

# ARTBA Northeastern Regional Meeting Design-Build Roundtable

Grand Hyatt Washington  
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# Program Overview

- Presenters
- Virginia's Design Build Program
- Key Elements of Successful Design-Build Programs
  - Designer Perspectives
  - Contractor Perspectives
- Open Discussion & Questions



# Presenters

- Tom Witt - Va. Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)
- Jon Harman – Shirley Contracting Co., LLC
- Dave Mahoney, PE – Dewberry Engineers LLC

# Virginia's Design-Build Program

- Since 2004
  - 64 Projects
  - Over \$1.5B
- Diversity
  - Project Sizes: \$1M to over \$500M
  - Complexity: Culvert Rehabs to High Rise Bridge



# Key Components of DB Success

- Owner-Industry Communication Starts Before Procurement
- VTCA-VDOT Continuously Engaged Since DB Legislation Adopted (2001)
- Methodical, Limited Introduction of DB Procurement



# Key Components of DB Success

- Joint Design-Build Committee Established by VTCA and VDOT
  - Developed Procurement Process/Policies from Inception
  - Directly and Jointly Address Issues by the Industry or the Owner
- DBE Participation
  - Utility Impact on DBE Percentages
  - DBE Subcontractor Commitments



# Key Components of DB Success

- Select the Right Projects for Design Build
  - Design Build Can Reduce Construction Time
  - Design Build Can Obligate Funding (Design/Construction)
  - Selecting Wrong Project Sets up for Failure

# Key Components of DB Success

- Procurement Variations within Design Build
  - Not a one size fits all approach
- Virginia's Procurement Tools
  - Single-phase (One Step)
    - Narrowly Defined Scope, Low Risk, Low Complexity
  - Two-phase (Two Step)
    - High Risk, High Complexity

# Key Components of DB Success

- Virginia's Procurement Tools
  - Progressive Design Build – Earliest Project Stage
  - P3 – Alternative Financial Components





# Key Components of DB Success



Contractor Perspective

**IT'S ALL ABOUT RISK...**



# Key Components of DB Success

## Bid-Build Risk/Responsibilities

### Owner

Oversight/Management

Finance

Design

Right-of-Way

Utilities

Environmental Permitting

Quality Assurance/Control

Operate & Maintain

### Contractor

Construction

Schedule

# Key Components of DB Success

## Design-Build Risk/Responsibilities

### Owner

Oversight/Management  
Finance

*Quality Verification*

Operate & Maintain

### Contractor

Construction

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# Key Components of DB Success

## Why Design-Build??

- Overall project timeline typically shorter
- True concurrent activities result in streamlined, cost effective projects
- More collaboration between design and construction
- Effective for Complex Projects
- Less demand on Owner resources
- Risk sharing
- Fewer work orders



# Key Components of DB Success

## SCHEDULE COMPARISON:





# Key Components of DB Success

## THE GOOD AND THE BAD:

### ● The Good:

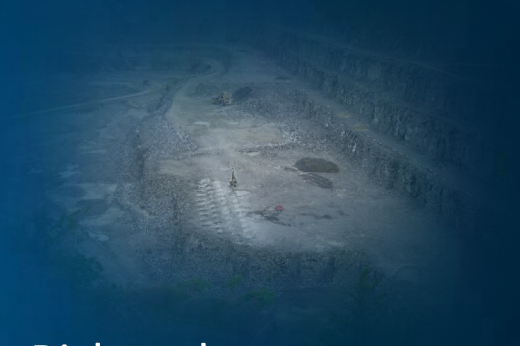
- ✓ Overall Project Time Decreased
- ✓ Design/Builder Provides Turn-Key Delivery
- ✓ Allows Creativity and Innovation
- ✓ Increases Productive Problem Solving
- ✓ Greater Schedule Flexibility During Project
- ✓ Contractor Has Input Into Design
- ✓ Designer Experiences All Project Elements
- ✓ Fosters Real “Partnerships” and “Team Approach”



# Key Components of DB Success

## THE GOOD AND THE BAD:

- The Bad:
  - x Up-Front Proposal Costs are a Factor
  - x Design at Bid is at Conceptual Level
  - x Price is Lump Sum
  - x Project Risk is Mostly on Design/Builder
  - x Utilities, Permitting and ROW are Design/Builders Risk and Responsibility



# Key Components of DB Success

- D/B Considerations:
  - ✓ Project Scope clearly defined in RFP
  - ✓ Ensure compliance to minimum requirements
  - ✓ “Shall” vs. “Should”
  - ✓ NEPA document completed prior to RFP
  - ✓ Public Involvement completed prior to RFP
  - ✓ Limit the “unknowns” (ie: Geotech)
  - ✓ Balance schedule with risk
  - ✓ Reasonable Stipend
  - ✓ Factor in DBE’s
  - ✓ Proprietary Meetings
  - ✓ Number of Shortlisted Teams
  - ✓ Incentives for Milestones/Completion



# Key Components of DB Success

## TYPES OF DESIGN/BUILD PROCUREMENT:

### ● ONE STEP:

- Minimal Prequalification Requirements – PASS/FAIL
- Open to all Pre-Qualified Teams
- Winner is LOW-BID
- No Stipend
- Design Advanced
- Less Room for Creativity and Innovation



# Key Components of DB Success

## TYPES OF DESIGN/BUILD PROCUREMENT:

### ● TWO STEP/LOW BID:

- RFQ Submittal – Owner Evaluates Qualifications Submittal and Shortlists 3 Teams
- RFP Submittal – Shortlist Teams Submit Minimal Technical Proposal to Allow Owner to Verify Compliance
- Price Proposal Submittal – Winner is LOW-BID
- Typically No Stipend
- Design Submittal Required
- Allows More Creativity and Innovation than ONE-STEP

# Key Components of DB Success

## TYPES OF DESIGN/BUILD PROCUREMENT:

### ● TWO STEP/BEST VALUE:

- RFQ Submittal – Owner Evaluates Qualifications Submittal and Shortlists 3 Teams
- RFP Submittal – Shortlist Teams Submit Detailed Technical Proposal; Owner Evaluates and Scores
- Price Proposal Submittal – Owner Ranks and Scores
- Winner is Team with Highest Combined Score (Not Necessarily Low Price)
- Stipend is typical
- Detailed Design Submittal Required
- Detailed Project Schedule Required
- Allows Highest Creativity and Innovation

# Key Components of DB Success

## Designer Perspective



# Key Components of DB Success

- A Strong RFP Process:

- Should Allow and Encourage Innovation
- Should Outline the Process
  - “equal to or better” vs. LOS Requirements



# Key Components of DB Success

- Committed Owner and DB Teams
  - Team Consistency from Beginning to End
- Scoring: Technical Score/Price Split
  - Virginia uses 30/70 split



# Key Components of DB Success

- Design-Build Timelines

- RFQ – 60 Days
- RFP to Technical Proposal – 4 to 6 months
- Technical Proposal to Price Submission – 30 Days

- Scope Validation

- 90 Days



# Key Components of DB Success

- Alternative Technical Concepts Process
- Proprietary Meetings



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## QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

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