

AWARDS ENTRY

ENTRIES DUE FEBRUARY 10, 2026



26TH ANNUAL DBIA SOUTHEAST REGION DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT / TEAM AWARDS



2026



Introduction

The DBIA Southeast Region's Annual Design-Build Awards celebrate projects that exemplify Design-Build Done Right® — teamwork, innovation, and successful outcomes. Winning teams represent best practices in collaboration, risk management, and design excellence that deliver best value to owners and communities.

Entry Deadline: 5:00 PM | **Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

Awards Presentation: April 29, 2026 | Asheville, North Carolina

Submit To: admin@dbia-se.org

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2026 CALL FOR AWARD ENTRIES

ELIGIBILITY

Projects must:

- Be completed between **January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025**
- Be performed under a single point of responsibility contract
- Be completed on or ahead of schedule, within budget, and without litigation
- Be located in or led by a team within Georgia, North Carolina, or South Carolina

Eligible submitters:

- Design-Build firms (with in-house design + construction)
- Joint ventures (GC + A/E)
- A/E firms or GCs holding direct design-build subcontracts
- ***DBIA membership not required***

CATEGORIES

Primary Categories:

- Aviation
- Civic / Government / Assembly
- Educational Facilities - Healthcare Facilities
- Industrial / Process / Research
- Office / Commercial
- Renovation / Restoration
- Transportation
- Water / Wastewater

By Project Value:

- Under \$10M
- \$10M–\$100M
- Over \$100M

Special Recognition:

- **Small Project Award** (<\$10M vertical / <\$30M infrastructure)
- **Community Impact Award** – celebrating teams that demonstrate economic, environmental, and social impact.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Submitters are responsible for obtaining photo rights and permissions.
- DBIA-SE reserves the right to use materials for marketing and publication.
- All entries become property of DBIA-SE.

REQUIREMENTS

All entries due: 5:00 PM | Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Submit electronically to:

admin@dbia-se.org via Dropbox, Hightail, or similar file transfer service.

Hard copies not accepted.

Required Materials Checklist

- Completed **Entry Form** (page 6)
- Project narrative responses
- Eight (8) high-resolution photos (300 dpi) with captions & credits
- Owner letter of support
- Payment receipt or check

NARRATIVE SECTIONS

Each section should clearly demonstrate how your project exemplifies Design-Build Done Right®. Responses should be direct, outcomes-focused, and written for an informed industry audience. Use metrics, examples, and lessons learned wherever possible. Avoid marketing language and focus on substance.

Keep each response concise and within the word limits noted below.

A. Project Overview (300 words)

Provide a brief, compelling summary of the project and its outcomes. Address:

- Project purpose, scope, and complexity
- Delivery approach and why design-build was selected
- Unique challenges or constraints
- Key outcomes, innovations, and community or owner impact

B. Safety (300 words)

Summarize the project safety performance and program. Include:

- Total hours worked and construction duration
- Recordable incidents, days away cases, and fatalities (if any)
- Description of the safety program, including training, meetings, incentives, and innovations
- How safety culture was reinforced across the integrated team

C. Design-Build Process (500 words)

Explain how design-build best practices were applied throughout the project lifecycle. Address:

- Procurement method (QBS, BVS, low bid, etc.) and contract form (lump sum, cost-based, GMP, etc.)
- Basis and source of contract language

NARRATIVE SECTIONS

- Team organization and roles, including credentialed professionals
- Application of collaboration, early integration, and single-point responsibility
- Design-to-budget approach and cost control during design
- Risk identification, allocation, and ongoing management
- Quality assurance and quality control processes across design and construction

Include contracted and actual start/completion dates, contract value, and final cost.

If applicable:

- Describe owner-directed changes and their impact on cost or schedule (200 words max)
- Describe unforeseen conditions or challenges and how they were resolved (200 words max)

D. Excellence in Design (500 words)

Describe how the project delivered best value for the owner and end users. Include:

- Examples of value-added design or construction solutions (quantitative or qualitative)
- Innovations in design, construction methods, sustainability, or technology
- Use of BIM, VDC, modeling tools, or other digital systems
- Design features that enhance safety, functionality, durability, or lifecycle performance

List any sustainability certifications achieved, if applicable (100 words max).

NARRATIVE SECTIONS

E. Teaming Performance (300 words)

Describe how the design-build team functioned as an integrated unit. Address:

- How and when teaming partners were selected
- Methods used to collaborate “as one team” across design and construction
- Cultural or process strategies that improved alignment and performance
- The team’s greatest challenge and how it was overcome

F. Credentialed Professionals (200 words)

Identify all team members holding DBIA or Assoc. DBIA credentials and describe:

- Their specific roles on the project
- How their training or credentials influenced project outcomes

OWNER LETTER

Include a signed letter from the Owner confirming: - Rationale for choosing design-build delivery - Confirmation of cost and schedule performance - Overall satisfaction and specific success highlights

PHOTOS & VISUALS

Provide 8 high-resolution (300 dpi) project photos:

1. Hero image (default for promotion)
2. Two overall views
3. Three design or innovation highlights
4. Two additional images of choice

Include captions, credits, and optional site plans or renderings (PDF).

ENTRY FEES

Submitter Type	First Project	Additional Projects
DBIA Member	\$400	\$325
Non-Member	\$525	\$450

Payment Options:

Pay online at [PAYMENT LINK](#)

Mail checks payable to: DBIA Southeast Region

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ENTRY FORM

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Company: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Construction Completion Date: _____

DBIA Member: ☐ No ☐ Yes **Member Number** _____

Category: _____

Amount Enclosed or Receipt Attached: _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____