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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

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The DBIA Rocky Mountain Region is dedicated to turning innovative ideas into tangible outcomes. By pushing the boundaries of project design and construction, providing advocacy and support, and attracting professionals who embrace change, we are shaping the future of collaboration and raising the bar for innovative design-build thinking. Our goal is to create a lasting impact on our industry.

As design-build continues to expand across various industry sectors, we invited experts to share their project experiences, insights, and industry trends to advance the future of design-build delivery.

By attending our conference, you can expect to:

- **Enhance your Knowledge of Design-Build:** Gain in-depth insights into the latest trends, best practices, and innovations in design-build delivery. Learn from industry experts and thought leaders who share their experiences and expertise.
- **Build your Network:** Connect with a diverse group of professionals, including architects, engineers, contractors, and owners. Build valuable relationships that can lead to future collaborations and business opportunities.
- **Learn from Practical Case Studies:** Hear real-world case studies that highlight successful design-build projects. Understand the challenges faced, solutions implemented, and lessons learned, which can be applied to your own projects.

By attending this conference, you'll be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to excel in the design-build delivery method and drive successful project outcomes.

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# AI and the Future of Work

## TRANSFORMING THE DESIGN-BUILD INDUSTRY

### KEYNOTE SESSION SPONSORED BY US ENGINEERING

The rise of AI is reshaping how we collaborate, create, and construct. For the design-build industry, this presents both challenges and opportunities—those who embrace AI as a tool for innovation will thrive, while those who resist may fall behind. The key is to rethink workflows, enhance human-AI collaboration, and leverage technology to drive efficiency and creativity.

- **AI augments, not replaces, human expertise:** The future of design-build lies in AI-assisted creativity, not automation replacing skilled professionals.
- **Data-driven decision-making is the new competitive edge:** Firms that harness AI to analyze trends, optimize resources, and improve project outcomes will lead the industry.
- **Collaboration between AI and human teams will redefine workflows:** From generative design to predictive project management, AI enhances problem-solving and efficiency.
- **Adaptability and continuous learning are essential:** Organizations that foster a culture of AI literacy and upskilling will be best positioned for long-term success.



**John Winsor** is a globally recognized leader in the future of work, open talent, and AI-driven workforce strategies. Recently appointed as an Executive Fellow at Harvard Business School's Digital, Design, and Data (D<sup>3</sup>) Institute, he focuses on the evolving intersection of work, technology, and talent. As the founder of Open Assembly, he has been instrumental in pioneering the adoption of open talent and freelancing models. His best-selling book, *Open Talent: Leveraging a Global Workforce to Solve Your Biggest Challenges*, co-authored with Jin Paik and published by Harvard Business Press, further cements his influence in shaping modern workforce strategies.

Winsor's career as an entrepreneur and leader cuts across industries, from serving as Chief Innovation Officer at Havas, Founder/CEO of Victors & Spoils, the first crowdsourced creative agency, to driving innovation as VP/Executive Director of Strategy and Innovation at Crispin, Porter + Bogusky. A sought-after speaker and respected author of books like *Baked In* and *Beyond the Brand*, he continues to push the boundaries of innovation, AI, and open talent models. When he's not shaping the future of work, he enjoys cycling, climbing, and surfing.

**COPIES OF HIS BOOK "OPEN TALENT" WILL BE AVAILABLE COMPLIMENTS OF OUR BOOK SPONSOR CANNONDESIGN.**

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# Snapshot Agenda

7:00 - 8:00	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> (Exhibit Hall)		
8:00 - 8:15	<b>DBIA Rocky Mountain Welcome</b> Region President & Vice President		
8:15 - 9:15	<b>AI and the Future of Work</b> <i>Transforming the Design-Build Industry</i> <b>Keynote Speaker: John Winsor, Author of "Open Talent"</b> Sponsored by: US Engineering		
9:15 - 9:30	<b>Break</b> (Exhibit Hall) Sponsored By: Pinyon Environmental		
	<b>Vertical</b> Sponsor by: Kiewit Building Group	<b>Water /Wastewater</b> Sponsored by: Brown and Caldwell	<b>Transportation</b> Sponsored by: RK&K
9:30 - 10:15	<b>Denver Federal Center Building 48</b> <i>Collaboration &amp; Modernization</i> Michelle Swanson, PE, The RMH Group Jeff Bursey, Centerre Construction Matt Bartells, CannonDesign	<b>Building Resiliency Through Collaboration</b> <i>The Project 7 Water Authority's Progressive Design-Build Journey</i> Rick Huggins, Garver Miles Graham, GBSM Adam Turner, Project 7 Water Authority	<b>CDOT Central 70 Lessons Learned</b> <i>Delivering Colorado's Largest Interstate Project</i> Robert Hays PE, DBIA, CDOT Shawn Albert PE, DBIA, Atkins Global Jason Proskovic, Kiewit Infrastructure Group
10:15 - 10:45	<b>Break</b> (Exhibit Hall) Sponsored by: McCarthy Building Companies		
10:45 - 11:30	<b>Anatomy of an Award Winning Project</b> <i>NREL's Research and Innovation Laboratory</i> Bret Cummock, NREL Shawn Bradfield, NREL Brian Baldwin, Mortenson, Joe Lear, Davis Partnership Architects	<b>Challenging the Process</b> <i>Dominion Water and Sanitation District's Journey with Progressive Design-Build</i> Pamela Grover, Dominion Water and Sanitation District Sean Hewlett, PCL Construction	<b>Digitally Delivered Design-Build Quality Management</b> <i>Improve Owner Control and Design-Builder Operation with Cost-Effective, Fully Digital Quality Management</i> Nathan Humphrey, Horrocks, Construction Management Specialist David Crawford, Structures Lead, UDOT
11:30 - 12:45	<b>Award Ceremony and Lunch</b> Sponsored by: Haskell Rocky Mountain Region Design-Build Award Ceremony		
12:45 - 1:30	<b>There is a Way Out of the Jam(b) You Are In</b> <i>Engaging Specialty Partners Early</i> Dan Johnson, DHT, Allegion Loren Fuentes, Allegion	<b>Academy Corridor Valves</b> <i>Installing Multiple Large-Diameter Isolation Valves within a 72-Hour Construction Window</i> Kyle Schelhaas, P.M.P., Colorado Springs Utilities Konnor Bursaw, P.E., Dewberry Engineers Ethan Louis, Garney Construction	<b>Cost Reduction through Design-Build</b> <i>A Case Study of 17 Bridges replaced by the Colorado Department of Transportation</i> Scott Dalton, CDOT Dave Poling, PE, Wilson & Co. Andrew Owenby, PE, Capital Construction Co.
1:30 - 1:45	<b>Break</b> (Exhibit Hall) Sponsored by: Filanc		
	<b>Shaping the Future Sessions</b>		
1:45 - 2:30	<b>The Power of Storytelling in the A/E/C Industry</b> <i>Keep it Simple to Win More Work</i> Julie Wanzer, LEED AP, Business Rewritten	<b>Unlocking Talent</b> <i>Multigenerational Recruitment, Motivation and Retention Strategies</i> Karla Nugent, Weifield Group	
2:30 - 2:45			
2:45 - 3:45	<b>Constructing Fairness</b> <i>Diverse Views on Contract Risk Allocation</i> Panel Discussion Moderated by: Robynne Thaxton, FDBIA, Thaxton Parkinson Panelists: Andrew Albaugh, Hensel Phelps Tracy Davis, Kaplan Kirsch John Bland, CannonDesign		
3:45 - 5:00	<b>Happy Hour and Networking</b> Sponsored by: Hensel Phelps and Davis Partnership		

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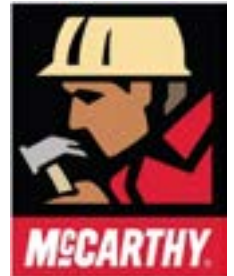
## BOOK - "OPEN TALENT"



## AFTERNOON RECEPTION



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