

DBIA-WPR 2025 Regional Conference

Call for Presentation Proposals

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) – Western Pacific Region (WPR) will be hosting its 9th annual conference on Tuesday, August 19th through Friday, August 22nd, 2025, at the Gaylord Resort, Chula Vista (greater San Diego), California and you are invited to submit a proposal for presentation! Presentation sessions will occur on Wednesday, August 20th and Thursday, August 21st. This year’s conference theme is **Building our Future Leaders. Primary areas of interest for presentations this year based on the conference theme and our membership feedback are mentorship, leadership, and progressive design-build.**

The conference provides a platform for experienced, knowledgeable, and well-spoken industry professionals to share leadership and mentorship examples and key aspects of Design-Build project delivery. Be an integral part of the DBIA WPR, as we educate our membership, and promote the value of Design-Build project delivery and the effective integration of design and construction services to enhance the value proposition for owners, practitioners, and everyone in our community.

SUBMITTALS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST.

Although there is no restriction on topics, the primary focus this year will be Mentorship, Leadership, and Progressive Design-Build. Suggested potential topics of interest are listed below.

| MENTORSHIP | LEADERSHIP | PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD |
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| Mentorship Development Programs | Building and sustaining high-performance teams | Progressive Design-Build Done Right |
| Mentor-protégé relationships | Successful team integration, collaboration & behaviors | Owner considerations in choosing design-build or progressive design-build delivery |
| Preparing the next generation of design-build professionals | Big Room leadership | Design-build RFP requirements that get you the team you want |
| Professional development programs | Culture vs. Contract – Leadership Examples | Developing measurable performance-based requirements and goals |

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| Perspectives of young professionals on impactful mentors and/or practices | Leveraging diversity for the benefit of the project | Design management practices to enhance collaboration and value generation |
| Design-Build training in Universities | Leveraging diversity for the benefit of the project Leadership in difficult situations | Getting to a reliable GMP in a progressive design-build project |
| ASC Design-Build Competition lessons learned | Importance and role of the Design Integration Manager | Target Value Design |
| What do young professionals want from their organizations? | Incentivizing the right behaviors | Criteria Document current state best practices |
| How to retain your young professional talent | Lessons in leadership from other industries | Hard Lessons Learned case studies |

ONLINE PRESENTER & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must include:

- All submitted papers must follow the same format as requested during the online submission
- All submitted files must be labeled with the primary presenter firm/organization name
- Primary Presenter and Co-presenter(s) Name, Title, and Full Contact Information
- Headshots as a jpeg for **all** presenters
- Bio's (one page or less – preferably 500 words or less) for **all** presenters

Do not submit unless all items in the above guidelines are included.

PRESENTER AGREEMENTS

All presenters must be in agreement with the following, prior to submitting:

- The Primary Presenter to be prepared and agree to serve as the main point of contact, including coordination with co-presenters, and ensuring that each **presenter registers online for the full conference within 2 weeks of selection notification.**
- Adding or changing presenters after acceptance of the presentation proposal will

- not be allowed, except under extenuating circumstances.
- All presenters agree to provide a copy of their presentation 1 week in advance of the conference in pdf format.
 - All presenters agree that their presentations can be shared with attendees. Any specific business-sensitive information not in the public domain not be shared with attendees needs to be clearly identified as part of the submission.
 - Presenters will be financially responsible for full conference registration and hotel fees.
 - Presenters' name, title and credentials will be listed as submitted.

To assist you, please click on the link below to see a sample of the submittal template, that all are to follow for submission.

[Submittal Template/Sample](http://www.dbiawpr.org/dbia6/assets/File/2025%20Abstract%20presentation%20template.pdf)

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