

What is Design-Build?

Design-Build is a popularly trending construction model that allows all aspects of a landscaping project to be brought under one roof, where designers and builders in a single company plan and work together to facilitate the most efficient, cost effective and shortest project completion cycle possible, for the benefit of their customer.

The Design-Build model contrasts with the more traditional Design-Bid-Build construction model, which has two or more separate entities that the customer has to find and then manage relationships with. This takes them through a typically longer and more difficult project cycle to manage.

There are 4 key advantages that cause construction companies and their customers to choose the Design-Build relationship over the Design-Bid-Build model:

- 1. Single Source of Accountability:** The design-build method fosters teamwork, cooperation and accountability to the customer. The relationship built during the design phase helps to ensure that the stage is set for a successful construction project.
- 2. Enhanced Communication:** Design and construction details are being developed throughout the entire process. The communication benefits of working with a design professional and a construction expert at the same time ensures that potential problems are discovered before the project starts.
- 3. Quality and Cost Control:** Discussing budget during the design phase (not waiting until the bids come in) helps to keep the projects within a realistic budget. Communicating the cost implications of design decisions ensures that the customer plays a key role in arriving at the final project price, and the focus remains on protecting the customer's interest.
- 4. A Shorter Project Cycle:** Design build projects can be completed in a shorter time frame because: further research and bid time is eliminated, scheduling for the project can begin before design is finalized, potential construction problems are uncovered early, and enhanced communication keeps everything moving.

For Olympic customers who prefer to begin their landscape construction project with a design drawing, we like to establish and nurture a Design-Build relationship with them from the beginning. This allows us to accomplish the best results, within the shortest possible project cycle, combining our 40 years of both landscape Design and construction know-how.

If you give us a try, we think you will enjoy the experience; from design through installation and the completion of an exceptional landscape project!



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