

# Foreword

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The Design-Build Manual has been prepared for Washington State Department of Transportation Engineering Managers, Design Engineers, Construction Engineers, Evaluators, Project Engineers, and other staff who are responsible for appropriately selecting, developing, and administering projects using design-build project delivery.

This manual describes the processes and procedures for procuring and administering design-build contracts. Decisions to deviate from the guidance provided in this manual must be based on representing the best interests of the public and are to be made by the individual with appropriate authority.

A thorough knowledge of the contents of this manual is essential for effectively procuring and administering design-build contracts.

Updating the Design-Build Manual is an ongoing process and revisions are issued regularly to address lessons learned, evolving approaches, updates to federal and state laws and regulations, and overall continuous improvement. Comments, questions, and improvement ideas are welcomed and accepted by using the [Suggestion Log](#).