

DBIA Announces 2026 National Design-Build Project/Team Award Merit Winners

National awards recognize 32 standout projects from Washington state to Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, August 31, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) has announced the 2026 National Design-Build Project/Team Award Merit Winners, recognizing 32 projects across 10 categories.



Selected by a jury of design-build professionals, this year's Merit Award recipients represent a wide range of project types, markets and approaches to design-build delivery.

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“Behind every award-winning project is an exceptional design-build team,” DBIA Executive Director/CEO Lisa Washington, CAE, said. “The people behind these projects demonstrate what can be achieved when expertise and ingenuity are paired with a shared commitment to excellence. Their work shows design-build at its best, bringing people together to drive innovation and deliver better outcomes that create lasting value for Owners and the communities they serve.”

AVIATION

- Alaska Airlines North Main Terminal Redevelopment Project (SeaTac, WA)
- SAN New Terminal 1 (San Diego, CA)
- SFO Harvey Milk Terminal 1 (San Francisco, CA)

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

- 600 San Pedro (Los Angeles, CA)
- The Apiary Hotel & Residences (Denver, CO)

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- Innovation Hall (Bothell, WA)
- UC San Diego Ridge Walk North Living and Learning Neighborhood (La Jolla, CA)
- University of Cincinnati, Chemistry Building Renovation and Expansion (Cincinnati, OH)
- University of Washington Interdisciplinary Engineering Building (Seattle, WA)

FEDERAL/COUNTY/STATE/MUNICIPAL

- IDOT Materials Testing and Research Center (Springfield, IL)
- NASA Langley Research Center – Flight Dynamics Research Facility (Hampton, VA)
- Oklahoma National Guard Wellness Center (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center (New York, NY)

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- UC Davis Health 48X Complex (Sacramento, CA)
- UCI Health - Irvine (Irvine, CA)
- Yellowhawk Tribal Health Facility (Pendleton, OR)

INDUSTRIAL, PROCESS AND/OR RESEARCH FACILITIES

- BlueOval Battery Park (Glendale, KY)
- Modernization of Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory (Athens, GA)
- Pharmavite - Project Sunrise (New Albany, OH)

OFFICE BUILDINGS

- ALDI Batavia Corporate Campus Improvement Project (Batavia, IL)
- Innovation Center & Central Utility Plant (CUP) 2 (Huntsville, AL)

REHABILITATION/RENOVATION/RESTORATION

- Great Lakes Water Authority CSO Structural Improvements Project (Detroit, MI)
- NYCHA Brownsville Boiler Plant Replacement and DHW Decoupling (Brooklyn, NY)
- Resources Building Renovation (Sacramento, CA)

TRANSPORTATION (OTHER THAN AVIATION)

- 16th Street Revitalization (Denver, CO)
- CXST Howard Street Tunnel (HST) Clearance Project (Baltimore, MD)
- Federal Way Link Extension (Federal Way, WA)
- I-295 Fayetteville Outer Loop (AA-AB) (Fayetteville, NC)

WATER/WASTEWATER

- James River Crossing (JRX) (Newport News, VA)
- Mobile Turbidity Reduction System – Hurricane Helene Emergency Response (Asheville, NC)
- Rehabilitation of Potomac Interceptor Manhole 31 (Washington, DC)
- Tampa Bay Water Desalination Intake Pump Station - Phase II (Gibsonton, FL)

Merit Award winners will be recognized at [DBIA's 2026 Design-Build Conference & Expo in Cleveland](#). National Awards of Excellence, "Best of" distinctions, special Owner awards, the Chair's Award and Project of the Year will be announced during the conference's annual awards ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m. ET.

A full list of 2026 Merit Award winners, including photos and descriptions of each project, is available on [DBIA's Project/Team Awards page](#).

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