/state)	General Contractor
Client/Owner (full contact info)	Architect(s)
Submitter (full contact info)	Engineer(s)
Marketing/PR Contact	Key Specialty Contractor(s)
	Key Specialty Consultant(s)

### **GENERAL/OVERVIEW INFORMATION**

Describe the contracting approach used between the design-builder and owner to achieve single point responsibility, project collaboration and innovation, and equitable risk allocation to the benefit of the project.

Include a description of the following:

- procurement method used to select design-builder (QBS, BVS, low bid, etc.)
- design-build contract form (cost based, lump sum etc).
- basis of contract (industry standard, custom developed, etc.)
- source of the contract language.

Include a brief project description focused on the project outcome, which can include but is not limited to unique aspects of the project, unique teaming techniques, innovative solutions and social impact. (300 words or less)



## **SAFETY PROGRAM**

The following safety information is required:

Total Hours Worked on Project                      Cases with Days Away From Work  
Duration of Construction (in months) Fatalities  
Other Recordable Cases

Description of the safety program in detail, including any regular safety meetings held, innovative elements, special incentives, etc. (500 words or less)

## **DESIGN-BUILD PROCESS/EFFECTIVE USE OF BEST PRACTICES**

- Provide an organization chart of the team structure, making note of those holding the DBIA or Assoc. DBIA certification (not to be confused with DBIA Membership). DBIA Credentials will be verified.
- Provide an overview of how design-build best practices were applied to the project from the RFQ/RFP stage through post-award phases of design and construction (Design Development, Construction Documents, Construction and Commissioning). (500 words or less)
- Provide contracted and actual start and completion dates, as well as contract price and final price.
- Were there any Owner directed changes that impacted budget and/or schedule? If yes, provide an overview of the changes including the reason, and how the change(s) impacted cost and/or schedule. (200 words or less)
- Were there any unusual challenges or unforeseen conditions involved in meeting the budget and/or schedule? If yes, explain, including an overview of any required scope changes outside of those directed by the Owner, and how the changes impacted cost and/or schedule. (200 words or less).
- Provide the method the owner used in the RFQ/RFP process to communicate the scope and technical requirements. (200 words or less).
- Provide the overall risk management approach, addressing how risks were identified, managed, and risk assessment was updated and refined throughout the project execution. (300 words or less).



- Awards and incentives employed to help facilitate alignment of team performance and owner goals. (200 words or less).
- Describe the quality assurance/quality control process and how it was implemented across the design and construction phases, including specifics of who performed the QA and QC for both. (500 words or less).
- Provide the approach and methods employed to manage “the design-build to budget” throughout the design phase of the project. (200 words or less)

### **EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN**

- Describe how the team provided the owner with the “best value for dollar spent.” Provide specific examples of “value adding” elements or factors that you/your team brought to the project. These may be quantitative or qualitative in nature. (500 words or less)
- If applicable, please list any certifications the project received related to sustainability (e.g., LEED Platinum). (100 words or less)
- How the innovative process in the technical proposal and design phase resulted in characteristics (Innovation in design/construction, sustainable solutions, value, public safety, etc.) that contribute to the enhancement of the project infrastructure. (500 words or less)
- Describe the BIM/VDC/other model-based design technology/systems and other technology advances used on the project. (300 words or less)
- Explain any design features that were incorporated to improve safety, either from an operations or end-user perspective. (200 words or less)

### **TEAMING PERFORMANCE**

- Describe how and why you selected your teaming partners on the project and at what point they were brought on board. (200 words or less)
- Explain the methods or approaches employed to engage and interact “as one team” collaboratively throughout the design AND construction phases of the project. (300 words or less)
- Explain your greatest challenge as a team and how it was solved. (200 words or less)





## **DESIGN-BUILD CREDENTIAL HOLDERS**

- Identify the specific roles those holding the DBIA and Assoc. DBIA credential had in the project. (300 words or less)
- Submitters must list members of the design-build team who hold a DBIA or Assoc. DBIA credentials and what specific role the credential holder had in the project. Describe the roles of the credential holders on the project. (300 words or less)

## **OWNER LETTER**

Include a letter from the Owner (on Owner's letterhead and signed) attesting to the Owner's satisfaction with the project and the process, including at a minimum: factors that drove the decision to choose design-build project delivery; confirmation that the project met cost and schedule goals (or an explanation for any adjustments); specific areas in which the owner was especially pleased. If the owner cannot submit such a letter, please explain why he/she is unable to do so. If a letter is unavailable, other material that indicates the client's satisfaction with the project may be considered.



## **PHOTOS, VISUALS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Submitters need to provide eight (8) high-resolution photos (300 dpi) to include:

- One (1) project photo identified as the default image for DBIA informational and awareness efforts when referring to the project.
- At least two (2) project photos from various angles/perspectives
- At least three (3) photos that demonstrate the project's outstanding design aspects
- Up to two (2) additional photos of the submitter's choice

For each photo, include a photo credit, a photo caption and explanation of the photo.

When applicable, provide the following additional visuals in PDF format:

- Locator Map
- Site Plan or Renderings
- Drawings: Floor plan(s); elevations (4); sections (maximum of 2)



## **DBIA TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND WAIVER/DISCLOSURE**

- Submitter is responsible for obtaining the rights from photographers to transfer photos to DBIA without restrictions. Any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the submitter. If a photo credit is required, include the information with the image files. DBIA reserves the right to publish the images online, in print and in various DBIA presentations about design-build.
- On behalf of the submitting company I verify that the above conditions have been met. I understand that the contents of this entry become the property of DBIA and will not be returned. DBIA shall have the right to make all text and photos available for publication without compensation, real or implied, and without claim by nominees against the jury, DBIA or its staff or individual DBIA members.
- All information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand DBIA will be verifying its accuracy.

### **REMINDER**

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**Delivered to:**

**DBIA Southeast Region**

[admin@dbia-se.org](mailto:admin@dbia-se.org)

2025 Southeast Region Design-Build Awards Competition

**-SUBMITTAL ENTRY FORM-**

**Please complete this form for each project submitted.**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained in this submittal may be used in all marketing material used by the chapter to promote the awards program including the Design-Build publication.

Construction Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DBIA Member: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Amount Enclosed or attach receipt of [online payment](#): \_\_\_\_\_

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\$400 First Project Submittal

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**NON MEMBERS**

\$525 First Project Submittal

\$450 Subsequent Submittals

***PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW:*** I understand that the contents of this entry become the property of the DBIA Southeast Chapter and will not be returned. I further understand that DBIA Southeast Chapter shall have the right to make all text and photographs available for publication without compensation, real or implied, and without claim by contestants against the judging committee, DBIA Southeast Chapter or its staff, or individual DBIA members.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

