

Call for **PRESENTATIONS**

**The Canadian Design-Build Institute
2012 National Design-Build Conference
St. John's, NL – Oct 11-12, 2012**

The CDBI invites knowledgeable and well-expressed individuals willing to share their expertise and hands-on experiences to submit a presentation proposal based on the general overall theme.

Proposals must be received by
February 29, 2012

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The theme of the CDBI's 14th annual design-build conference is:

"Connect... Conceive...Construct"

In the fast moving world of construction the pace never seems to slow down. Projects requiring "fast track" delivery are now delivered at "hyper track" speed. Getting a jump on projects demands that Design-Build teams connect their people, in a way that integrates the best ideas, conceive a dynamic response, and assure the Owner of a well-constructed end product. The design-build world utilizes all the latest technology to deliver projects incorporating new concepts and tools such as Sustainability, LEED™ and BIM. With rapidly changing technology driving our industry, making the connection and sharing the information in an integrated team environment becomes paramount.

Staying ahead of this steep learning curve remains a challenge to our industry. Consultants, Contractors and Owners need to meet these challenges head on. Come and share your experiences, both good and bad, at what is expected to be the largest Canadian Design-Build conference yet!



Proposal outlines must include:

Title - A short descriptive title of the presentation in 10 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 250-300 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:

- Are roles of the contractor and the designer changing with LEED and BIM requirements?
- Additional documentation is involved in P3 projects; what is the input from contractors and designers?
- Guiding Owners on Creating Effective RFPs
- Project Size and Complexity Issues / Smaller Projects / Informal RFQ and RFP Processes
- Methods of Acquiring Public and Private Clients
- Financing Attitudes / Design Challenges in P3 Projects / Effective Relationships
- Evaluation Process – Criteria Based vs. Compliance Base Evaluation / Prescriptive vs. Performance Specifications / Proposal vs. Tender Terminology
- Tools to Assist Owners in Making Decisions
- A Design-Builder's Perspective re: Trade Contractor Involvement, RFP Process, etc.
- Integrating Sustainability into a Design-Build Project
- Green Design in Design-Build / LEED and Costs to Integrate
- Lessons Learned / D-B Projects that did not Work and Why? / Case Studies
- Promotion of Contracting and Ways to Improve the Design-Build Industry
- How the *Social Media* can help Contractors & Consultants
- Design-Build smaller projects case studies

Presentations should be 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.