

ENHANCING DESIGN-BUILD IN CANADA

New Tool to Educate Owners

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The Canadian Design-Build Institute's (CDBI) has recently released a new bulletin designed to help owners better understand design-build. Document 105: Design-Build Now 2016 is now available on the CDBI website. This is a great tool for contractors and consultants to give to owners who are considering design-build but want more information.

There is a number of different project delivery systems that owners may choose. Choosing the right project delivery method is a critical part of the strategic plan that every owner must

develop when embarking on a new project. Owners can influence desired results from everyone involved by the way they strategically and proactively plan from the beginning of the project. Among the project delivery methods that owners may choose are traditional design-bid-build, construction management and design-build.

Design-build project delivery is a single source for design and construction that includes a comprehensive process spanning planning, design and construction

required to execute and complete a building facility or other type of project.

Over the past few decades, use of design-build in both private and public sectors has greatly accelerated in Canada, making the design-build project delivery method one of the more effective and widely used delivery methods for design and construction.

Design-build is intended to be a highly-collaborative, integrated process that is built on trust, mutual respect, teamwork, innovation and creative problem solving. Design-build unleashes the power of the team to deliver projects faster, better and for optimum cost – best value for the money, time and effort invested. Owners find that when design-build is done right, their level of engagement with the entire team is more meaningful than with other traditional delivery methods. Design-build can successfully deliver construction projects with superior results.

New Trade Contractor Category for CDBI Award of Excellence

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Gary Bale, Chair, CDBI Trade Contractors' Committee

trade contractors, recognizing teams whose projects contribute to the highest standard," said Gary Bale, chair of the CDBI Trade Contractors' Committee.

Trade contractors are often active members of the design-build project team, bringing ideas and insight to

complex projects. CDBI recognizes the role of trade contractors taking part in Canadian design-build projects with design and construction responsibilities. Starting in 2017, the CDBI Awards of Excellence will now include a category specifically for trade contractors.

The CDBI Trade Contractor Design-Build Award will be presented annually. The purpose is to recognize excellence in Canada's design-build industry and to acknowledge design-build teams whose projects contribute to the growth and stature of the design-build community. The winner(s) demonstrate the highest standards and principles in the design-build industry and the business community in pursuit of excellence.

Important Dates for 2017

- April 1 - Deadline for design-build award submissions

- June - Registration opens for the CDBI conference
- Oct. 11 - Fundamentals of design-build tutorial in Calgary
- Oct. 12 - 13 - CDBI conference in Calgary; design-build awards ceremony

CDBI mission is to promote best practices to enhance design-build project delivery in Canada. CDBI members enjoy reduced fees for workshops, seminars and conferences, as well as for the Design-Build Practice Manual; gain access and input into current Canadian design-build policies and practices, and have have input in CDBI documents; can join any of our committees; enjoy networking opportunities and increase their visibility among the design-build community. Visit cdbi.org for more information and bit.ly/cdbisubscribe to opt in to our newsletter.



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