

Call for **PRESENTATIONS**



The Canadian Design-Build Institute 2009 National Design-Build Conference Chicago, Illinois – September 17-18, 2009

The CDBI invites you to submit a presentation proposal. “Perfect Partnerships to Weather the Storm ”

is the theme of the CDBI's 11th annual design-build conference. Knowledgeable and well-expressed individuals willing to share their expertise and hands-on experiences are invited to submit proposals.

**Proposals must be received by
January 23rd 2009.**

Proposals may be submitted by cd or e-mail in Microsoft Word format to:

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Proposal outlines must include:

Title - A short descriptive title of the presentation in 8 words or less.

Program Summary - A description of the presentation between 40 and 60 words. This description & title will be published in the conference program and other marketing materials.

Program Abstract - A 200-250 word summary that specifies how the presentation relates to the conference theme and suggested session topics as listed below, the learning that will occur by conference attendees and benefits of disseminating the information presented to the design-build industry and profession.

Speaker Background - A maximum 250 word biography of the speaker and a list of previous speaking engagements and the type/size of the audience and evaluations received.

Speaker Contact Information – Phone and e-mail address, MUST be included for each proposed speaker to enable the conference review committee to contact the speaker(s) with possible questions prior to selection.

Suggested presentation topics:

- Guiding Owners on Creating Effective RFPs
- Project Size and Complexity Issues / Smaller Projects / Informal RFQ and RFP Processes
- Methods of Acquiring Clients
- Financing Attitudes / P3 Projects / Effective Relationships
- Tools to Assist Owners in Making Decisions
- A Design-Builder's Perspective re: Trade Contractor Involvement, RFP Process, etc.
- Sustainability / Integrated Design / Green Design in Design-Build / LEED and Costs to Integrate
- Lessons Learned / D-B Projects that did not Work and Why? / Case Studies
- Canadian's doing International Design-Build
- Design-Build in the Private Sector
- Promotion of Contracting and Ways to Improve the Design-Build Industry
- The Mechanics of Determining Price of Construction at a Very Early Stage.

Individual presentations should be 45-60 minutes in length and may include up to 3 speakers.

The purpose of the CDBI Conference is to provide quality educational and networking opportunities that focus on current issues, best practices and challenges facing professionals in integrated project delivery. It is an opportunity to share experiences, learn new strategies and expose the hallmarks of the design-build industry.