

2027 DBIA-SW Design-Build Excellence Awards

Entry Agreement, Release and Waiver

Each project entry must include this agreement, signed by an authorized representative of the entrant (the submitting firm or, for an Owner-submitted entry, the Owner organization). Upload it with your entry through the online entry form. It does not count toward the five-page narrative limit.

Owner Leadership Award nominations do not require this agreement.

Project name	
Entrant (firm or Owner organization)	
Sector	☐ Water/Wastewater ☐ Transportation & Aviation ☐ General/Vertical/Commercial/Other

By signing below, I confirm that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the entrant, and the entrant agrees to the following:

1. Accuracy and Eligibility

The information in this entry is accurate and complete to the best of the entrant's knowledge. The project meets all eligibility rules in the 2027 Prospectus + Entry Guide. It is located in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana or Oklahoma; it was delivered under a design-build or progressive design-build contract; it reached substantial completion between Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2026; it has no unresolved claims or litigation between contract parties, other than lien claims; it has not previously won a DBIA national award; and it includes at least one DBIA-credentialed team member. DBIA-SW may disqualify an entry, or withdraw an award already given, if it finds that information in the entry is materially inaccurate or that the project doesn't meet the eligibility rules.

2. Owner Approval

The project Owner has approved this entry and the use of its name, and the Owner letter or alternative documents submitted with this entry are authentic. If the entrant is the Owner, this section is satisfied by the Owner's signature below. **If the Owner can't provide a letter**, upload an Owner ranking (such as an evaluation form or satisfaction survey), a short explanation of why a letter isn't available and/or a letter from the Owner's advisor or representative, plus confirmation that the Owner agrees to the entry.

3. Project Team

The entrant has told the firms named in this entry that the project is being entered and has their permission to name them.

4. Use of Entry Materials

Entry materials will not be returned. The entrant grants DBIA-SW and the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide and perpetual right to use, reproduce, edit for length, display and distribute all text, photos and project information in this entry, without compensation. Uses may include print, websites, social media, newsletters, presentations, the awards program, the awards luncheon and any project database. DBIA-SW will credit photographers where practical.

5. Photos and Image Rights

The entrant owns the photos submitted or has written permission from each photographer to share them for the uses in Section 4. The entrant has also obtained any permissions needed from people who can be identified in the photos. Any copyright or image-rights liability rests with the entrant, and the entrant agrees to hold DBIA-SW and DBIA harmless from claims arising from the materials it submits.

6. Names, Logos and Event Coverage

DBIA-SW and DBIA may use the names and logos of the entrant, the Owner and the team firms, and the names and titles of individuals listed in this entry, to promote the awards program and recognize finalists and winners. Finalists and winners may be photographed or recorded at the April 14, 2027, awards luncheon, and DBIA-SW and DBIA may use that coverage for the same purposes.

7. Confidential and Sensitive Information

The entrant will not include confidential pricing, proprietary information or security-sensitive details about critical infrastructure in this entry. DBIA-SW is not responsible for the disclosure of information the entrant chooses to submit.

8. Entry Fees

Entry fees are paid at submission and are non-refundable, including when an entry is withdrawn, found ineligible or disqualified.

9. Judging

Entries are judged by a panel of industry professionals and project Owners against the published rubric, and the judges' decisions are final. Scores and deliberations are confidential, and entrants receive results only. The judges may decline to name a Winner in any sector. DBIA-SW may combine sectors that receive fewer than three entries, and it may adjust program dates or procedures with notice to entrants.

10. Finalist and Best in Show Commitments

If the project is named a finalist, the team will register for the 2027 DBIA-SW Regional Conference + Golf Tournament by March 26, 2027, at the $450 VIP rate, and the project's Owner will have a reserved $250 Owner's Ticket. If the project is named Best in Show, its Owner and design-build lead will take part in the moderated interview at the April 14, 2027, awards luncheon. The Best in Show Owner receives a complimentary conference registration, and the design-build lead registers at the $450 speaker rate. Travel and lodging are at the team's expense.

11. Release

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the entrant releases the judges, DBIA-SW, DBIA and their officers, staff, volunteers and members from any claim related to the judging, the results or the use of entry materials as described in this agreement.

Signature

Printed name	
Title	
Entrant (firm or Owner organization)	
Email	
Signature	
Date	

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