

CALL FOR ENTRIES

8TH ANNUAL DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT AWARDS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 30, 2021

EXTENDED ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 13, 2021

AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 7, 2021



2020 AWARD WINNER: CROSSTOWN

AWARDS OVERVIEW

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Florida Region is now accepting nominations for successful design-build (DB) project(s) for the 2021 DBIA Florida Region annual awards competition. Completed entries and entry fee payments must be submitted and received no later than Wednesday July 16, 2021. Late submission will be received by Friday, July 30, 2021 and an additional \$150 will automatically be added to the awards total for each entry. Awards will be presented on Thursday, October 7, 2021 during the 2021 DBIA Florida Region Annual Conference.

The acceptance of single-entity risk is the defining feature of DB project delivery, and winning submissions must be carried out under a DBIA or other single-responsibility contract. Only projects completed on schedule, within budget, and without litigation will be considered. Projects will be honored for design and construction that meet and / or exceeds owner expectations.

To be considered for a project award, projects must demonstrate successful application of DB best practices as defined by the [*DBIA Design-Build Manual of Practice*](#).

Award submission will be judged by a panel of impartial experts selected from DBIA regional membership, project owners, and the industry in general. The panel of judges will determine winners, if any, in each category, and reserve the right to not name a winner for any specific category / award, and / or change the submittal category. The best overall project will be chosen from the pool of highest-scoring projects from all categories.

DBIA and DBIA Florida Region reserve the right to publish any and all entry materials submitted or any part thereof without compensation. This includes photographs and names of any and all entrants and projects submitted. DBIA will not return submitted award submission materials.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an award, projects must be completed and owner-occupied (or in use) in Florida after March 31, 2018 and before March 31, 2021. All submissions must be submitted to one of the categories. You may resubmit a project that did not win previously. However, projects may not be submitted more than two consecutive years in a single category. Projects must be delivered under a single-source contract between the owner / user and the design-builder or the DB team that was considered “at risk” for both cost and schedule. Eligibility is not based on the use of a DBIA contract document; any single-source contracted project meets this criterion.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The DB entity must be involved in the preparation of the submission. Please answer all questions completely and upload a single PDF to https://fdbia.org/project_awards.php. Each entry must include a cover and tabs to differentiate each required section. Do not use a font size smaller than 10 point. Responses must be in the same order as outlined in the Evaluation Criteria.

Along with the PDF submission, each team must upload three high-resolution (300 dpi) project photos (building projects must include a minimum of one interior and one exterior photo). In addition to highlighting the technical and aesthetic project achievements, submitters are encouraged to provide photos that capture the project impact on the surrounding community. When possible, include photos that show the end user / client using the facility.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All entries and payments must arrive no later than July 16, 2021. All entries must be completed in accordance with the entry and submission requirements delineated below in order to be considered by the panel of judges. Please follow all directions carefully. Entries must include a credit card payment or a non-refundable entry fee check made payable to DBIA Florida Region. Credit card payments will be accepted online. The payment portal will be available following entry submission.

- DBIA Industry Partner Member Firms – \$250* (subsequent entries \$225)
- Non-Members – \$350 (subsequent entries \$325)
- Extended Deadline – \$150 (per entry)

** To receive the DBIA Member rate, you must be an Industry Partner (organizational member). Individual memberships do not qualify your firm for the member rate. Contact the DBIA membership office at membership@dbia.org to become an Industry Partner.*

QUESTIONS

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2021 DBIA AWARD CATEGORIES

AVIATION

- Airfields
- Runways
- Hangars

CIVIC / ASSEMBLY

- Theaters
- Convention centers
- Stadiums

COMMERCIAL/OFFICE

- Retail
- Mixed-use
- Multi-family

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- Schools K-12, classroom buildings
- Dormitories
- Training facilities of all kinds
- Sports facilities – secondary, post-secondary

FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL

- Correctional
- Police and fire stations
- Courthouses
- Government buildings

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Treatment centers, etc.

INDUSTRIAL / PROCESS / RESEARCH FACILITIES

- Factories or laboratories
- Production and processing facilities, etc.

REHABILITATION / RENOVATION / RESTORATION

- Existing facilities (horizontal or vertical) – modified, improve, or restored

SMALL PROJECT

- Construction value under \$10 million – buildings / vertical
- Construction value under \$20 million – infrastructure

TRANSPORTATION – ROADWAYS

- Roads
- Highways

TRANSPORTATION – STRUCTURES

- Bridges
- Tunnels

WATER / WASTEWATER

- Water treatment, storage, distribution facilities
- Wastewater collection, treatment, reuse facilities
- Biosolids / residuals treatment facilities

AWARDS IN EACH CATEGORY

- **MERIT AWARD** – projects that signify excellent implementation of DB techniques meeting or exceeding owner's expectations
- **HONOR AWARD** – projects that represent successful analysis of DB strategies resulting in unique application of teaming to exceed the owner's needs
- **PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (*one in each category*)** – projects that best exemplify the principles of interdisciplinary teamwork, innovation, and problem solving that characterize design-build delivery
 - Winners will be automatically considered for Best Overall Project of the Year
- **BEST OVERALL PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (*only one*)** – honoring the project that best demonstrates innovative solutions to project challenges and developed a unique and high-quality design

EVALUATION CRITERIA

TAB 1: COVER PAGE

Single page, entitled, "2021 DBIA Florida Region Design-Build Awards" with the following information:

- Project name (*as it should appear on award and award materials*)
- Project team name (*as it should appear on award and award materials*)
- Project location
- Contract start and completion date
- Submission category
- Submit full contact information (name, title, firm, address, email, and phone number) for all applicable team members:

- Submitter
- Client / owner
- Design-builder
- General contractor
- Engineer(s)
- Architect(s)
- Key specialty subconsultant(s) or subcontractor(s)

- If an Owner Advisor was engaged please provide details of when and how the advisor integrated into the team. Refer to DBIA's primer on [Selecting and Using an Owner Advisor](#) for more information on this topic. (150 words)
- Overall project description (100 words)
 - Description will be used on DBIA FL website, in press releases, and during annual awards program presentation
 - "Elevator speech" describing why this project should receive an award

TAB 2: OWNER LETTER (10 POINTS)

Provide a letter from the Owner (on Owner's letterhead and signed) attesting to the Owner's satisfaction with the project and process, including:

- Driving factors to choose DB project delivery
- Confirmation that project met cost and schedule goals (or an explanation for any adjustments)
- Specific areas in which the Owner was especially pleased, including project enhancements / betterments

TAB 3: PROJECT OVERVIEW (10 POINTS)

- DB entity structural arrangement
- Procurement method
- Contract format
- Source of contract language
- Narrative project description focusing on location, size, scope, and purpose (300 words)

TAB 4: SAFETY OVERVIEW (10 POINTS)

- Provide:
 - Total hours worked
 - Duration of construction (in months)
 - Cases with days away from work
 - Other recordable cases (with explanation)
 - Cases with job transfer or restriction
- Describe team's safety program, including regular safety meetings held, innovative elements, special incentives, etc. (300 words)
- Describe how the safety program was customized for this project (200 words)

TAB 5: DB PROCESS / EFFECTIVE USE OF BEST PRACTICES (25 POINTS)

This section is used to highlight the successful use of Design-Build Done Right® best practices that contributed to project and team success and ensured that the project met and / or exceeded the expectations of all stakeholders. Identification of best practices should span from the Owner's procurement decision-making process through project execution. Refer to [dbia.org/best-practices](https://www.dbia.org/best-practices) to review Design-Build Done Right® Universally Applicable, Federal, Transportation, Water / Wastewater Best Practices, and other resources.

- Organizational chart of team structure, making note of those holding DBIA® or Assoc. DBIA® certification (credentials will be verified)
 - Explain the specific role those holding DBIA® or Assoc. DBIA® credential had in project
- Overview of how DB best practices were applied from the RFQ / RFP stage through post-award phases of design and construction (design development, construction documents, construction, and commissioning) (500 words)
- Contract and actual, explain any variations:
 - Start and completion dates
 - Costs, explain any variations
- If Owner-directed changes impacted budget and / or schedule, provide overview of changes including reason and how change(s) impacted cost and / or schedule (200 words)
- If any unusual challenges or unforeseen conditions involved in meeting budget and / or schedule, explain, including overview of any required scope changes outside of owner-directed, and how changes impacted cost and / or schedule (200 words)
- Method Owner used in RFQ / RFP process to communicate scope and technical requirements (200 words)
- Overall risk management approach, addressing how risks were identified, managed, and risk assessment updated and refined throughout project execution (300 words)
- Awards and incentives employed to help facilitate team performance and Owner goals alignment (200 words)
- Quality assurance / quality control process and how implemented across design and construction phases, including specifics of who performed the QA / QC (500 words)
- Approach and methods employed to facilitate and manage “design-build to budget” throughout design (200 words)
- Methods employed to establish and maintain alignment between design and construction schedules (200 words)

TAB 6: EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN (25 POINTS)

This section serves to demonstrate how design-build delivery enables projects to achieve excellence in design, whether architectural design, engineering design, or both. Through the questions below, demonstrate how the team harnessed innovation and creativity leading to memorable design solutions that exceeded the Owner's vision, project goals, and defined functional requirements. Keep in mind that “design” can relate to aesthetics (architecture), process / function (engineering), or both.

- Describe how functional / internal design contributes to operational efficiency, end-user comfort and function, productivity / business value, and building systems integration (300 words)
- Describe how team provided owner with “best value for dollar spent,” including specific examples of “value adding” elements or factors that team brought to project, either quantitative or qualitative in nature (500 words)

- If applicable, list any certifications project received related to sustainability (e.g., LEED Platinum) *(100 words)*
- Explain how project contributes to enhancement of built environment (innovative, holistic awareness, memorable, etc.) and / or how innovative process in technical proposal and design phase resulted in characteristics (innovation in design / construction, sustainable solutions, value, public safety, etc.) that contribute to enhancing infrastructure *(500 words)*
- Describe BIMNDC / other model-based design technology / systems and other technology advances used *(300 words)*
- Explain any design features incorporated to improve safety from either operations or end-user perspective *(200 words)*

TAB 7: TEAMING PERFORMANCE *(20 POINTS)*

Successful execution of design-build is based upon relationships built upon trust, transparency, and team integration. In this section, demonstrate how team members were not only competent in their specific areas of responsibility, but also understood that project success was directly dependent upon the ability of the entire team to work together collaboratively.

- Describe how and why teaming partners were selected and at what point team was formed *(200 words)*
- Explain methods or approaches employed to engage and interact “as one team” collaboratively throughout design and construction *(300 words)*
- Provide overview of teaming philosophy, including how Owner, contractor, and designer were engaged throughout *(300 words)*
- If applicable, describe alternative dispute resolution partnering process *(200 words)*
- Explain greatest team challenge and how solved *(200 words)*

TAB 8: PHOTOS / VISUAL INFORMATION

Provide seven to 10 color, high-resolution photos (300 dpi) project photos.

- On a separate sheet, provide photo credits and captions
- Include 3 digitized copies for use in presentations during awards banquet
- One project photo identified as default image
 - Include “default image” in file name

Submitters can provide the following additional visuals:

- Locator map
- Site plan or renderings
- Drawings: floor plan(s), elevations (up to 4), sections
- Videos