

# 2024 REGIONAL DESIGN-BUILD AWARDS



**DBIA**  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Rocky Mountain Design-Build Award winners set themselves apart in the industry as the nation's best design-builders. Their projects are diverse, but they share one common element — excellence. Now's the time to share your design-build project success by submitting your entry into the Annual Rocky Mountain Design-Build Award competition. We invite you to submit your highly successful design-build project(s) for our 2024 Regional Design-Build Awards competition.

## OBJECTIVE

To acknowledge and celebrate the most outstanding Design-Build projects in the Rocky Mountain Region by promoting and recognizing the use and efficiency of Design-Build as a project delivery method.

### **What qualifies as a Design-Build Project?**

The acceptance of single-entity risk is a defining feature of Design-Build project delivery. Winning submissions must be carried out under a DBIA or other single-responsibility contract. Eligibility is not based on the use of a DBIA contract document.

All qualified teams are encouraged to submit entries. DBIA membership is not an award criterion.

### **What constitutes a winning project?**

To be considered for a Regional Design-Build Award, your project, at a minimum, must have resulted in achieving best-value while meeting design and construction quality, cost and schedule goals.

Your project must demonstrate successful application of Design-Build Done Right principles including collaboration in the early stages of the project and the acceptance of single-entity risk. The project must be completed on time, on budget and without litigation. Winning projects are honored for advanced and innovative application of total integrated project delivery and unique solutions to project challenges.

# ELIGIBILITY

Projects meeting the following requirements are eligible:

- Located in Colorado, Utah, Montana and Wyoming.
- Substantially completed within three years prior to January 1st, 2024. The project does not need to be owner-occupied to be considered for award.
- Completed under a single point of responsibility contract
- Completed on or ahead of schedule\*
- Completed within budget\*
- Completed with no claims or litigation (Lien claims are exempt)
- Project met or exceeded owner expectations
- Projects submitted cannot have received a past award from DBIA Rocky Mountain Region or DBIA National.
- Companies may submit more than one (1) project for consideration.

\*Note: 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.

# SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Winning projects in each category will demonstrate effective schedule and cost performance, exemplify the principles of effective processes, interdisciplinary teamwork, problem-solving and excellence in design. Awards will be given at the discretion of the judges at the following levels:

## **Award of Merit**

Excellent implementation of design-build techniques meeting or exceeding the owner's expectations. One or more awards may be given at this level.

## **Award of Distinction**

Successful analysis of design-build strategies resulting in a unique application of teaming to exceed the owner's needs. One or more awards may be given at this level.

## **Design Excellence**

Honors projects that achieve an owner's overall aesthetic and functional vision through outstanding design.

## **Excellence in Subcontracting**

Honors excellence in a project or portion of a project that exemplifies Design-Build Done Right for a Specialty Contractor.

## **Regional Excellence**

Exemplify the principles of interdisciplinary teamwork, innovation and problem solving. "Break new ground" in their approach and accomplishments.

## **Best Overall**

Chosen from all categories, one project will be awarded the top award of the entire program.

# SUBMISSION PROCESS

Submissions Due Date: February 15th, 2024 **DEADLINE EXTENDED - February 29th**  
Awards Announced: April 15th, 2024  
Award Celebration: The physical award will be presented at the 2024 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in May.

Submission Fee:	DBIA Industry Partner/Member	\$125
	Non-DBIA Industry Partner/Non-Member	\$150

Judging will take place in March of 2024 by a jury of industry experts from other DBIA Regions. Projects will be judged against Design-Build Done Right standard criteria. The design-build entity should be involved in the preparation of the submission. All entries must be received by Submission Due Date.

Submissions must be provided in the following format:

- One PDF format submission document titled with the project name.
- Responses must be in the same order as requested, all questions answered completely and clearly, and submitted in the required format.
- Provide page numbers in the lower right-hand footer.
- All pages in the submission should be 8 ½" X 11" sized in portrait orientation. Minimum 10-point font.
- In addition to incorporating photographs into section 3 of the response, also provide separate, high resolution photograph files.
- All entries must be emailed to [amanda@dbiarockymountain.org](mailto:amanda@dbiarockymountain.org)
- Signed Waiver / Disclosure Agreement must be included.

To ensure a fair judging and review process, DBIA staff can only answer questions directly related to the award submission process, eligibility and rules. Questions can be directed to Amanda Faith at 720-506-1578 or [amanda@dbiarockymountain.org](mailto:amanda@dbiarockymountain.org).

# SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## Cover Letter – Maximum of 1 page

Project Name

Project Location

Brief Project description (250 words)

Project Submission Category (see Page 2)

Project Type (Remodel, Addition, New Construction)

Market Sector

- Federal, State, County and Municipal: Federal, state and municipal building (except those that fall within specific awards categories), including courthouses, fire and police stations, museums, theaters sports, recreational etc., including those publicly or privately funded or P3.
- Commercial Buildings: Retail, mixed-use, multi-family (Private or P3 funded)
- Educational Facilities: Schools K-12, dormitories, classroom buildings, training facilities of all kinds, sports facilities, secondary and post-secondary.
- Healthcare Facilities: Hospitals, clinics, treatment centers, etc.
- Industrial, Process and/or Research Facilities: Factories, production and processing facilities, laboratories, etc.
- Office Buildings: Public or private
- Rehabilitation, Renovation and/or Restoration: Existing facilities that are modified, improved, or restored using the design-build delivery method, including historic restorations, interior design and build-out, etc.
- Transportation/Aviation: Roads, highways, bridges, tunnels, terminals, airfields, runways, etc.
- Water/ Wastewater: Storage and treatment facilities.

Owner Name (full contact information)

Design/Builder Name

Architect Name

Key Design-Build Team Member Firms

Submission Contact Information (Firm, Contact Name, Phone & Email)

## Tab 1 – Design-Build Approach: Why this Project Should Win a Design-Build Award - Maximum of 3 pages (30 points)

This section is intended to highlight the actual design-build process and highlight how the best practices were implemented for a successful outcome.

- Provide a narrative description of the project (i.e. size, location, etc.), the project goals, the challenges and constraints of the project, the owner's design objectives, and the team's efforts to realize them.
- Describe how the Design-Build Done Right best practices were uniquely implemented on this project.
- Explain your approach to contracting for this project including owner to design-builder and design-builder to consultants and specialty contractors.
- Explain your approach to constructability and the interaction with all team members to solve problems during the construction phase.

## **Tab 2 – Design Excellence - Maximum of 2 pages (20 points)**

This section is intended to highlight design excellence and execution of the design in a high-quality manner.

- Describe the owner’s criteria for design excellence and how it was achieved by the team.
- Describe how overall quality expectations were set by the owner.
- Describe how unique challenges were solved by the design process.
- Explain unique innovations or design solutions the team incorporated into the project.
- Discuss how the design vision was executed during the construction phase.

## **Tab 3 – Teamwork - Maximum of 1 page (30 points)**

This section is intended to highlight the team and how the team made the project a success.

- What methods or approaches were employed to engage and interact “as one team” collaboratively throughout the design AND construction phases of the project?
- Describe the owner’s procurement process and how it encouraged collaboration and engagement.
- Describe how the owner, various client stakeholders, and end users were engaged as part of the team throughout the design and decision-making process.
- Describe how the Design-build team was formed including how consultants and subcontractors were brought on board.
- Describe the communications process between team members, communication issues that arose and how those issues were solved.
- Describe how the team culture was created during the design phase and how it was maintained through to execution.

## **Tab 4 – Schedule and Cost Performance - Maximum of 2 pages (20 points)**

This section is intended to highlight how the team met or exceeded cost and schedule expectations.

- Describe contracted amount and schedule, actual amount and schedule and provide explanation of any variances.
- Describe the approach and methods that were employed to facilitate and manage the “design to budget” throughout the design phase of the project.
- Give examples of how you provided the owner with the “best value for dollar spent”.
- Describe how the design-build team met required schedule dates. If there were any changes, explain why.
- Describe any special or unusual challenges involved in meeting the schedule.

## **Tab 5 – Miscellaneous (Up to 5 points) - Maximum of 1 page**

This section is intended to award bonus points for exceptional performance.

- DBIA Credentialed Team Members: List any DBIA credentialed team members and their role. 1 point per person, up to 2 points.
- Safety Plan: Explain how design-build specifically affected the safety plan in a positive way. 1 point.
- Unique Innovation / Technology: Explain a unique innovation or condition that design-build allowed you to solve. Up to (2) examples, 1 point each.

## **Tab 6 – Photographs**

Please provide seven to ten images in the submission pdf, and provide them in separate, high-resolution .jpg files. Both “in-progress” and completed project photos are highly encouraged. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the rights from their photographer to reprint the photographs without limitations. Ownership of a physical photo is not sufficient. Photographers normally retain the copyright of photos, so applicants should ensure that they have permission to copy and send photos to DBIA for use without limitations. Professional photographers must be credited. Any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the applicant. DBIA reserves the right to publish the images online, in print and in various DBIA presentations about design-build.

## **Appendix**

Signed Waiver / Disclosure Agreement (See Next Page)





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## WAIVER DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

On behalf of the submitting company, 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. I certified that I further understand that DBIA has the right to include information provided in this entry for a public project database.

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Printed Name

Title

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Signature

Date