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# Design-Build Delivery: Expanding Access, Empowering Growth

Design-Build delivery is the fastest-growing form of project delivery in the water sector—offering a faster, more efficient, and more cost-effective option for delivering safe and resilient water solutions.

Yet, under **Texas Code 2269**, communities with fewer than 100,000 residents are prohibited from using any form of design-build.

Today, only 43 of more than 1,200 Texas communities can access this proven delivery method.



## Benefits of Design-Build



### EARLY COLLABORATION = BETTER OUTCOMES

Engages owners, engineers, and contractors early to address local concerns, better manage risk, and reduce the burden on local staff.



### ACCELERATED SCHEDULES

Overlapping design and construction allows for expedited delivery by up to 30% while minimizing disruption to existing systems.



### PREDICTABLE COSTS

Transparent cost validation before construction reduces surprises, and collaborative scoping allows alignment with available funding sources and windows.



### SINGLE-POINT ACCOUNTABILITY

One integrated team reduces risk and rework.

# Design-Build Delivery: Creating Local Impact

## Why it matters for Smaller Communities

Cities, rural providers, and utility districts face mounting infrastructure challenges: aging systems, compliance mandates, limited staff, scarce funding, and water shortages. Traditional design-bid-build often leads to delays, cost overruns, and missed opportunities for collaboration.



Design-Build provides a smarter, more efficient path forward that offers the flexibility, transparency, and collaboration needed to stretch limited dollars and deliver lasting value.

## Proven Success Across the U.S.



**FEWER  
DISPUTES &  
CHANGE  
ORDERS**



**HIGHER  
OWNER  
SATISFACTION**



**FASTER  
SCHEDULES**



**LOWERED  
TOTAL  
PROJECT  
COSTS**

## TX Utility Spotlight

Learn how Midland, Texas, secured a reliable water supply in just 12 months using design-build.



**Midland**  
CITY LIMIT  
POP. 111,147



## How You Can Help

Support legislation in the 2027 Session to expand access to design-build delivery for all Texas communities.

Contact [your state senator or representative](#) today to ensure all Texas communities can build smarter, together.



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