



***Design-Build
Project Spotlight***



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**Industry
Research**

Delivery System Study

Construction Industry Institute (CII)/Penn State 1999

- Examined influence of 19 factors on:
 - Several types of delivery systems
 - Cost control
 - Schedule control
 - Construction speed
 - Delivery speed



Comparison of Project Delivery Methods (CII/Penn State Study)

Metric	DB vs. DBB	CM@R vs. DBB	DB vs. CM@R
Unit Cost	6.1% lower	1.6% lower	4.5% lower
Construction Speed	12% faster	5.8% faster	7% faster
Delivery Speed	33.5% faster	13.3% faster	23.5% faster
Cost Growth	5.2% less	7.8% more	12.6% less
Schedule Growth	11.4% less	9.2% less	2.2% less

Re: "Comparison of U.S. Project Delivery Systems," Mark Konchar & Victor Sanvido, *Journal of Construction Engineering and Management*, Vol. 124, No. 6 (1998), pp. 435-444.



Comparison (continued)

Parameter \ Research Study	CII Penn State (US) DB vs. DBB	Reading DB Forum (UK) DB vs. DBB
Unit Cost	6% Less	13% Less
Construction Speed	12% Faster	12% Faster
Delivery Speed	33% Faster	30% Faster



Comparison for Quality

- D-B delivers equal or higher quality
- D-B out performed traditional D-B-B in every category on a 10 point scale
 - Startup
 - Call Backs
 - O&M
 - Exterior & Structure
 - Interior
 - Environmental
 - Equipment



Contributing Factors for Success

- Contractor's & specialty contractor's experience with project delivery system & facility type
- Excellent team communication
- Early engagement of construction team
- Ability to restrain/pre-qualify the Contractor pool



Contributing Factors for Success (continued)

- Prior experience of team as a unit
- Owner's ability to make prompt decisions
- Use of negotiated contract format
- No onerous contract clauses



Success Factors for D-B Delivery System

- Engaging construction team before more than 20% of design work done (by Owner)
- Experience of subs with facility type
- Experience of subs with D-B delivery system
- Contractor experience with facility type
- Excellent project team communication



CII Study Summary

- Best performing projects:
 - Excellent Owner decision making
 - Excellent scope definition
 - Excellent team communication
 - Qualified contractor pool
 - High ability to restrain Contractor pool



CII Study Summary (continued)

- Worst performing projects:
 - Engaged Contractor late in design
 - Limited or no prior team experience
 - Several onerous contract clauses
 - Poor ability to make decisions
 - Unable to pre-qualify Contractor pool

