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*Task force releases guide*

## Compensation for design-build costs proposed

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A joint industry-federal government task force has released a long-awaited guide for the calculation of remuneration for design-build proposals.

In a statement, the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) said the guide can assist both public and private sector owners in determining a "reasonable amount" of compensation to be provided to design-builders in the preparation of proposals.

Based on actual proposal costs garnered from a variety of sources, the guide calculates the amount of compensation in accordance with the complexity of the project and the level of detail contained in the owner's request for proposal.

"This guide acknowledges that proper compensation should be provided to design-builders in the preparation of their proposals," said Randy Dhar, the Toronto-based chairman of the Canadian Design-Build Institute (CDBI).

"Its release signals that industry and government are continuing to work together to further strengthen the design-build procurement process in Canada."

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## Design-build being promoted

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The institute operates under the umbrella of the CCA. Its mission is to promote and enhance the proper utilization of the design-build method of contracting. One of its objectives is to recommend best practices policies and procedures to support utilization of this approach.

The just-released guide was produced in recognition of one of the key principles adopted in 2001 by the joint industry-government of Canada task force on design-build. That principle dealt with proper selection of a design-builder.

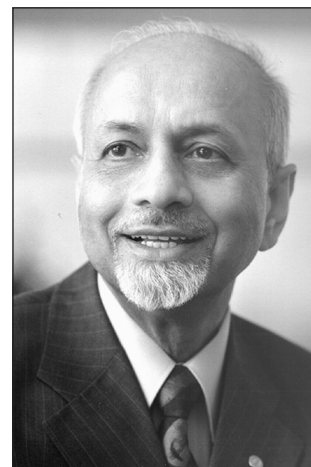
The CCA said use of the guide for calculating remuneration has been endorsed unanimously by the nine organizations and federal government departments that make up the committee.

Government agencies are listed as Defence Construction Canada, the Department of National Defence, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Public Works, and Government Services Canada.

"Determining a reasonable estimate of the costs to prepare a design-build proposal is not easily done and requires extensive experience in the preparation of these proposals," said Bruce Lorimer, director general of architectural and engineering services at Public Works and Government Services Canada.

"The guide provides an excellent framework whereby owners can readily determine compensation by knowing the basic complexity of their project and what level of detail they are providing to proposal proponents."

Industry organizations represented on the committee are the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, Construction Specifications Canada and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, in addition to the CCA and CDBI.



**Randy Dhar**